

Forestry and Recreation Committee

July 19, 2012

8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Ronald Nye, Richard Olsen, David Solin, Michael Klimoski, and Rick Bina

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Steve Jackson, Tammy Kubiaczyk, Ted Ave'Lallemant, Tom Lazars, Terry Poltrock, Dave Peterson, Andy Kostelny, Rus Cook, Frank Trimmel, Joe Hermolin, Renate Bromberg, Elmer and Sally Mulhollon, and members of the Parrish Highlands ATV Club

Location: Conference Room, Forestry Office, Fairgrounds, Antigo

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.
2. Minutes – A motion was made by Klimoski, seconded by Solin, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2012, meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Discuss Request by Parrish Highlands ATV Club to open up 2¼ miles of Hwy. H for Trail Connector – Jackson stated that he was contacted by the Parrish Highlands ATV Club regarding opening up 2¼ miles of Hwy. H to R & H Road as a connector to Lincoln County and the Gleason area. Rus Cook of the Parrish Highlands ATV Club explained that they had been contacted by local business people in Parrish about opening up this route. The requested route would go past six homes, and there was no opposition at the town meeting. In fact, several people signed a petition in support of this route. Without establishing this route, it would be a 20 miles trip to these businesses instead of 8 miles. Motion by Bina, seconded by Olsen to approve the trail connector of 2¼ miles on Hwy. H to Lincoln County. Roll call vote: Bina – aye, Solin – aye, Klimoski – nay, Nye – aye, Olsen – aye. Motion carried.
4. Discuss Information on Updating Current Access Permit - Jackson stated that it has been several years since the access permits have been reviewed. Jackson did some investigating and legal easements cannot be given if the land in question is in the County Forest Law Program. The land would need to be withdrawn from the County Forest

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Law Program, which may not be in the best interest of Langlade County. There are several items in the Jackson County permit that should be considered as additions to the Langlade County access permit. They are:

- No restrictive signs, gate or barriers may be placed on County land by the permittee.
- The Permittee agrees to indemnify the County and to hold the County harmless in regard to any and all liability.
- The County reserves the right to cancel this permit with cause.
- The width of the right-of-way across said County lands shall be limited to 16.5 feet.
- The Permittee is responsible for all permits that are required to connect the roadway to a town road, county or state highway.
- All utilities above or below ground are prohibited with the exception of municipalities or other government bodies.

Motion by Bina, seconded by Solin to make discussed changes to clarify the language to be reviewed by the corporation counsel and bring back to the August meeting for committee approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Discuss Plans to Build Second Sleeping Cabin at Veteran’s Memorial Park – Jackson inquired of the committee, if after viewing the sleeping cabin at Veteran’s Memorial Park, they were interested in a second cabin. The Elcho High School is setting their curriculum for next year and needs to know if the cabin construction will be part of the curriculum. The cost of the first cabin was approximately \$14,500. For 2013, \$20,000 has been budgeted in the CIP plan for a second sleeping cabin using funding from the recreation fund. The committee requested that Lazars look for cost savings for the second cabin. Motion by Solin, seconded by Bina to approve a second sleeping cabin at Veteran’s Memorial Park at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Lazars informed the committee that there will be an informational article in the Antigo Daily Journal promoting the cabin, information on the county website, and the brochure for the park will be updated.

6. Open and Discuss Quotes for Propane Usage at Veteran’s Memorial Park – Chairman Nye opened and read aloud the following quotes for propane usage at Veteran’s Memorial Park:

Servco FS -	1 – 1,000 gal. LP tank -	\$1,740.00
	2 – 500 gal. LP tank -	\$ 750.00
	3,000 – owner LP gas	\$ 1.25
	3,000 – leased LP gas	\$ 1.35
	3 – regulators for tanks	\$ 50.00

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AmeriGas - 2,500 – LP gas \$ 1.649
 30% penalty if do not purchase 2,500 gallons in 12 month period

Schroeder’s LP Gas, Inc.
 1 – 1,000 gal. LP tank rental \$ 90.00/year
 2 - 500 gal. LP tank rental \$ 50.00/year each
 3 – regulators \$ 135.00
 Labor to set up pump/transfer gas \$ 160.00
 Propane to top of all tanks at summer fill rate \$ 1.00/gal.
 3,000 gal. – 1 year lock-in price \$ 1.30/gal.

Draeger Propane 1 – 1,000 New \$1,995.00
 1 – 1,000 Used (2005) \$1,535.00
 2 – 500’s New \$ 995.00
 2 – 500’s Use (1995-1999) \$ 695.00

 Current gas price – owned \$.95/gal.
 Current gas price – leased \$.99/gal.
 Lock-in winter price (owner) \$ 1.13/gal.
 Lock-in winter price (leased) \$ 1.17/gal.

Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Solin to award to Draeger Propane, if after review, their quote is most advantageous to Langlade County and to give authorization to Jackson to sign contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Discuss Schremp Property for Sale in Town of South Ainsworth – Jackson informed the committee that he had been contacted inquiring if Langlade County would be interested in purchasing the property at a cost of approximately \$2,000/acre. The property is not in the county forest block and funding is not available after the recent Airhole Lake purchase. The committee stated that Jackson should inform the realtor that Langlade County is not interested in the purchase of their property.

8. Open Offers on Land Sale in Town of North Langlade - Jackson reminded the committee that that there is a small, (approximately 5 acres) landlocked section of county land in Section 35 of North Langlade. He had been contacted by an adjacent landowner regarding purchasing that property. Initially the committee requested that Jackson contact the three adjacent landowners offering the property for a minimum of \$5,000. There were no offers for the initial offering. The committee then requested Jackson contact the three adjacent landowners with no minimum required. Chairman Nye opened and read aloud the following bids for the property:

Dale Bass and Don Ricco - \$1,501.00
 Sandra A. Conradt - \$2,500.00

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- Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Bina to sell the five acre parcel in Section 35 of North Langlade to the high bidder, Sandra A. Conradt of Pickerel for \$2,500.00. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Discuss Eagle Scout Project at Lost Lake – Jackson informed the committee that he had been contacted by Aaron Niedermann regarding repairing the 130' boardwalk at Lost Lake as an Eagle Scout project. Jackson explained that the cedar poles are beginning to deteriorate and the cost of materials would be less than \$1,000. Funding is available in the forestry department budget. Motion by Olsen, seconded by Klimoski to approve the Eagle Scout project at Lost Lake. All ayes. Motion carried.
 10. Discuss Salary Increase for Casual Employee – Jackson reminded the committee that at last month's meeting we had been informed that Joseph Meyer would be under the WRS as he had worked more than 600 hours during the rolling calendar year. We had been informed earlier in the year that if a casual employee was 19 years old or younger and a full-time student that this restriction did not apply. We later found out that this qualifier was for high school students only. Because Meyer will be paying his half of retirement as required by Act 10, it is requested that Meyer's hourly wage be increased by \$.50/hr. to cover this cost to him. Funding is available in the park's budget. Motion by Klimoski, seconded Solin to increase Meyer's wage to \$8.25/hr. All ayes. Motion carried.
 11. DNR Liaison Report – Ave'lallemant informed the committee that there will be five DNR position vacancies within the area, which might affect the time standards for Langlade County. Currently, Langlade County receives 2,800 hours annually. There is also a cash option so if the DNR was not able to fulfill the 2,800 hours that Langlade County could receive \$35/hr. to contract for assistance in setting up timber sales. Ave'lallemant also stated that wolf tags will be available. There will be 201 tags available, and the season will be run similar to the sturgeon season so when the 201 wolves have been taken, the season will be over. The permit is \$100 plus \$10 application fee. Also, the deer report is available for review.
 12. Review Payment of Paid Bills - A motion was made by Olsen, seconded by Bina, to approve the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills. All ayes. Motion carried.
 13. Review Budget Summary Report - Jackson reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through June 30, 2012. Motion by Olsen, seconded by Solin to accept the budget summary as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
 14. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2012, at 8:00 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.

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15. Adjournment – Motion by Solin, seconded by Klimoski to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary