

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: August 5, 2020

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Sorensen, VanRaalte, Pence, Almekinder
Excused: Mott
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf, Broquard
DNR Liaison: Oradei

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 Pence to approve the minutes of July 1, 2020 FLR Committee meeting. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT – YTD STUMPAGE REPORT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported county forest stumpage for July is \$35,242.41 bringing the year-to-date total to \$723,921.71 which is slightly ahead of the five-year average. Currently one active job and hopefully one starting up in the next couple weeks.

Market Update – Fiene has not received any further information regarding Verso besides the indefinite shutdown as of July 31, 2020. If the mill remains closed, it will be a big hit to the industry.

BTG LAND USE AGREEMENT UPDATE

Broquard provided an update to the committee regarding a tentative agreement with BTG. BTG agreed to Corporation Counsel's proposed changes with the exception of allowing permanent easements if the property is sold.

Broquard outlined a few minor concerns within the new agreement that we will attempt to resolve with the next agreement. BTG is reviewing the final agreement and hope to bring it to September meeting for committee approval.

Curt Christensen, President of the Minocqua Forest Riders shared a letter to the Forestry Department stating potential club dissolution if a land use agreement is not reached with BTG.

APPROVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT – TROUT CREEK DOG TRAINING AREA

Fiene provided an agreement between Oneida County and John Fetzer for graveling and grading of the road.

Discussion regarding Fetzter's responsibility to provide liability insurance for himself and any sub-contractors. Fetzter will confirm with Fiene if he is able to secure the requested insurance.

Motion by Almekinder to approve the contract contingent on Fetzter resolving insurance requirement. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE RESOLUTION POLLOCK ACCESS LICENSE – SEC. 14 T37N R7E TOWN OF CASSIAN

Pollock had previously requested an easement exchange on a property he recently purchased on Sheep Ranch Road. Prior owner was granted a standard access license by the County.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the resolution for an access license for Pollock and forward to County Board. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Forestry Capital Improvement Projects for 2021 include replacement of the Almon Park picnic shelters by the beach area. The estimated cost is \$60,000 and would be funded by the department's continuing appropriation account for parks improvement.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the capital improvement project request for shelter replacements at a cost of \$60,000. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Forestry Department has not received the appraisal for the property so there is no need to enter closed session.

15 YEAR PLAN DRAFT

Review/Approve Chapter 900 – Motion by VanRaalte to approve Chapter 900 with revisions proposed by Fiene. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

Review/Approve Chapter 1000 – Motion by VanRaalte to approve Chapter 1000 as presented. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

Review/Approve Chapter 2000 – Motion by VanRaalte to approve Chapter 2000 as presented. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

Set Public Comment Period & Date for Open House – Public comment period will be planned for August 12 – September 12, 2020. Tentative date for Open House is September 16th from 5-7 pm with review of the date at September meeting.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion by Pence to approve vouchers in the amount of \$91,088.25. Included are payments for ATV maintenance, RASTA maintenance and other grant funded projects and a timber sale performance bond refund in the amount of \$6,915.63. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- BTG Land Use Agreement
- Clements Appraisal Update
- 2021 Forestry Budget

- 15 Year Plan Public Meeting – Tentative Date September 16th from 5-7 pm
- Burrows Lake Gravel Pit Reclamation
- Rozell Road Fire Numbers & Road Access

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY

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