

## Forestry and Recreation Committee

August 22, 2011

8:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Ronald Nye, Tom Schultz, Dave Solin, and George Bornemann

**Members Absent:** Richard Olsen

**Others Present:** Steve Jackson, Erik Rantala, Tom Lazars, Tammy Kubiaczyk, Ted Ave'lallemant, Terry Poltrock, Dave Peterson, and Marie Graupner

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

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Minutes – A motion was made by Solin, seconded by Bornemann, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011, meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Discuss Door Prize for RC&D Conference and Grant Opportunities – Marie Graupner stated that Eugene Kamps and Tom Schultz would be attending the RC&D Conference in Stevens Point on September 14-16. Each county is asked to donate items for the silent auction. Schultz is donating potatoes for the auction, and Graupner inquired of the committee if they would be willing to donate a two-day pass for Veteran's Memorial Park for the RC&D Conference as well as the Land Conservation Supervisors' meeting. After discussion, motion by Bornemann, seconded by Solin to donate two, 2-day passes for Veteran's Memorial Park. All ayes. Motion carried.

Graupner also informed the committee that RC&D has \$7,500 in funding for each county to use for projects. Possible projects include roofing the lodge at Camp Susan and working on the Arboretum at Jack Lake. Lazars stated that the funds could be used for signage, adding plants, and printing brochures for a self-tour of the Arboretum. Motion by Bornemann, seconded by Schultz to proceed with the grant application for the RC&D and have Graupner and Lazars follow through with Langlade County's grant application process. All ayes. Motion carried.

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4. Discuss 4-H Shoot at Bow and Gun Range – Jackson informed the committee that before last month’s meeting when the 4-H shoot was approved that he had been contacted by Mary Umland regarding a shoot on September 17. He mistakenly believed that she was contacting him regarding the 4-H shoot. Umland is from the Hunter Education Group. Jackson then contacted Tom Anderson, who is willing to move the 4-H shoot to September 24. Jackson wanted to clarify this matter for the committee. The range will be closed to the public on September 17 for the Hunter Education shoot and on the afternoon of Friday, September 23 and on Saturday, September 24 for the 4-H shoot. These closings will be advertised in the newspaper. Motion by Solin, seconded by Bornemann to approve closing the range to the public on September 17 for the Hunter Education shoot and on the afternoon of Friday, September 23 and on Saturday, September 24 for the 4-H shoot. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Update on Land Purchase – Jackson informed the committee that the appraisal has been completed by Mike Augustyn, which appraised the property at \$1,700/acre. The appraisal has been forwarded to Madison. Madison will have an appraisal done, and then they will average the two appraisals and that will be the cost for the property. The funding as approved is:

Land Buy Account -	\$175,000
Carry forward of 2010 excess timber sale revenue -	\$323,300
Selling of County owned 40’s -	\$280,000

Langlade Abstract is currently doing a title search on the scattered 40’s. Jackson also stated that if 2011 timber sale revenue exceeds expectations that perhaps that money could be used instead of selling the scattered 40’s as some of them may be difficult to sell. Information only.

6. Discuss Forests and Parks Ordinance Violations - Jackson stated that a few years ago the committee approved Lazars writing a \$25 citation for violations of the Forests and Parks Ordinance at Veteran’s Memorial Park; such as, too many vehicles in a site or garbage being left on the site. Jackson stated that this has worked very well receiving the \$25 warning citation instead of Jackson writing a formal citation, which must go through the courts and Lazars has used his discretion when writing these citations. Jackson is requesting this same authority for the foresters and recreation coordinator as this would be a friendly warning that there is a violation of the forests and parks ordinance instead of a court ordered fine and again the foresters and the recreation coordinator would use their discretion in writing a citation. After discussion, motion by Schultz, seconded by Bornemann to authorize the foresters and recreation coordinator the authority to write warning citations for violations of the forests and parks ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Road Update – Jackson informed the committee that the logging road off of Rangeline Road had been damaged by a pick-up truck this spring. The perpetrator had been given until August 1 to repair the road to the satisfaction of Langlade County. The road has not been repaired and a warrant for his arrest has been issued. Jackson would like

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approval to have the forestry department have the road repaired and then to gate this road to truck traffic. ATVs would still be allowed to travel this road. Jackson also informed the committee that a road in Evergreen had been damaged this spring but has been repaired to the satisfaction of Langlade County by the three involved.

8. Storm Update – Jack Lake and Salvage Sale – Jackson informed the committee that the storm that came through on July 30 did quite a bit of damage at Jack Lake. Jackson and Gilbert went to the park on Saturday to assist in opening the roads, etc., at the park. Tim Jacobs assisted at the park through the week with a chipper and processor. Tree Solutions was also contacted to remove a tree from a truck and camper that were trapped in their site. Jackson stated that Langlade County receives ½ price for salvage; and at Jack Lake, there was approximately 40 cords and 2½ loads of logs. Jackson would like to reimburse Jacobs for the use of his chipper and processor. Jackson also stated that a salvage sale will be set up near Bass Lake and Camp Susan, which will be advertised in the newspaper. Jackson is requesting that the chairman be allowed to oversee the opening of bids for this salvage sale as time is of the essence to get it cut. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Bornemann to allow the chairman to oversee the bid opening of the salvage sale. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Discuss Approval for Sign at Veteran’s Memorial Park – Lazars informed the committee that it has always been his intention to paint the backside of the memorial at Veteran’s Memorial Park. He would like to have it painted in September, which would cost \$6,100. Lazars would like to use funds from the recreation fund to have the memorial painted, which would be reimbursed. Lazars would then like to begin soliciting for donation for memorial plaques for the memorial. Memorial plaques of \$250 would be solicited on the painted portion of the memorial, and bronze plaques for \$100 would be solicited for the sides of the memorial. Lazars would put an ad in the Journal regarding the memorial plaques with lines for the number of words that could be on the plaque. Lazars believes the total cost of painting the memorial could be reimbursed through the funds generated by the memorial plaques. He did meet with the local veteran’s group and they approved of the idea. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Bornemann to approve the request for completing the memorial at Veteran’s Memorial Park using recreation fund dollars and to forward the request to the Finance Committee for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Discuss Roof at Veteran’s Memorial Park – Lazars informed the committee that the roof on the house at Veteran’s Memorial Park has had quite a few leaks over the last two years that have needed repair. The house was brought to the park in 1996. It would cost \$3,000 to replace the roof, which would be done in-house by forestry department staff and assistance by Luke Kolz of the maintenance department. Motion by Bornemann, seconded by Schultz to approve replacing the roof of the home at Veteran’s Memorial Park using in-house labor and funding to come from the park budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

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11. Review and Approve 2012 Budget and 2013 Plan - The committee reviewed the 2012 budget. Jackson reviewed projects planned for 2012, and revenue was increased to \$1,400,000, which is \$43,300 more than the levy limit.

**FORESTRY AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**REVENUES/EXPENDITURES SUMMARY**

	<u>2012 Budget</u>	<u>2013 Proposed Budget</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>		
County Park Fees	99,430.00	99,400.00
Forest Crop Stumpage (85%)	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00
Forest Land Purchase (5%)	75,500.00	75,500.00
Misc. Income (Non-FCL, Wood & Bough Permits)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest Income	3,000.00	3,000.00
Forest Administrator Grant	48,000.00	48,300.00
Cell Tower Revenue	15,014.00	15,014.00
 Total Revenues	 \$1,642,944.00	 \$1,643,114.00
 <b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>		
Forestry Department Expenses	509,541.00	484,167.00
Forestry Management	68,000.00	68,000.00
Tree Planting	800.00	800.00
V.M.P. Expenses	160,833.00	165,320.00
Recreation Program/Facilities (Range & Post Lake Dam)	21,359.00	21,359.00
 Total Expenditures	 \$ 760,533.00	 \$ 739,646.00
 Total County portion tax levy/(County Revenue)	 <b>\$ (882,411.00)</b>	 <b>\$ (903,468.00)</b>

Bornemann suggested lowering the natural gas for the parks budget by \$1,000 and to reduce the parks revenue by a corresponding \$1,000. Motion by Bornemann, seconded by Solin to raise the timber sale revenue by \$100,000 to \$1,500,000 for 2012. 3 ayes, 1 nay. Jackson cautioned about raising the projected timber sale revenue level too high. Bornemann stated that if the projected revenue was not met then the needed funding would come from the general fund.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Bornemann, to approve the proposed draft 2012 budget and proposed 2013 plan as presented and forward to the Finance Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

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12. Discuss Recreational Issues – Dave Peterson addressed some issues that he had concerns with: the County of Trails sign south of Antigo does not have a snowmobile on it, no one attended the hearings in Madison on the railroad grade, no one contacted the Plum Creek ceremonies (Jackson stated no one from our office had been contacted by the State nor given information regarding the proposed conservation easement.), grants for the restrooms at the trailhead in White Lake were not brought to the attention of the snowmobile council or snowmobile club (Kubiacyzk stated that she usually does not bring grant applications to the attention of the snowmobile council or snowmobile club unless she needs input from them to fill out the grant), there was no 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary recognition of Kettlebowl (It was stated that we were not aware of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; but in 2010, we also did not hold a celebration for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Veteran's Memorial Park. Also, Langlade County pays for insurance premium for Kettlebowl and pays to have the lot plowed and for the DNR to mow the hill.), there is no recreational report for the end of the season (Jackson stated that concerns are dealt with as they occur and the forestry department does do a yearly report for the county board.), questions funds from the snowmobile program being used for administration (Jackson stated that \$5,000 is charged to the snowmobile program and \$5,000 to the ATV program, but signs also come from administration), questioned why grants have not been applied for for the Lily to Hwy. 64 grade (Kubiacyzk and Jackson stated that in 2008 a DOT grant was applied for, which we were not successful in receiving and during the remediation process we could not apply for any grants. Grants will be applied for once again.), and lastly questioned a county board resolution from 2004 sponsored by the Highway Committee regarding gas tax funding.
13. DNR Liaison Report – Ave'lallemant requested that the committee provide him with topics or questions that they would like answered, and he will research the issue during the month and report back. The committee requested information on the fish program and stocking of lakes and chronic wasting disease. Ave'lallemant also stated the deer trapping study has been completed and the bear study on using tetracycline to help estimate bear population.
14. Review Payment of Paid Bills - A motion was made by Bornemann, seconded by Schultz, to approve the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills. All ayes. Motion carried.
15. Review Budget Summary Report - Jackson reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through July 31, 2011. Motion by Bornemann, seconded by Schultz, to accept the budget summary. All ayes. Motion carried.
16. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., in the Forestry Office Conference Room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.

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17. Adjournment - A motion was made by Solin, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock  
Recording Secretary