

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: August 7, 2019

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Sorensen, Pence, VanRaalte, Almekinder, Mott
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Renik, Tischendorf

Tom Wiensch – Assistant Corporation Counsel; Bart Sexton

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 Mott. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mott to approve the minutes of July 10, 2019 FLR Committee meeting. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YEAR-TO-DATE STUMPAGE REPORT – Fiene reported stumpage revenue for July was \$74,945.72. Currently have five active jobs; however, the rain and the storm damage will not help our stumpage revenue. Some contractors are diverting from county jobs to help with blowdown salvage.

CONSIDER 0% EXTENSIONS FOR CONTRACTORS WORKING BLOWDOWN SALVAGE SALES – One called received so far from a contractor that has a contract with the county that will be expiring in May 2020. Request by contractor for 0% one year extension to allow contractors to help with blowdown salvage sales.

Recommendation by Forestry department to allow 0% extension at director's discretion with proof of blowdown salvage sale harvesting for product purposes.

Motion by Pence to accept recommendation by the Forestry department to allow 0% extension at director's discretion. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE 2019 LTE FORESTER POSITION & FUNDING REQUEST & APPROVE SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY GRANT REQUEST – 2019 LTE FORESTER

LRES has approved the request for an LTE Forester position for the fall of 2019. If the grant is denied, funding will be provided from the general fund.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the LTE Forester request and approval to submit the application for sustainable forestry grant. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE APHIS BEAVER CONTROL CONTRACT

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services of the USDA currently manages the beaver nuisance issues for the county. Contract for 2019 is \$4,349.00 based on the average number

of complaints received in a three-year period. Only budgeted for about \$3,200; however, we did receive approval to increase the amount used for nickel an acre wildlife grant funding to help offset the beaver control costs. Remaining funds will come from Forestry account.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the contract as presented. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

GILLETTE-WICKHAM – CABIN DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Rady provided information regarding cabin demolition and disposal options. Recommendation by Forestry department to demo/haul cabin and shed to landfills by Oneida County Highway Department and scrap/burn outhouse, pier and brush pile.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve recommendation at an approximate cost of \$5,280.00 and approval to fund the demolition costs from the Parks capital improvement account for 2019. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

INVITATION FROM PEL-CHO MUDD NUTZ ATV CLUB TO TOUR NEW ATV TRAIL IN THE TOWN OF ENTERPRISE

The new Enterprise ATV trail will be 100% complete as of August 15th. This has been a major project for the Forestry department over the last few years. There is a ride planned for August 26th with the Oneida County ATV Council, ATV Clubs, Forestry Department, and Law Enforcement to tour the new trail. The Council will provide lunch. Will need to know attendees by August 14th.

ROLAND FIR AND BTG LAND USE AGREEMENT UPDATE

No significant update regarding Roland Fir and BTG Land Use agreements. Wiensch has reached out to BTG through the Steigerwalt contact and is waiting for communication from BTG. Wiensch will confer with Desmond for direct BTG contact information.

Fiene provided handouts showing impacted trail systems and related implications if a resolution is not reached.

APPROVE TOWN OF LYNNE GRAVEL CONTRACT

Agreement to allow the Town of Lynne to continue to take material from the Wilson Pit for road maintenance.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the Town of Lynne contract with correction and pending fee verification. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE LANDFILL DEMO SITE 4, OPTION 3 PARCEL WITHDRAWAL RESOLUTION

Mott requested a revision to include an additional whereas to include verbiage stating "upon reclamation, the land will be re-entered into county forest".

Meeting was in recess from 4:30-4:36 p.m.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the amended withdrawal resolution and forward to the County Board. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

STORM DAMAGE UPDATE

Fiene provided a handout showing the location and severity of the storm damage from July. Very little damage to Oneida County forestland.

BACKES WITHDRAWAL/ACCESS UPDATE

Fiene provided handouts with a summary and map of the new proposed withdrawal. Fiene had a meeting with Backes, Romportl and Tim Augustine, Town of Cassian Chair and agreement was reached to propose shifting the right-of-way to allow Backes access to his property. Also proposed to withdraw the drip line of the eaves on the garage plus a 10-foot buffer on the north, south and west sides. All associated fees for the withdrawal would be at Backes's expense. Selling price of the parcel would be approximately \$2,500 which includes a sale price of 3x the estimated appraisal value of the land plus administrative costs.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve moving forward with the proposed Backes withdrawal application and resolution. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

CONSIDER THE POLICY AND FORM FOR CONTRACT/LICENSES FOR PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT OWN LAND ADJACENT TO COUNTY FOREST LAND WHO WISH TO OBTAIN THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT OR IMPROVE LOGGING ROADS ON COUNTY FOREST IN ORDER TO ACCESS THEIR LANDS

Wiensch provided an updated draft of the proposed revised agreement for landowners requesting approval to construct or improve a road on county forest land in order to access their property.

Discussion and revisions proposed by the committee including whether a different fee is applied to improvement of an existing road versus new road construction.

Committee will review the proposed policy and bring additional recommendations and/or comments to the next meeting.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

VanRaalte provided a handout and explanation regarding ideas from the Funding Opportunities Committee that would fall under the Forestry Committee's jurisdiction.

Items will be added to next month's meeting agenda with pro/con lists provided for each item.

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers totaling \$28,892.52 were presented including \$23,310.00 to the ATV clubs for trail maintenance funded by the state.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the vouchers as presented. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS/MEETINGS

- August 26th meeting – ATV Trail Tour w/ Council & Clubs
- Roland Fir and BTG Land Use Agreement Update
- Backes Withdrawal Resolution
- Consider the Policy and Form for Contract/Licenses for Private Entities That Own Land Adjacent to County Forest Land Who Wish to Obtain the Right to Construct or Improve Logging Roads on County Forest in Order to Access Their Lands Update
- Funding Opportunities Committee Update
 - Selling County Land
 - Retain Forestry Fees – Snowmobile, ATV & RASTA
 - Develop RV Park

- DNR CWD Surveillance Permits
- 2020 Forestry Department Budget
- 2018 Forestry Annual Report

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY

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