

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: July 11, 2023

TIME: 8:00 a.m. County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Committee Members: Almekinder, Winkler, Briggs, Schultz, Sorgel
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Almekinder called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.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 Winkler to approve the agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Briggs to approve the minutes of June 13, 2023 meeting. Second by Winkler. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

It is anticipated that the committee may meet in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Sec. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session. A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session. (Topics – Luber Lane Cell Tower Lease and Approve Closed Session Meeting Minutes from May 3, 2023) AND it is anticipated that the Committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

The committee will return to open session and may ratify any matter(s) discussed in closed session.

Motion by Winkler to go into closed session at 8:02 a.m. Second by Briggs. Roll call vote: All aye.

Motion by Winkler to return to open session at 8:22 a.m. Second by Sorgel. Roll call vote: All aye.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Almekinder stated the committee declined the offer from TowerPoint and approved the closed session minutes from May 3, 2023.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YTD Timber Stumpage Report – Fiene reported June stumpage of \$96,839.49 bringing the year-to-date total to \$417,032.32 which is still behind the 5-year average. Markets remain pretty slow and one active job and another starting.

DISCUSS/APPROVE HIGHWAY 45, TOWN OF PIEHL SNOWMOBILE TRAIL CULVERT ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Rady explained the draft contract from Cooper Engineering to install some culverts in the DOT right-of-way due to a previous trail re-route. Corporation Counsel has reviewed the contract and requested additional insurance verbiage. This is a grant funded project and within the current budget.

Motion by Sorgel to approve the contract as presented with the blessing of Corporation Counsel. Second by Winkler. All aye, motion carried.

FRIENDS OF TOWNLINE LAKE PARK (FTLLP) UPDATE

Fiene stated the FTLLP group canceled the beach party event scheduled for July 15, 2023. Fiene will be meeting with a representative to discuss the placement of the permanent pier that was approved last year and a walking trail through the park.

2024 FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT REQUEST

Fiene explained the office coordinator is requesting a sit/stand desk after completing an ergonomic assessment and providing a medical note stating this would be beneficial. The estimate came in at \$3,000 for the lift system, counter tops, etc.

Motion by Sorgel to look for used sit/stand equipment and if not, approval to forward on to Buildings and Grounds. Second by Winkler. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers for the month totaled \$5,259.98 including \$4,135.12 of grant funded projects and road aids. Next month will see an increase in expenses as voucher entry processes were held in over to enter them into the new system that went live July 1, 2023.

Motion by Winkler to approve the vouchers as presented. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting – August 8, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
- Bat Habitat & Conservation Agreement & Resolution
- Friends of Townline Lake Park Update

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Almekinder adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

ROBERT ALMEKINDER
COMMITTEE CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
COMMITTEE SECRETARY