



MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Forestry & Recreation
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017
Time: 8:30 AM
Location: Forestry Office Conference Room, Fairgrounds, Antigo, WI

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30 A.M.
2. Roll call was conducted.

Forestry & Recreation Committee		
Name	Role	Status
Ronald Nye	Chairman	Present
Donald Scupien	Vice Chairman	Present
Joseph Novak III	Secretary	Present
Sam Hardin	Member	Present
Duff Leaver	Member	Present
Non- Committee Members Present		
Name	Interest	
Erik Rantala	Forest Administrator	
Rus Cook	ATV trail	
Jack Andraschko	ATV trail	
Pete Pennington	County board member, ATV trail	
Pete Resch	ATV trail	
Dave Peterson	Snowmobile Council president, Kettlebowl	
Wes Phillips	DNR	
Josh Waukau	DNR	
Joe Jopek	Ice Age Trail	
Terry Poltrock	Recording Secretary	

3. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of June 8, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion by Leaver, seconded by Hardin to approve the meeting minutes for the June 8, 2017 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. A request was made for public comment on agenda items and the consideration of items to be added to future agendas. Josh Waukau thanked the committee for their support while he was the DNR liaison.

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6. Discuss Request by Eagle Scout for a project at Kettlebowl - Rantala and Dave Peterson informed the committee that they were contacted by an Eagle Scout who would like to build a fire pit at Kettlebowl. Peterson explained that the fire pit would be a hexagon in shape and 20' across. The Eagle Scout must have the project completed by his 18th birthday, which is soon. Kettlebowl will pay for the materials. Motion by Novak, seconded by Scupien to approve the project pending approval of a plan by Rantala and a request that the Eagle Scout appear at a later meeting to show the results of the project. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Discuss BCPL Lands offered to Langlade County – Rantala informed the committee that Langlade County was recently contacted regarding two BCPL lands for sale (13 acres and 40 acres). Rantala stated that because of Assembly Bill 338, which would have the BCPL sell all lands in Wisconsin to the DNR and have the county manage the property and retain all timber sale revenue that at this time it would be best to wait regarding the outcome of Assembly Bill 338. Motion by Hardin, seconded by Novak to table this agenda item at this time.
8. Discuss/Approve Augustyn/Bass Lake Trail Re-route – Rantala explained to the county that the private landowner, who was originally willing to have this re-route cross their property has changed their mind. Options were explored and the best option is to use the snowmobile trail on the south side of Hwy. A and part of the Hwy. A right-of-way, which was approved by the Highway Committee at their meeting on Wednesday, August 9. This will be a two-way trail Rantala stated that the DNR must approve the revised storm water permit. The Bryant snowmobile club has approved the re-route. After discussion, motion by Scupien, seconded by Novak to approve the Augustyn/Bass Lake Trail re-route. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Discuss Selling County Properties – Rantala stated that he was contacted by Chairman Nye and County Board Chairman Solin regarding selling county properties to assist with the cost of proposed land purchases. Rantala expressed concern regarding selling county lands with nowhere for the funds to go as the land buy account is capped at \$175,000 as after the Grogan purchase and grant reimbursement and the American Transmission Company funds being returned to the land buy account that there would be a balance of approximately \$165,000. The discussion then turned to raising the cap on the land buy account. This is will be discussed at the September meeting as well as the possible selling of county properties.
10. Consider Proposals for Augustyn Springs Trail and Trail Grant Projects – Rantala informed the committee that no proposals were received for the Augustyn Springs pump house and wash station or well after they had been advertised. Rantala spoke with the corporation counsel and was told with committee approval he could contact businesses/individuals and request quotes for the projects. Motion by Hardin, seconded by Novak to approve Rantala soliciting quotes for these projects and having the committee chairman or appointee review the quotes for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rantala stated that he did receive two proposals for the Augustyn Springs ATV trail expansion, which were as follows:

Duffek Sand & Gravel - \$24,250
Jacobs Enterprises - \$8,650

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Motion by Hardin, seconded by Scupien to accept the low proposal of \$8,650 from Jacobs Enterprises for the Augustyn Springs ATV trail expansion. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Review and Approve 2018 Budgets and 2019 Plans - The committee reviewed the 2018 budget and 2019 budget plan. Rantala reviewed projects planned for 2018.

FORESTRY AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REVENUES/EXPENDITURES SUMMARY

	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2019 Proposed Budget</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>		
County Park Fees	133,700.00	133,700.00
Forest Crop Stumpage (90%)	1,830,000.00	1,830,000.00
Misc. Income (Non-FCL, Wood & Bough Permits)	2,500.00	2,500.00
Interest Income	4,000.00	4,000.00
Forest Administrator Grant	49,200.00	49,400.00
Cell Tower Revenue	16,506.00	16,506.00
Total Revenues	\$2,035,906.00	\$2,036,106.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Forestry Department Expenses	411,629.00	418,689.00
Forestry Management	156,557.00	149,718.00
Tree Planting	500.00	500.00
V.M.P. Expenses	198,004.00	198,004.00
Recreation Program/Facilities (Range & Post Lake Dam)	21,208.00	21,208.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 787,898.00	\$ 788,119.00
Total County portion tax levy/(County Revenue)	\$(1,248,008)	\$ (1,247,987.00)

Motion by Hardin, seconded by Leaver, to approve the proposed draft 2018 budgets and proposed 2019 plans as presented and forward to the Finance Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Administrator Report – Rantala reported that a few timber sales started up this week, 6 jobs going as of today. Still relatively slow, typically we would have 10+ going this time of year. We are well behind where we should be through the first week of August.

Met with Ice Age Trail Alliance to discuss re-route options due to ATV trail construction. Their representatives were going to look at the route that Don Belanger, Nathan and I came up

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with and get back to us. We provided areas that were mostly gated and closed off to motorized traffic which seems to fit nicely with their overall objectives. This proposed route is in the same corridor as existing trail, but will provide scenic view of two lakes.

Closed on Grogan property in July.

Michelle's Lodge is under construction, finishing work is taking place.

Mountain bike trail is nearing completion of the northern loop. Trail looks good and the volunteers have done a nice job. They have started the southern loop and hope to have that ready yet this summer.

We had our annual work plan and wildlife meeting last week with County and DNR staff. We outlined objectives for next year from a timber sale standpoint as well as identified some wildlife projects. Also the new DNR supervisors were present and participated in the meeting. With the number of vacancies currently in the area, DNR is concerned about meeting the time standards on the Langlade County Forest this year. We monitor those hours monthly and will keep close tabs on those hours in order to avoid surprises later in the year.

We have been installing gates and berms on some roads on the County Forest where garlic mustard is present.

I recently received an email from a long-time former Camp Lyle boy scout. He was very supportive of the County potentially acquiring the property, and offered information about the camp's facilities if we own it. He sat on various committees that managed the property, and apparently has a lot of information on the various buildings and water systems.

13. Review Budget Summary – Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through July 31, 2017.
14. Schedule Next Meeting – The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
15. Adjournment – Motion by Hardin, seconded by Novak to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary