

Forestry and Recreation Committee

March 27, 2013

7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Ronald Nye, David Solin, Rick Bina, Sam Hardin, and Richard Olsen

Members Absent: Michael Klimoski

Others Present: Erik Rantala, Tammy Kubiacyk, Robin Stowe, Terry Poltrock, Dave Peterson, and Nate Heuss

Location: Conference Room, Forestry Office, Fairgrounds, Antigo

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Solin, seconded by Olsen to excuse Klimoski. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Minutes - A motion was made by Solin, seconded by Hardin, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2013 meeting as amended to state that the cost estimate for the restroom at Veteran's Memorial Park is \$120,000-\$140,000. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Update on Veteran's Memorial Park Restroom Project – Nate Heuss provided the committee with two quotes for the restroom project at Veteran's Memorial Park. The project still falls within the estimated project range of \$120,000 - \$140,000. Heuss did provide a list of possible cost reductions that could be considered. Also discussed was having Blackwell provide labor, which could possibly save \$30,000-\$40,000 on the project. Several concerns were discussed about this approach. Also discussed was the possibility of building another pit toilet with an estimated cost range of \$70,000-\$75,000. While we need to have portable toilets until a new building is completed, the cost would be approximately \$1,250/month. If Langlade County was successful in receiving a grant, the cost of the restroom project would increase by approximately 3% for 2014. Rantala stated that this project is being funded with excess timber sale revenue. Rantala inquired of the committee if they would want to bid out the project in May with the proviso that the bids would be good for 90 days; and if Langlade County would learn that this project did not score high enough for a grant that they could then accept the low bid and complete the project this fall. After discussion, motion by Solin, seconded by

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Hardin to bid out the project with bid opening, and continue discussions with Blackwell. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

4. Update on Bow and Gun Range Lead Project – Rantala informed the committee that he received two proposals for the lead reclamation project at the bow and gun range. The proposals were from K & S Jack Enterprises LLC and Lead Us Reclaim LLC. The project would take approximately two weeks, and they would work around trap club activities. 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. Trap club may be allowed to buy back the lead. Rantala will meet with Land Records regarding necessary permits. Chairman Nye spoke with Olsen and any funds received could be retained by the forestry department for future projects. Rantala also informed the committee that the corporation counsel had reviewed the proposals/contracts and is requesting certain language changes to hold Langlade County harmless. Motion by Solin, seconded by Bina to accept the proposal of K & S Jack Enterprises LLC for the lead reclamation at the bow and gun range per contract language approval. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Review and Discuss Special Use Agreements – Rantala stated that Langlade County had Special Use Agreements with nine user groups (ATV clubs, Langlade County Trap Club, X-C ski clubs, horse clubs and sled dog clubs) that assist Langlade County in maintenance of trails/facilities and hold special events. In reviewing files, all of the current use agreements have expired. Friends groups assist with trail maintenance on the cross country ski clubs and horse trails. Grant funding, when available, is used to assist with maintenance costs. Some questions arose because some of the groups do not have liability insurance. Stowe stated that when a group is providing maintenance (and being reimbursed to some degree) or holding a special event that they should have the required \$1 million liability insurance. If someone is recreating, they are covered under recreational use immunity as long as they did not pay a fee and are only recreating. For special events, the event sponsor will sign a waiver, which would hold Langlade County harmless. After much discussion, the committee requested that Rantala and Stowe pursue this in more detail for the April meeting. Information only.
6. Review Payment of Paid Bills – The committee reviewed the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills for March.
7. Review Budget Summary Report - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through March 26, 2013.
8. Set Date for Spring Timber Sale Opening - The Spring timber meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 8:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
9. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 7:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.

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10. Adjournment – Motion by Solin, seconded by Hardin to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary