

Forestry and Recreation Committee

February 27, 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, Nathan Gilbert, Rick Dedeayne, Lucas Williams, Tammy Kubiaczyk, Ted Ave'lallemant, Robin Stowe, Tim Rusch, Terry Poltrock, Judy Peterson, Nate Heuss, Rus Cook, Sr., Chris Berry, Deena Grabowsky, Tom and Michelle Koss, Joe and Elsa McKenna, Murrion Roff, Heather Roff, Renate Bromberg, Joe Hermolin, Maggie Turnbull, and 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 February 1, 2013 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Introduction of New Foresters – Richard Dedeayne and Lucas Williams – Rantala introduced the two new foresters, Richard Dedeayne and Lucas Williams. Rantala stated that they both began work in February and should be an asset to the forestry department.
4. Discuss Request to hold Swim/Run at Veteran's Memorial Park – Michelle Koss – Michelle Koss addressed the committee stating that the swim club would like to hold an event at Veteran's Memorial Park the second week of July. They would swim across the lake and have a 5K run. The swim would be at 8 a.m. and should be completed in one hour so the beach would be free for other swimmers and picnickers. The run would finish on the southwest side of the park so there would be no conflict with campers. Rantala will investigate whether liability insurance would be required or waivers signed by all competitors would suffice. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Bina to approve the swim/run at Veteran's Memorial Park in July contingent on working out details with Rantala and Lazars and resolving issues with liability insurance and/or waivers of liability. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Update on Highway Committee's ATV Route Policy – Tim Rusch, Highway Commissioner, addressed the committee regarding the Highway Committee's 2005 Ordinance and ATV Policy. Highway Committee approval is the only approval necessary for ATV routes. An approved ATV club must make the route request. A new route must link up with an established ATV route or trail, and there must be no other practical option. New routes cannot be established just to allow residents of the area the

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privilege of taking their ATVs to local businesses. When ATV route requests are made to the Highway Committee, Rusch will contact the forestry department for their input. Information only.

6. Discuss X-C Ski Trail at Veteran’s Memorial Park – Elsa McKenna addressed the committee regarding the cross country ski trail at Veteran’s Memorial Park. McKenna stated that Langlade County provides an excellent cross country ski trail; but stated that there are some shortcomings, such as, ruts and exposed dirt, brambles growing on the trail; branches growing over the trail that could be considered a hazard, the Highland trail is too narrow for the two-way traffic, and ungroomed trails. She inquired about only grooming the trails at night or early morning. They would like to work together to make the Jack Lake trail the gem that it could be. Questions were asked about a Friends group for the Jack Lake, but non-county employees are not allowed to use county equipment. Also, questioned regarding additional employee assistance for Lazars to groom the trails. Rantala stated that the trails are not smooth and flat because they are multi-use and are used for logging operations. Lazars stated that he grooms the Jack Lake trail on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and grooms at Kettlebowl on Friday. If there is a heavy or all day snow on Friday or Saturday, the trails may not be groomed for the weekend. The group will meet with Rantala, Lazars, and Kubiacyk to brainstorm ideas for next season.

7. Discuss Veteran’s Memorial Park Restroom Project – Lazars has been working with Heuss on the plan for the restroom at Veteran’s Memorial Park. Heuss reviewed the plans with the committee for a 20’ x 26’ toilet building made of concrete block with wood truss roof. The toilet building would have two toilets and a urinal for men and three toilets for women. The cost estimate for the building is 540 s.f. x \$175/s.f. = \$94,500 (which includes \$2,600 for water line reconnect, \$16,000 for plumbing, \$1,000 for decorative truss, and \$3,900 truss package), well - \$7,500, holding tanks - \$7,500, exterior canopy (alternate) - \$5,000, black dirt and seed - \$2,500, exterior concrete - \$5,000 and construction contingency - \$12,000 = \$134,000. The new toilet building will be 500’ from the current toilet/shower building. Rantala informed the committee that the project is grant eligible for a 50/50 grant, which must be applied for by May 1. A stipulation of applying for the grant is providing a county board resolution showing support for the project. Jillian Steffes, DNR, stated that we should know the likelihood of receiving a grant in July. Motion by Solin, seconded by Bina to obtain a second quote, forward a resolution to county board supporting the project, and applying for a grant for the project. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Open Truck Bids - The committee opened and read aloud the bids received for the purchase of a new 2013, 4x4, ½ ton pickup truck. The bids for the new vehicle were as follows:

	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>MAKE</u>
Brickner’s of Antigo List Price	\$24,869.50	Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab Tradesman

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Quinlan’s Equipment List Price	\$29,900.00	GMC K1500 5.3 - V8
Bob Fish Buick GMC, Inc. List Price	\$27,581.56	GMC Sierra 1500 Extended Cab 5.3
Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc List Price	\$27,863.00	Chevy Silverado 5.3L - V8

Rantala reiterated that the maintenance department would be purchasing the 2008 Dodge for \$13,500. A motion was made by Solin, seconded by Hardin to accept the low bid of \$24,869.50 for the 2013 Dodge Ram ST 4x4 from Brickner’s of Antigo, if the bid meets all specifications. All ayes. Motion carried. Funds will come from the Forest Preservation Fund (\$26,500 was budgeted for the project).

9. Update on Condemnation of Wells at Otter Lake and Bow & Gun Range – Kubiaczyk stated that the well at the range is 80’ deep. Also, Kubiaczyk spoke with Phil Koeppel and he stated that it is probably not the well at Otter Lake that is contaminated, but the pump. It would cost \$2,000+ to install a new pump. At Otter Lake, the pump 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 has been off the pump for some time and again we did not receive any inquiries. Grant funding is available through Land Conservation for condemnation of the wells. It would cost \$300-\$400 to condemn each well. Motion by Solin, seconded by Klimoski to seal both the well at Otter Lake and the Bow & Gun Range and have them condemned. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Other Matters – County Board Chairman Solin has received a letter from William Belongia’s attorney requesting a copy of Langlade County’s Access Permit Policy. Mr. Belongia is still interested in exchanging property with Langlade County or purchasing the triangle of property discussed previously. Information only.

Hardin was excused at 10:30 a.m.

11. Update on Bow and Gun Range Lead Project – Rantala informed the committee that Second Life Lead had contacted Todd Toburen of the Langlade County Trap Club regarding reclaiming the lead at the range. Second Life Lead believes that there are approximately 200,000 lbs. of lead at the range and the current price of lead is \$.85-\$.90/lb. The split is 70-30 with 30% going to the landowner. Langlade County would receive a work plan and contract. The property would also need to be remediated. Second Life Lead has also done projects like this in Merrill and Weston. Toburen has

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requested that if the lead reclamation is done that some of the profits be used for improvements at the range; such as, to the storage building, which has been shot up and also floods in the spring. Rantala will investigate further and provide additional information at the next meeting.

12. Langlade County Forestry & Recreation Department Annual Report - Rantala briefly reviewed the Forestry and Recreation Department's Annual Report for 2012 and asked they review it further and call him if they have any questions. Rantala reiterated that it had been a very good year for the department.
13. DNR Liaison Report – Ave'lallemant stated that the Deer Herd Status meeting will be March 26 in Merrill. The population is slightly down and antlerless deer permits will probably all sell out. DNR must manage the herd at or below current level. On March 9 in Stevens Point, there will be a meeting on the deer trustee report. In 2014, the DNR must implement all aspects of the report. There will also be a reduction of bear permits. The harvest quota for wolves was 116. One half went to the tribes. There will be a reduced fee for wolf permits next year. Ave'lallemant stated that private landowners must now hire private individuals to assist them with MFL plans and having the timber cut. The DNR can no longer write MFL plans or assist with the timber management part of the program. Private consultants pushed this measure.
14. Review Payment of Paid Bills – The committee reviewed the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills for February.
15. Review Budget Summary Report - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through February 26, 2013.
16. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at 7:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
17. Adjournment – Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Bina to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary