

## FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

**DATE:** September 1, 2021

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m. Committee Room #2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

**PRESENT:** Committee Members: Sorensen, VanRaalte, Almekinder, Pence, Mott  
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf  
WDNR –Hilary Keller

### **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 August 4, 2021 meeting. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Trevor Green, Lakeland Times provided an introduction to the Committee.

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT – YTD STUMPAGE REPORT**

*YTD Stumpage Report* – Fiene reported county forest stumpage for August was \$221,963.23 and year-to-date stumpage total of \$961,519.93. Current yearly stumpage revenue is above the 5-year average and there are nine active timber sales.

### **DISCUSS ZOOM OPTION FOR FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Fiene stated most committees are still utilizing zoom as a convenience to the public and if there are connectivity/technical issues, the meetings would continue as scheduled.

Motion by VanRaalte to direct forestry staff to implement zoom as a convenience to the public. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

### **PEL-CHO MUDD NUTZ BUILDING REQUEST UPDATE**

Fiene provided background regarding the prior request by the Pel-Cho Mudd Nutz ATV club for a storage building at the Zimmer Parking area. Pel-Cho understands the building would require County ownership. Pel-Cho inquired with the Hodag 4-Wheelers club and they are interested in sharing the building. Next steps would include meeting with the clubs to determine a desirable area for the building.

Fiene to confirm responsibility of insuring the building.

### **POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF ENTERPRISE PARCEL – SEC. 17, T35N, R9E APPRAISAL REQUEST UPDATE**

A private landowner contacted Fiene regarding the possible purchase of a 40-acre parcel surrounded by county land. The committee directed Fiene to move forward with any appraisal; however, the appraisal company cannot complete the request until the end of September at the earliest.

Mott arrived at 3:43 p.m.

### **DISCUSS/APPROVE RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW AND OFFER FOR SALE:**

*Sec. 4, T37N, R4E, SE1/4, SE1/4, Town of Lynne* – Resolution drafted incorporating prior resolution revision requested by Holewinski at August 2021 County Board meeting (line 39-40).

Motion by VanRaalte to correct the resolution (line 30 and 35) from 1.48 acre to 39.69 acre. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

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

*Part GL 2, Sec. 2, T36N, R8E, Town of Crescent* – Resolution drafted incorporating prior resolution revision requested by Holewinski at August 2021 County Board meeting (line 39-40).

Discussion regarding the parcel's relation to the park area and determination of minimum purchase price.

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

### **WCFA FALL MEETING**

*Approve Staff and Committee Attendance* – WCFA Fall Conference is scheduled for September 21-23, 2021 in Hayward, WI.

Motion by Mott to approve staff and committee attendance. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

*Approve Out of County Travel* – Motion by VanRaalte to approve out of county travel. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

### **DISCUSS/APPROVE REQUEST FOR PORTABLE TOILET AT TROUT CREEK DOG TRAINING AREA**

Fiene received a request from Tom Arts, owner of A-1 Septic to install and maintain a portable toilet at the Trout Creek dog training area.

Discussion regarding liability and maintenance concerns as there isn't a current entity to contract with. Fiene to discuss with Corporation Counsel and Tom Arts regarding the possibility of contracting with A-1 Septic for maintenance, etc. Provide update at next meeting.

### **DISCUSS/APPROVE TOWN OF LYNNE GRAVEL CONTRACT**

Renewal of prior two-year contracts with the Town of Lynne for the use of the Wilson Pit. Previous contracts included verbiage regarding the repair and maintenance of South Turcott Road. Contract has been updated to only include verbiage relating to maintenance of the road.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the Non-Metallic Mining Contract with the Town of Lynne. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

### **REVIEW/APPROVE 2022 FORESTRY DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Changes/Updates Requested for 2022 Budget:

- Increase of approximately \$3,400 for an additional 200 LTE Park Laborer Hours.
- Addition of approximately \$12,000 for pine plantation regeneration site preparation of a 30-acre parcel that will need replanting in 2023 to maintain sustainable forestry practices.
- Addition of approximately \$10,000 for oak regeneration site preparation which has been approved for 100% grant funding.
- Increase of \$6,500 for building maintenance to fix forestry shop roof due to snow load/ice buildup.
- Increase of \$1,500 for motor vehicle parts/supplies as large equipment fleet is aging and requires more repairs.
- Allocation of Director wages between Forestry & Parks was adjusted which will alter the grant revenue between the two accounts.

Discussion regarding the feasibility of creating an appropriations account for tree planting. Consensus to keep tree planting as a line item in the budget.

Motion by Mott to approve the budget as presented and forward to the Administration Committee. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

As part of the 2022 budget process, Fiene outlined the Forestry capital projects for the committee. All projects are funded by state and federal grants. The Enterprise Land purchase funding will be provided by funds available in the Land Purchase account and Knowles-Nelson grant funding (if approved).

Because the majority of the capital projects relate to safety concerns for recreational users and are funded by grant money, all projects were provided a ranking of 1- Urgent.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the priority of capital projects {Almon Shelters (2), Monico ATV Trail (1), Burrows N Rehab (4), Gilmore Creek Bridge (3), Three Lakes Culverts (5), Enterprise Land Purchase (6)} and all projects ranked as 1. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

**VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Vouchers presented totaling \$3,557.61 including two non-blanket purchase orders for CM Overhead Door and Metz Fire Extinguisher Service.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this time.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS**

- Next meeting – October 6, 2021
- Potential Land Purchase – Town of Enterprise Appraisal Update
- Pel-Cho Mudd Nutz Storage Building Request Update
- Request for Portable Toilet at Trout Creek Dog Training Area Update

**ADJOURNMENT**

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR

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TANYA TISCHENDORF  
RECORDING SECRETARY