

Forestry and Recreation Committee

February 1, 2013

8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Ronald Nye, David Solin, Michael Klimoski, Rick Bina, and Sam Hardin

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Erik Rantala, Tammy Kubiacyk, Ted Ave'lallemant, Terry Poltrock, Marie Graupner, Dave Peterson, Edward Buh, Rus Cook, Sr., Bud Bradford, Mark Schroeder, Richard Van Ooyen, Larry Schisel, Andy Kostelny, Harlan and Pat Girtz, Al and Diane Breit, Elmer and Sally Mulhollon

Location: Conference Room, Forestry Office, Fairgrounds, Antigo

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Minutes - A motion was made by Solin, seconded by Klimoski, to approve the minutes of the December 13 and 27, 2012 and January 10 and 21, 2013 meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Parrish ATV Club – Discuss Opening Hwy. U for ATV Use - Rus Cook addressed the committee regarding creating a new ATV route from Clear Lake Road to Isle of Pines Road to access local businesses in the area. This would be a 1.1 mile segment. Cook stated that it was his understanding that the Town of Elcho was in support of establishing Clear Lake Road as an ATV route. Kubiacyk stated that the Elcho Town Clerk has no record of this being approved as an ATV route by the town. Nye expressed concern as this new ATV route would not meet the criteria set up by the Highway Committee. A new route must link up with an established ATV route or trail. New routes cannot be established just to allow residents of the area the privilege of taking their ATVs to local businesses. After discussion, motion by Klimoski, seconded by Solin to have the Parrish ATV Club provide documentation from the Town of Elcho supporting this new ATV route and to have Tim Rusch attend the next meeting to discuss any safety concerns the highway department may have with this route. All ayes. Motion carried.

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4. Discuss Request by Land Conservation for Weekend Passes to Jack Lake as Silent Auction Item for Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Annual Conference – Marie Graupner stated that each county is asked to donate items for the silent auction, and she is requesting weekend passes to Jack Lake as a silent auction item. The auction is used as a fund raiser for youth for camps, etc. Motion by Bina, seconded by Klimoski to donate two, 3-day passes for Veteran’s Memorial Park as auction items for the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Annual Conference. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Update on Land Purchase – Rantala informed the committee that Plum Creek is in the process of going through pre-approvals and their internal process. Rantala has been reviewing lands that could be sold. Joe Schwantes, county forest specialist, suggested applying for the grant in two blocks for the May 1 deadline as there are limited funds to be awarded. Langlade County will need a letter of intent to sell from Plum Creek and a resolution from the county board giving approval to proceed. Information only.
6. Discuss Condemnation of Wells at Otter Lake and Bow and Gun Range – Kubiacyk inquired of the committee regarding condemning the wells at both Otter Lake and the Bow and Gun Range. At Otter Lake, we do not have the proper cap on the pump and it has been unusable for the last three years; and we have not received any inquiries from the public regarding use of the well during this time period. Also, the water in the well at the Bow and Gun Range has not tested safe in quite some time. The handle is off the pump at this time. Grant funding is available through Land Conservation for condemnation of wells. After discussion, the committee requested that Kubiacyk get prices to replace the pump at Otter Lake and determine how deep the well at the range is; and if a new well would be feasible, due to the proximity to the landfill. Chairman Nye also informed the committee that a company from Merrill would be interested in removing the lead from the range and funds from this endeavor could possibly be used to fund improvements at the range. These items will be discussed further at the next meeting.
7. Discuss Updating Resolution for County Conservation Aid Program Grant - Rantala informed the committee that CCFA funds are State Aid for fish and game projects. In the past, we have used this grant for Langlade County’s beaver control program and some projects at the bow and gun range. Rantala stated that the DNR needs an updated resolution authorizing himself to apply for these grants and to file the proper paperwork. Rantala also stated that these are 50/50 grants, and the grant applied for is usually less than \$5,000. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to approve an updated resolution which authorizes Rantala to apply for CCFA grants for Langlade County’s beaver control program, etc., and to forward the resolution to the county board. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Discuss Maintenance Department Purchase of Truck instead of Trade-in – Rantala stated that he had been contacted by Nate Heuss inquiring if the forestry department would be purchasing a new truck and have a truck for trade-in. The maintenance department is looking to replace their 1994 Ford truck. Rantala stated that the truck would be a 2008 Dodge with 75,600 miles with an appraised value of \$13,500. Rantala stated that he also had spoken with Gary Olsen, finance director, and the funds received would be counted toward the purchase of the new truck. Motion by Solin, seconded by Klimoski to

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approve selling the 2008 Dodge to the maintenance department and to allow Rantala to negotiate the price for the truck. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Approve Purchase of Desk – Rantala informed the committee that with the retirement of Dale Carlson that the department is looking to replace his old Army surplus desk with a work station, which would accommodate a computer, calculator, GPS equipment and work space. Rantala provided the following quotes for a desk:

Clermont Printing, Inc. - \$1,114.05
Office Supplies 2U - \$1,219.00

Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to approve the purchase of a desk from Clermont Printing, Inc., for \$1,114.05 with funds from the forestry department 2013 budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approve Credit Card for Nathan Gilbert – Rantala stated that he would like to request a credit card for Nathan Gilbert in the amount of \$2,500, which is the amount Rantala had as assistant forest administrator. Motion by Solin, seconded by Bina to approve a credit card in the amount of \$2,500 for Nathan Gilbert and to forward the request to the finance committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Discuss Carryforward Request – Rantala informed the committee that he is requesting to carryforward excess timber sale revenue to: replenish the land purchase account to \$175,000; replenish the recreation fund to \$100,000, which would be \$56,134; and to replace the restroom at Veteran’s Memorial Park, which was in violation of DNR regulations as the holding tank had cracked - \$140,000; and to carryforward from the capital improvement fund \$12,900, which had been budgeted for GPS equipment for an additional rough tablet and ArcView licenses for new foresters. Motion by Hardin, seconded by Klimoski to approve the carryforward requests and to forward to the finance committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Discuss Expired Timber Sale Contracts - Rantala reviewed with the committee a list of expired contracts, along with the staff recommendations for each.

Rantala explained the extensions stating that the first increase for an expired contract is 5 percent and then each increase after that is 10 percent. The Forestry Department staff has reviewed all contracts.

The committee reviewed each expired contract and took the following actions:

Expired Timber Sales – 2012

<u>Job No.</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Expired</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Committee Action</u>
1158-10	Paul Cleereman	12/12	Fisher Lake- ½ done.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase in stumpage for 2013.

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1014-08	Graap Logging	12/10	Summit-2 nd Avenue Winter job – not started.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 10% increase in stumpage for 2013.
1120-10	Graap Logging	12/11	Summit- Stone Rd. Winter job – not started.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase in stumpage for 2013.
1085-09	Rodney Hix	12/11	Highway 45 - Winter job – not started.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase in stumpage for 2013.
1151-10	Tim Jacobs	12/12	Upham Dump - Working on it. Will finish this winter.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase in stumpage for 2013.
957-07	Marshall Logging	12/10	Hayes Road-Will be starting this week.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 10% increase in stumpage for 2013.
1083-09	Marshall Logging	12/11	Stone Road - Freezing road.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase in stumpage for 2013.
1086-09	Marshall Logging	12/11	Ackley – ¼ done. Will cut this winter.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase in stumpage for 2013.
1096-09	Marshall Logging	12/12	5 Cent Road – Not started – summer job.	Assess 5% stumpage increase for 2013.
1153-10	Marshall Logging	12/12	Two Island Lake Road – Not started.	Assess 5% stumpage increase for 2013.
1160-10	Marshall Logging	12/12	Hwy. Q – Adjacent ownership changed, difficulty in getting permission.	No stumpage increase for 2013.
1166-10	Marshall Logging	12/12	First Lake Road - ¾ done – summer job.	Assess 5% stumpage for 2013.
1128-10	Brad Mihalko	12/11	Hwy. S – ¾ done. Will finish this summer.	Assess 10% stumpage increase for 2013.

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1139-10	Brad Mihalko	12/12	Kettlebowl – ½ done. Will finish this spring.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase in stumpage for 2013.
1140-10	Brad Mihalko	12/12	Sherry Road – Not started. Summer job.	Assess 5% stumpage increase for 2013.
1104-10	Ken Mihalko & Sons Logging	12/11	Hwy. J – Not started. Winter job.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 10% increase in stumpage for 2013.
1004-08	NewPage Corporation	12/09	Ackley-Cell Tower. Road froze. Will finish this winter.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 10% increase in stumpage for 2013.
1048-08	NewPage Corporation	12/11	Rocky Glenn - Working on now.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase for stumpage for 2013.
1148-10	NewPage Corporation	12/12	Lily Mill – Winter sale – not started.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase for stumpage for 2013.
1176-10	NewPage Corporation	12/12	Hwy. H – curve - Not started.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase for stumpage for 2013.
1144-10	Dave Raith	12/12	Hwy. B – ¾ done. Will finish this winter.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase for stumpage for 2013.
1161-10	Dave Raith	12/12	Hwy. Q - Landowner did not give permission to cross. Have to build new road through Oneida County this summer.	No stumpage increase for 2013.
1064-09	Schreiner Forestry	4/12	Heinemann Grade – Road froze. Will finish this winter.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase for stumpage for 2013.

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1115-10	Schreiner Forestry	12/12	Ackley – 1/3 done.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase for stumpage for 2013.
1116-10	Whitetail Logging	12/12	Moccasin Ski Hill - Not started - summer job.	Assess 5% stumpage for increase for 2013.
1118-10	Wittala Vozka Logging	12/12	Hwy K. – ½ done - winter sale. Will finish this winter.	Give until April 1, 2013 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase for stumpage for 2013.

Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Bina to accept the staff recommendations regarding the 2012 expired timber sales. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Review 2012 timber Sale Harvest Volumes and Revenue - Rantala reviewed the 2012 wood volume harvests with the committee.

Rantala stated that it was a very good year in 2012. He handed out a summary of the wood harvests for the past 20 years. In 2012, there were 38,934 total cords cut. There were 18,571 cords of hardwood pulp cut, which is less than in 2011. The hardwood logs were up 191,440 board feet at 1,359,220 board feet for 2012, which is the highest total since 2006. Rantala reported that the timber sale scale charges, which are the total value of material cut, scaled, and actually removed off the County Forest, is at \$2,008,972 for 2012. In 2011, the timber sale scale charges were at \$1,318,247.

The actual timber sale revenue for 2012 is \$2,354,878 compared to \$1,547,089 for 2011. The timber sale revenue figure is the actual revenue from payments made on the scale charges during the year, and it does not include the prepayments on timber sales or credit balances.

14. DNR Liaison Report – Ave'lallemant informed the committee that Terry Fluger is retiring next week. Fluger did about 300 hours for forestry per year. Ron Zalewski's position at Summit Lake is posted and will be filled. The time standard hours are 200 hours ahead of where they were last year. The DNR commitment is very good. In 2013-14, there will be DNR vacancies. For the spring timber sale, there are 900 acres to be marked.
15. Review Payment of Paid Bills – The committee reviewed the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills.
16. Review Budget Summary Report - Poltrock reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through January 31, 2013.

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17. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at 8:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.

18. Adjournment – Motion by Hardin, seconded by Bina to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary