

Forestry and Recreation Committee

January 26, 2012

8:30 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Steve Jackson, Ted Ave'lallemant, Tammy Kubiaczyk, Terry Poltrock, Chris Berry, Tim Rusch, William Belongia, Ron Schell, Scott Dempewolf, Dan Wiersettia, Keith Verhagen, Rus Cook, Jon Schreiber, Russell Vand Hey, Ken Lourran, Charlotte Klimpke, Terry Coplien, Elmer and Sally Mulhollon, Terry Williams, Harlan and Pat Girtz, John Andraschko, Lowell June, Casper Buettner, and Louis Wilson

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 Schultz, seconded by Olsen, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011, meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Discuss Request by White Lake ATV Club – Jackson explained that he had been contacted by Elmer Mulhollon of the White Lake ATV Club regarding opening the section of the Wolf River State Trail from Hwy. 64 to Lily to motorized travel (specifically ATVs). Mulhollon had contacted Senator Jim Holperin who contacted Bill Smith, DNR Northern District Land Program Manager, who stated that “The Wolf River State Trail is owned by the State, but managed by Langlade County pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement between Langlade County and the DNR. Due to the proximity of the trail to the Wolf River Fisheries area it was agreed the trail from White Lake to Lily would be classified as non-motorized in the spring/summer/fall, but open to snowmobiles in the winter. There is a mechanism to consider changing allowed use(s) of the trail. Since there is no specific term to the agreement, it can be modified (at any time) by ‘mutual written agreement of the DNR and Langlade County’. Bill Smith

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added that the Department is not encouraging modification of the MOA since he anticipates any move in that direction would resurrect some of the same issues that were relevant when the original MOA was considered and that such resurrection would ‘generate considerable public controversy.’” Mulhollon informed the committee that he had forty pages of petitions requesting the change to the trail status stating that more revenue could be brought into Langlade County and local businesses if ATVs could travel this section of the trail. Jackson stated that Tammy Kubiacyk would be applying for a federal grant to develop that section of the trail for hiking and biking. Jackson and the committee stated that Mulhollon should contact the Secretary of the DNR; and if the DNR would be willing to revise the MOA, and that if this is presented in writing from the DNR, the committee may be willing to re-address this issue at that time and have a public hearing to receive comment on the possible change to the MOA.

4. Open Truck Bids – The committee opened and read aloud the bids received for the purchase of a new 2012, 4x4, ½ ton pickup truck with a trade-in of a 2006 GMC Sierra extended cab. The bids for the new vehicle were as follows:

	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>MAKE</u>
Parsons of Antigo		
List Price	\$26,489.00	Chevy Silverado
Trade-in	<u>11,000.00</u>	Extended
	\$15,489.00	
 Brickner’s of Antigo		
List Price	\$24,634.50	Dodge Ram ST
Trade-in	<u>8,500.00</u>	4x4 ST
	\$16,134.50	
 Langlade Ford Mercury		
List Price	\$29,217.00	Ford F150 Supercab
Trade-in	<u>10,000.00</u>	4x4
	\$19,217.00	
 Quinlan’s Equipment		
List Price	\$27,500.00	GMC Sierra
Trade-in	<u>12,516.88</u>	1500 Extended Cab
	\$14,983.12	5.3 - V8
 Bob Fish Buick GMC, Inc.		
List Price	\$25,759.55	GMC Sierra
Trade-in	<u>11,780.00</u>	1500 Extended Cab
	\$13,979.55	5.3L

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Ewald Chevrolet Buick		
List Price	\$23,652.00	Chevy Silverado
Trade-in	<u>9,000.00</u>	1500
	\$14,652.00	5.3L – V8
Ewald Hartford Ford		
List Price	\$25,743.00	Ford F150 X1E
Trade-in	<u>9,000.00</u>	5.0L – V8
	\$16,743.00	
Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc		
List Price	\$24,508.00	Ram 1500
Trade-in	<u>9,000.00</u>	5.7L - V8
	\$15,508.00	

After discussion, a motion was made by Bornemann, seconded by Solin to accept the low bid of \$13,979.55 for the 2012 GMC Sierra Extended Cab from Bob Fish Buick GMC, Inc. of West Bend, if the bid meets all specifications. 3 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstained. Motion carried. Funds will come from the Forest Preservation Fund (\$26,000 was budgeted for the project).

5. Discuss Belongia Access Permit – At the December 6 meeting, the committee discussed a possible land trade as proposed by Mr. Belongia and felt that the land trade offered would not be to the benefit of Langlade County so an access permit was offered with the requirement that the gate, posts, and electronic fence be removed from county land. Access permits are offered so that an adverse possession cannot take place. The road access in question encompasses approximately 300’. Jackson stated that upon doing further research on the property that he had in fact given permission for the gate to be put on county property to keep the public from traveling to Mr. Belongia’s home. Mr. Belongia is again requesting a land trade with Langlade County to resolve this issue. After much discussion, the committee is willing to investigate a land trade at a 10:1 ratio and will investigate the property in Government Lot 1. Mr. Belongia agreed to the 10:1 ratio as well.

6. Open Land Sale Bids – The forestry department was offering two parcels for sale – one was in the Township of West Upham – approximately 20 acres for \$38,500 and the other was in the Township of North Ainsworth – approximately 40 acres for \$40,000. No bids were received for these tracts of land. The committee requested that these parcels be re-advertised at the same price, but perhaps advertise in a few other sources.

7. Discuss Mishler Survey Issue - In October, Jackson informed the committee that he received a letter from Ken Mishler regarding permission for forestry staff to cross Government Lot 3, Section 20; T33N-R10E in the Township of West Upham. Access would only be allowed if the balance of \$13,433.75 that was owed on his two timber sales was forgiven. Jackson contact Mr. Mishler to see if Langlade County could purchase a perpetual easement to cross his property for the approximately \$4,800 plus

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interest that was owed on the timber sales. There were questions if a perpetual easement could be purchased as there are other judgments against this property. Stowe informed the committee that in researching the property it was found that there was an originally surveyed lake on the property. There is no lake and it could be considered omitted property and the Bureau of Land Management could consider this a gross error and could resurvey the property. Stowe stated that any property owner that has adjacent property to the land, which Langlade County does can express interest in the omitted land by sending a letter to the Bureau of Land Management and asking that they investigate. The Bureau of Land Management could have the property resurveyed and then offer it for sale and at a price, which is usually well below market value. Stowe contacted the Bureau of Land Management and they feel that this property falls below the threshold of gross error. Stowe stated that one option would be to have Dave Tlusty survey and extend the lines of the property for the omitted land. Once this is done, the county would meet with the landowners. Motion by Bornemann, seconded by Schultz to have the county surveyor survey the property and report back to the committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Solin, seconded by Schultz to excuse Chairman Nye at 9:50 a.m. and Bornemann at 10:00 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Jackson stated that many of the sales are winter sales and due to the mild winter have not been able to get into the sales as the roads cannot be frozen down so Jackson recommends no increase for these sales. Jackson also 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 - 2011

<u>Job No.</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Expired</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Committee Action</u>
1014-08	Graap Logging	12/10	Summit-2 nd Avenue Too mild of a winter to freeze roads down.	No stumpage increase for 2012.
1120-10	Graap Logging	12/11	Summit- Stone Rd. Too mild of a winter to freeze roads down.	No stumpage increase for 2012.
1085-09	Rodney Hix	12/11	Highway 45 - Too mild of a winter to freeze roads down.	No stumpage increase for 2012.

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1119-10	Rory Hix	12/11	Hill Road – Will start shortly.	Give until April 1, 2012 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase in stumpage for 2012.
1077-09	Tim Jacobs	12/11	Cline Rd.-3/4 done. Had to leave sale due to wet conditions.	Give until April 1, 2012 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase in stumpage for 2012.
957-07	Marshall Logging	12/10	Hayes Road-Not started. Roads will not freeze down.	No stumpage increase for 2012.
1083-09	Marshall Logging	12/11	Stone Road - Too mild of a winter to freeze roads down.	No stumpage increase for 2012.
1086-09	Marshall Logging	12/11	Ackley – SW Too mild of a winter to freeze roads down.	No stumpage increase for 2012.
1128-10	Brad Mihalko	12/11	Hwy. S – ¾ done.	Assess 5% stumpage increase for 2012.
1104-10	Ken Milhalko & Sons Logging	12/11	Hwy. J – Not started. Summer job.	Give until April 1, 2012 to finish. If not done, assess 5% increase in stumpage for 2012.
1004-08	NewPage Corporation	12/09	Ackley-Cell Tower. 1/3 done. Will finish in February.	Give until April 1, 2012 to finish. If not done, assess 5% for 2012.
1007-08	NewPage Corporation	12/10	Sherry Road-Not started. Will cut this summer.	Assess 10% increase for 2012.
1032-08	NewPage Corporation	12/10	Fiedler Lane. Started last year. Road will not Freeze down.	No stumpage increase for 2012.
1048-08	NewPage Corporation	12/11	Rocky Glenn - Too mild of a winter to freeze roads down.	No stumpage increase for 2012.

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1051-09	NewPage Corporation	12/11	Loon Lake –Road is in.	Give until April 1, 2012 to finish. If not done, assess 5% for 2012.
1159-10	Dave Raith	12/11	Rantala Road. - Too mild of a winter to freeze roads down.	No stumpage increase for 2012.
1131-10	Schreiner Forestry	12/11	Pine Lake Rd. – ½ done. – Summer job.	Assess 5% increase for 2012.

Motion by Solin, seconded by Bornemann to accept the staff recommendations regarding the 2011 expired timber sales. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Review 2011 timber Sale Harvest Volumes and Revenue - Jackson reviewed the 2011 wood volume harvests with the committee.

Jackson stated that it was a good year in 2011. He handed out a summary of the wood harvests for the past 20 years. In 2011, there were 41,234 total cords cut. There were 23,545 cords of hardwood pulp cut, which is 1,837 more cords than in 2010. The hardwood logs were down 91,220 board feet at 1,167,780 board feet for 2011, but up 436,980 board feet from 2009. Jackson 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 \$1,318,247.00 for 2011. In 2010, the timber sale scale charges were at \$2,198,058.00.

The actual timber sale revenue for 2011 is \$1,547,089.00 compared to \$1,789,715.00 for 2010. 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.

10. DNR Liaison Report – Ave’lallemand reported that he has been working on the Airhole Lake purchase setting up timber sales for the spring sale. Ave’lallemand stated that this was an excellent purchase by Langlade County and the County will be able to see an immediate return from their purchase this spring.

Ave’lallemand also discussed the delisting of the gray wolves. Kill permits will be issued where there has been documented damage. He also stated that the DNR is taking a conservative approach in regard to bear permits. Ave’lallemand also report on the Langlade County stocking quotas for 2012 (yearlings are stocked in the spring and fingerlings are stocked in the fall):

Summit Lake – 141 muskellunge – large fingerlings
 Upper Post Lake – 757,000 walleye – fry

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Jack Lake – 4,000 rainbow trout – large fingerlings
Lily River – 5,460 rainbow trout – large fingerlings
Pence Lake – 5,169 brown trout – large fingerlings
Remington Pone (kids and disabled fishing only) – 834 rainbow trout – yearlings
1,920 brook trout – large fingerlings
Shadick Spring – 1,720 rainbow trout – large fingerlings
Townline Lake – 3,500 rainbow trout – large fingerlings
Wolf River – 8,614 brown trout – large fingerlings
10,000 rainbow trout – large fingerlings

11. Review Payment of Paid Bills - A motion was made by Olsen, seconded by Solin, to approve the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. Review Budget Summary Report - Jackson reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through December 31, 2011.
13. Comp Time Balances - Jackson reviewed the comp time balances of all the Forestry and Recreation Department employees with the committee. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Solin to accept the comp time balances. All ayes. Motion carried.
14. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., in the Forestry Office Conference Room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
15. Adjournment - A motion was made by Solin, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary