

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: April 3, 2019

TIME: 3:30 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Sorensen, Pence, VanRaalte, Almekinder
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Tischendorf, Fiene
Mott – Excused Absence

Lisa Jolin, Solid Waste; Bart Sexton; Robert Cyganek & Jeremy Monk,
Private Landowners

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The meeting has been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the minutes of March 6, 2019 FLR Committee meeting. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

2019 Stumpage Revenue Report— Fiene stated the March timber sales were \$52,230.20 which are low; however, it is understandable given the winter we have had. Hoping once road limits come off and things dry up, the markets will improve and income will get back on track.

Expiring Contracts for Extension Consideration – Central WI Lumber #1607 and Park Falls Hardwood #1638 – Contract #1607 held by Central WI Lumber and originally purchased in June 2014. Last year the committee provided an additional 5th year with no price increase. Recommendation to cancel contract, hold the cash bond, re-offer the sale at the next bid offering and retain the difference of the new bid value from the value of the sale at the extended prices. Motion by VanRaalte to cancel contract as unsatisfactorily completed and hold cash bond. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

Contract #1638 held by Park Falls Hardwood was originally purchased in May 2015. Approximately 80% of the sale has been cut. Contractor expressed willingness to complete the job if given an extension. Recommendation to offer final extension with 10% increase and failure to complete the sale will result in forfeiture of the cash bond. Motion by Pence to extend the contract for an additional year with 10% increase and forfeiture of bond if not completed. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

RECONSIDER LANDFILL DEMO SITE REQUEST

Sorensen stated the agenda item is the result of a letter received by each county board member, an article posted in the paper, a personal phone call received by Sorensen and information stating neighbors of the proposed site had not been consulted prior to the meeting.

Motion by VanRaalte to reconsider the prior approval of the proposed demo site request. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried. Almekinder to award the bid to Rhinelander GM given the ability to deliver within a reasonable time. If not, Bilogan will bring back to the committee for further discussion. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

Cyganek and Monk addressed the committee with their concerns of the close proximity of the proposed demo site including: no notification/consultation of the proposed demo site until March 8, 2019; concerns of well and air contamination; increased noise; and decreased property value.

Cyganek read a letter from Robert Germer, Waste and Material Management Specialist, WDNR, written by Allen and Elizabeth Reischel, (current residents on Trout Creek Road), expressing similar concerns as Cyganek.

Jolin explained the time line of events and Sexton provided reasons why the proposed site was chosen as the first option.

Motion by Pence that the current proposed site is not conducive to the committee and another proposed site should be identified for demo site #4. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

ROLAND FIR CONTRACT UPDATE

Wiensch stated he has been working with Aegis (insurance company) and the county's risk manager and confirmed we cannot get insurance to satisfy Roland Fir's liability request. Wiensch has reached out to a representative of Roland Fir several times, via email and telephone, to no avail.

Consensus by committee to continue to work towards resolution. If no resolution by June FLRC meeting, other options will be explored.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT; ONEIDA COUNTY ORDINANCE SECTION 3.09

Previously the committee approved this change to allow the Forestry Director to use discretion when temporary access across county forest lands is requested by loggers, utility companies, etc. Changes not related to temporary access were identified during the approval of the Admin Committee.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the changes to ordinance Section 3.09 to allow the Forestry Director to approve access across county forest lands. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

TOWN LINE PARK

Town Line Park Road Update – The Town of Crescent has approved the abandonment of the road.

Town Line Park Appraisal - Last appraisal was 2017. Will need federal yellow book standards appraisal which can be completed at a cost of \$600.

FUTURE RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Current plans for Gillette/Wickham Lake is to maintain a gravel road and a small parking lot. Replant the open areas and block off, demolish the cabin, and gate and/or berm several areas to confine access.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY GRANT PROPOSAL

Land Information inquired with Bilogan for Forestry funds to help fund aerial photography project.

Motion by Pence to approve the submittal of the Sustainable Forestry Grant to offset costs for aerial photographs. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers totaling \$4,077.35 were presented to the committee. Line Item Transfers to cover Land, Snowmobile and ATV accounts.

Motion by Almekinder to approve vouchers and line items as presented. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Oradei offered the DNR equipment to Solid Waste for demo site use.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- None at this time

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY