

## Forestry and Recreation Committee

April 14, 2016

8:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Ronald Nye, Michael Klimoski, Sam Hardin, Donald, Scupien, and Joe Novak

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Erik Rantala, Nate Heuss, Josh Waukau, DNR liaison; Joe Jopek, and Terry Poltrock

**Location:** Conference Room, Forestry Office, Fairgrounds, Antigo

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Minutes - A motion was made by Klimoski, seconded by Novak, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Consideration of Requests for Items to be Added to Future Meeting Agendas – Joe Novak informed the committee that he attended the Antigo Bike and Ski Club meeting on Wednesday night and shared some of their comments.
4. Review Requests for Proposal for 2016 Pick-up Truck - Rantala reviewed with the committee the proposals received for the purchase of a new 2016 4x4, ½ ton pickup truck. The proposals for the new vehicle were as follows:

	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>MAKE</u>
Brickner’s of Antigo		
List Price	\$30,664.50	Dodge Ram 1500
Trade-In	<u>10,000.00</u>	Quad Cab
Net	\$20,664.50	5.7 – V8
Ewald Chevrolet Buick		
List Price	\$29,477.00	Chevy Silverado 1500
Trade-In	<u>12,500.00</u>	5.3 - V6
Net	\$16,997.00	
Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc, LLC		
List Price	\$30,454.00	Dodge Ram 1500
Trade-in	<u>12,500.00</u>	Quad Cab
Net	\$17,954.00	3.6L Flex fuel– V6
Ewald Hartford Ford		
List Price	\$29,040.00	Ford F150 X1E
Trade-In	<u>12,500.00</u>	5.0L – V6
Net	\$16,540.00 + \$390.00 for electronic locking rear axle	

A motion was made by Klimoski, seconded by Nye to accept the proposal of \$16,997 for the 2016 Chevy Silverado 1500 from Ewald Chevrolet Buick. Motion withdrawn. A motion was made by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to accept the proposal of \$16,930 from Ewald Hartford Ford for a Ford F150 X1E pending meeting all specifications. All ayes. Motion carried. Funds will come from the Forest Preservation Fund (\$28,000 was budgeted for the project).

5. Open Bids for Fireplace for Shelter at Veteran’s Memorial Park – The fireplace is for the 3-season shelter on the beach. Heuss informed the committee that he received one proposal for the project from G & B Concrete & Masonry LLC for \$16,850.00. Funds of \$25,000 were budgeted for this project. Motion by Hardin, seconded by Scupien to accept the proposal of G & B Concrete & Masonry LLC of \$16,850 for a fireplace to be installed in the new 3-season shelter at Veteran’s Memorial Park. 4 ayes, 1 abstain. Motion carried.
  
6. Discuss Moccasin Lake Ski Shelter – Rantala informed that committee that he was contacted by Lisa Haefs of the Moccasin Lake Horse Club and she stated that they would like to build a shelter similar to the chalet at Jack Lake at the Moccasin Lake Ski trailhead. Haefs will be writing grants requesting funds for the project. There will be no cost to the county except for insurance as the building will be a county building. The building will be built by the Elcho School District. Also, the club would like a name change for the area to “Moccasin Lake Recreation Area” so it is more encompassing of all

types of recreation available there. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Nye to allow Rantala to work with the group regarding funding, etc. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Update on Grogan Property – Rantala informed the committee that he sent a non-binding letter of intent to Mr. Grogan for the property. Mr. Grogan will be signing the letter and returning as it is needed as part of the grant proposal, which is due May 1.
8. Discuss Memorial at Veteran’s Memorial Park – The Splash and Dash Swim Club had contacted the county regarding funding some kind of memorial (bench or sign) in memory of Michelle Koss at Veteran’s Memorial Park. The group will work with Tom Lazars regarding the memorial and placement once funds have been accrued. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Scupien to allow group to raise funds for memorial at Veteran’s Memorial Park in memory of Michelle Koss. 4 ayes, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Klimoski also requested that Rantala work on guidelines for future memorials.

9. Update on Timber Sale Extensions – Rantala informed the committee that Contract Numbers 1171 and 1172 were awarded in 2011 to the same contractor. These sales are now 5 years old have not been worked on in the past 2 years. One sale is approximately ½ complete and the other has not been started. A new access road into both of these sales was constructed approximately 4 years ago. Rantala is requesting to take back the two jobs from the contractor and rebid them in the fall. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to take back the two timber sales and resell them and give back one bond and forfeit the other bond because of the road that was constructed. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Scupien, seconded by Klimoski to hold the bonds until the fall sale to see if the county loses any money on the timber sales. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to extend the two timber sales until October 1, 2016. 4 ayes, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

On December 21, 2015, eleven timber sales were extended until May 1, 2016 to be completed. Some of the timber sales were not able to be worked on due to the wet conditions, Rantala is requesting that those jobs be extended with no increase. Those jobs where the logger could have completed them, but there was no attempt, he is requesting either a 5% or 10% increase on stumpage based on whether it is a first or second extension, consistent with past practices. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to extend those contracts, which were not weather permitting, with no increase in stumpage and those contracts that could have been completed, but were not attempted, a 5% or 10% increase in stumpage for the remainder of 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approve Purchase of Trailer for Forestry Department – Rantala informed the committee that the trailer that currently is used to haul the lawn mower for waysides needs to be replaced. He has priced trailers and should be able to replace for \$3,000 or less. Rantala is requesting to purchase a trailer using funds from forest preservation. Motion by

Scupien, seconded by Novak to approve purchasing a new trailer using forest preservation funds and forwarding the request to the Finance Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Approve Smart Phone for Department Head – Rantala explained that the county reimburses \$10/month for the use of your personal cell phone or \$40/month for the use of a personal smart phone for department heads. Rantala would like to be able to review e-mails when he is away from the office and is requesting a reimbursement of \$40/month to use his smart phone. Motion by Novak, seconded by Hardin to authorize a smart phone for Rantala with reimbursement of \$40/month. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. DNR Liaison Report – Josh Waukau, DNR liaison, reported that there will be a new biologist for Lincoln/Langlade Counties, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress results, fire season, and time standard hours.
13. Administrator Report – Rantala reported that weight limits are still on and the woods are very wet. There has been a fair amount of road damage to logging roads. Numerous gates will need repair over the next couple of weeks. Timber sales are in for the spring sale and will be going out in the mail next week. There are approximately 1,500 acres and 22 sales will be offered this spring. Prices at the mills have been falling as well as the demand. Two contracts were awarded for the control of garlic mustard. Forestry staff will begin spraying and conducting inventory work as soon as we can. We are ahead of schedule this year due to being fully staffed here and DNR, and the weather. TIP will begin work on the county forest as well. We anticipate covering a lot of acres this spring/summer. Grants have been submitted and will await the decision of the ORV and snowmobile recreation council for funding. Rantala applied for five projects for a cost of approximately \$140,000. ATV clubs and forestry department will be out inspecting ATV trails over the next couple of weeks. Tentative opening is May 1. New map will be out in a week or so. CDAC meeting is next Tuesday, April 19. Quotas will be set after comment period on the initial recommendation.
14. Recognition of Mike Klimoski for his years of service on the Forestry & Recreation Committee – The committee and Rantala thanked Mike Klimoski for his many years of service on the forestry and recreation committee and support of their programs.
15. Review Paid Bills - The committee reviewed the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills for March.
16. Review Budget Summary - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through March 31, 2016.
17. Next Meeting Date - Spring Timber Sale Opening – The next meeting is scheduled For Thursday, May 12 at 8:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, fairgrounds, Antigo.

18. Adjournment - Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock  
Recording Secretary

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