

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: January 9, 2019

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

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, VanRaalte, Almekinder
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Tischendorf.

Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel; Rich Reidinger, RASTA President,
Jonathan Sommer, Enterprise Clerk, Greg Harrold, Enterprise Counsel

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 Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the minutes of December 5, 2018, December 14, 2018 and December 20, 2018 FLR Committee meetings. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

2018 Stumpage Revenue Report — Bilogan reported that the Forestry Department had another record year of stumpage sales coming in at \$2,023,887 with a few thousand more to bill. Congratulations to John and the entire Forestry department for a great job!

FUTURE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR GILLETTE/WICKHAM LAKE ACQUISITION

Bilogan sent correspondence to the Town of Enterprise board requesting input on ideas, suggestions, etc. for the development of the property. The committee requested Bilogan formally invite the board to the February Forestry Committee meeting.

Requested RASTA to check with their members if there is any interest in developing a silent sports trail around the lakes.

Sorenson requested to keep the future management plans for Gillette/Wickham as an ongoing agenda idea for the committee.

RESOLUTION FOR PRICE ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVE, INC. FOR TEMPORARY ACCESS PERMIT OVER COUNTY FOREST LAND LOCATED IN PARTS OF SEC 17, SEC 18, SEC 19, SEC 29, SEC 30, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST

Bilogan explained that Price Electric Co-Operative currently has an approved easement, but would like temporary access and permission to plow existing logging roads to complete work on an existing power line.

VanRaalte suggested an ordinance amendment to allow future approval for temporary access permits by the Forestry Director rather than getting approval from the Forestry Committee and County Board.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the resolution and associated contract granting Price Electric temporary access. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION EASEMENT REQUESTS FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ON COUNTY PROPERTY IN TOWN OF CRESCENT; PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER CR 19, G.L. 2 SEC 2, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, AND CR 52-2, NE-NW, SEC 4, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST

Bilogan stated this is a joint resolution with the Land Records Committee. WPS is requesting permission to bury their utilities on county owned land.

Motion by Mott to approve the resolution on the WPS easement. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

2019 RASTA TRAIL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Each year the county enters into a maintenance contract with RASTA to groom and maintain the Oneida County silent sports trail system.

Contract total is \$19,900 of which \$16,700 is budgeted for maintenance. The remaining funds are placed into a non-lapsing equipment account. Any remaining funds from the lapsing accounts have previously been requested and transferred into a non-lapsing account for trail development and improvement.

For 2018, remaining funds in the lapsing account were \$3,701.11. With approval of the contract, this amount would be transferred into the non-lapsing trail development account.

Motion made by Pence to amend Appendix A. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made to approve the amended 2019 RASTA contract by VanRaalte. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN OF ENTERPRISE FOR A TOWN ROAD EASEMENT OVER COUNTY FOREST LAND LOCATED WITHIN GOV'T LOT 1, SEC 6, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWN OF ENTERPRISE

Greg Harrold representing the Town of Enterprise requesting an easement over county forest land.

Motion made by Pence to approve the resolution for the Town of Enterprise easement. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers totaling \$110,370.87 were presented to the committee. VanRaalte made a motion to approve payments. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Question as to when logging by Nose Lake ski trails will begin. This is a sold contract and it could be any time within the next 2-3 years as is dependent on the contractor. With this particular contract they cannot harvest between spring break up and July 17th.

Guy Hansen provided updates on what RASTA has accomplished – the elevated bridge on the Cassian trail has been completed, bypassing wetlands on the Washburn trail is about ¾ complete, and replaced a culvert on the Nose Lake trail.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Management Plans of Gillette/Wickham Property
- Solid Waste is Looking to Develop a New Demolition Site
- Town Line Park Withdrawal and Sale – Invite Town Chair of Crescent
- Backes Withdrawal
- Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 3 to Allow Forestry Director to Approve Temporary Access Permits

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Sorenson adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY