

Forestry and Recreation Committee

March 13, 2014

7:30 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Erik Rantala, Tom Lazars, Tammy Kubiaczyk, Chris Berry, Angie Close, Deena Grabowsky, Sarah Repp, Ted Ave'lallemant, Dave Peterson, and Terry Poltrock

Location: Conference Room, Forestry Office, Fairgrounds, Antigo

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Minutes - A motion was made by Klimoski, seconded by Solin, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Countywide Marketing Task Force – Chris Berry explained to the committee that they have created a collaborative team with the following members: Chris Berry, Angie Close, Deena Grabowsky, Sarah Repp, and Tammy Kubiaczyk to market the County and City of Antigo as a team to eliminate duplication of services and advertising. They are working to create a strategy and budget. They are also looking to widen their marketing audience and to survey visitors to Langlade County to find out their recreational interests. Information only.
4. Discuss Discover Wisconsin episode featuring County Forests - Rantala informed the committee that the Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) is working with Discover Wisconsin to put together an episode on Wisconsin County Forests. The cost of the segment is \$36,000, and there are 29 counties with county forests. So far, there is \$14,000-\$16,000 committed towards the segment. The episode would focus on the entire County Forest program, including forest management and recreation. The outline for the episode is still being developed with the possibility of Langlade County being featured in it. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to offer to commit \$2,000 towards the project. All ayes. Motion carried.

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5. Review Proposals for 2014 Pick-up Truck – Rantala reviewed with the committee the proposals received for the purchase of a new 2014, 4x4, ½ ton pickup truck. The proposals for the new vehicle were as follows:

	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>MAKE</u>
Brickner’s of Antigo List Price	\$26,410.00	Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab Tradesman 5.7 – V8
Quinlan’s Equipment List Price	\$30,341.00	GMC Sierra 1500 5.3 - V8
Langlade Ford List Price	\$28,861.00	F150 SuperCab 5.0L – V8
Ewald Chevrolet Buick List Price	\$26,861 (\$27,301 w/ full brush/grill guard)	Chevy Silverado 1500 5.3L - V8
Ewald Chrysler Jeep Dodge List Price	\$25,503.00 (\$25,943.00 w/ full brush/grill guard)	Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab Tradesman 5.7L – V8
Ewald Hartford Ford	\$25,618.00 (\$26,058.00 w/ full brush/grill guard)	F150 SuperCab 5.0L – V8

A motion was made by Bina, seconded by Solin to accept the proposal of \$26,410 for the 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 from Brickner’s of Antigo. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried. Funds will come from the Forest Preservation Fund (\$30,000 was budgeted for the project).

6. Discuss Hurlbert Access Permit - Rantala informed the committee that Cal Hurlbert had spoken to him requesting an access permit to use an all season logging road on county land that goes through Section 9, T32N-R12E (Price) to access his property located in the SWSE of Section 9; T32N-R12E (Price). They have been using the existing road for many years to reach their property and do not intend to make any changes to the road. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Solin to approve the access permit for Cal Hurlbert. All ayes. Motion carried.

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7. Update on Veteran’s Memorial Park Beach Restroom/Shelter Project - Last month, Lazars provided the committee with a preliminary plan for the restroom that needs to be replaced on the beach as the vault is failing. It would be a restroom with a three-season shelter and patio area. It would be enclosed with perhaps large windows or doors, which could be opened if the weather and insects allowed. It would be very rustic, so to not be high maintenance, and would not be insulated so it would be shut down for the winter. An option for this building will be to include a fireplace, which would possibly lengthen the use of this building during the early spring and late fall. On Tuesday, Rantala and Lazars met with Nate Heuss to discuss preliminary plans and review conceptual drawings. Planned construction would be in 2015 with a preliminary cost of \$200,000-\$250,000. Rantala is requesting approval to apply for a stewardship grant, which if approved, would cover 50% of the cost. Motion by Hardin, seconded by Klimoski to approve applying for a stewardship grant for the restroom/shelter project at Veteran’s Memorial Park. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. DNR Liaison Report - Ave’llemant explained that he, Rick Dedeayne and Luke Williams attended Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) training, which teaches the requirements for endangered or threatened species found on timber sales. When setting up a timber sale, the forester must do a data search to find out if any endangered or threatened species have been located in that area. Forestry/timber sale set up is exempt from endangered or threatened plant species. If the data search states that an endangered or threatened reptile, bird or aquatic had been found in the timber sale area, a reasonable attempt must be made to locate it as reptiles, birds and aquatic must be protected.
9. Closed Session – At approximately 8:30 a.m., consider moving into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons required a closed session, land purchase. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to go into closed session at 8:28 a.m. Roll call vote: Klimoski – aye, Nye – aye, Bina – aye, Hardin – aye, and Solin - aye. Motion carried.
10. Open Session – Motion by Solin, seconded by Klimoski to return to open session at 8:44 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Solin, seconded by Hardin to allow Rantala to handle negotiations as discussed in closed session, forward a resolution to county board, and apply for a grant for the proposed land purchase. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Review Payment of Paid Bills – The committee reviewed the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills.
12. Review Budget Summary Report - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through February 28, 2014.

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13. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at **9:30 a.m.**, in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
14. Other Matters – Rantala informed the committee that the Friends of Moose Lake contributed \$500 toward the Moose Lake restroom project. The Mattoon Sportsman’s Club had contributed \$1,000. We are very grateful for their assistance with this project, and we have heard very positive comments about the project.
15. Adjournment – Motion by Bina, seconded by Klimoski to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary