

Forestry and Recreation Committee

March 27, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Ronald Nye, Michael Klimoski, Sam Hardin, and Joe Novak

Members Absent: Donald Scupien

Others Present: Erik Rantala, Tom Lazars, Cody Brauner, Ted Ave'lallemant, Nathan Heuss, Robin Stowe, Dave Peterson, and Terry Poltrock

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. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Novak to excuse Scupien. 4 ayes, 1 absent.
2. Introduction of Cody Brauner, Recreation Coordinator/Forest Technician – Brauner introduced himself to the committee and told them a little about himself and his past work history and that he is happy to be working for Langlade County.
3. Minutes - A motion was made by Klimoski, seconded by Novak, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2015 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Review/Approve Bids for Veteran's Memorial Park Beach Restroom Project – The following bids had been opened on Thursday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m.:

Decker Lumber -	\$271,200.00 (Base Bid) Alternate #1 – Fireplace & Chimney - \$21,900.00 Alternate #2 – Coiling Doors - \$12,500.00 Alternate #3 – Restrooms Only - \$210,200.00
S.D. Ellenbecker -	\$245,791.00 (Base Bid) Alternate #1 – Fireplace & Chimney - \$18,971.00 Alternate #2 – Coiling Doors - \$4,666.00 Alternate #3 – Restrooms Only - \$181,470.00
JAS Construction, LLC -	\$290,000.00 (Base Bid – CMU frost wall) Alternate #1 – Fireplace & Chimney - \$26,500.00 Alternate #2 – Coiling Doors - \$2,900.00 Alternate #3 – Restrooms Only - \$246,000.00
Tradewell Construction -	\$235,000.00 (Base Bid) Alternate #1 – Fireplace & Chimney - \$14,100.00

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Alternate #2 – Coiling Doors - \$3,600.00
Alternate #3 – Restrooms Only - \$198,000.00

Total costs approved for the project are \$250,000 with a base bid of \$235,000, engineering costs of \$6,010 and advertising costs of \$205 for a total of \$243,785 with remainder of \$8,785 for a contingency fund. Motion by Klimoski, second by Hardin to accept the low base bid of \$235,000 by Tradewell Construction and when the project is near completion, Alternate #2 – Coiling Doors if sufficient funds are available. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion carried.

5. Discuss/Review Veteran’s Memorial Park Policies – Lazars provided the committee with updated policies for Veteran’s Memorial Park for their information. The quiet time has been changed from 11 p.m. – 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. – 8 a.m., stipulations for firewood were updated, and language for the number of vehicles allowed in a campsite was updated. A policy for the cabins was also written due to their heavy use. Lazars is attempting to make all campers aware of the regulations at check-in to lessen the number of warnings and citations written.
6. Discuss Commercial Horseback Riding Tours on County Forest – Rantala informed the committee that he was contacted by Mike Piotrowski regarding conducting commercial horseback riding tours on the county forest. Robin Stowe, corporation counsel, discussed possible liability issues with the committee in regard to commercial ventures on the county forest and also inherent risks on reviewing these issues on a case-by-case basis. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Novak to table this issue to allow Rantala to investigate further. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion carried.
7. Review Expired Timber Sale Contract – Rantala informed the committee that the contract for this timber sale was for only four months to utilize bark-beetle infested tamarack, but this job could only be cut in the winter months and this winter it was too wet. Rantala’s recommendation is to extend this contract one year with no increase in stumpage. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to accept Rantala’s recommendation for this timber sale contract and extend it for one year with no stumpage increase. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion carried.
8. Approve Credit Card for Recreation Coordinator/Forest Technician - Rantala is requesting a credit card with a limit of \$1,000 for Cody Brauner, the recreation coordinator/forest tech as he will need a credit card to this summer, to purchase supplies for the waysides. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Novak to approve a credit card

with a limit of \$1,000 for the recreation coordinator/forest tech and to forward the request to the finance committee. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion carried.
9. DNR Liaison Report – Ave’lallemand informed the committee that he will be retiring on April 27. Ave’lallemand stated that the decision of the Deer Advisory Council to increase the herd in Langlade County will affect the county forest. Ave’lallemand stated

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that increased deer numbers will impact forest regeneration in the future. The DNR only has an advisory role when it comes to deer herd population.

10. Administrator Report – Rantala stated that because the CDAC voted to increase the herd in Langlade County, the Council will recommend that 0 antlerless tags be issued in 2015. Rantala applied for a maintenance grant for the trail from the City of Antigo for the Antigo ATV/UTV club. Rantala made a presentation to the Towns Association on recreation/forestry in Langlade County. Rantala attended the WCFA Spring meeting. The federal government will make a determination on the Northern long-eared bat next week that could impact timber harvest from April-October. The forestry staff attended a DNR training session on northern hardwoods that was hosted at Kettlebowl.

Rantala met with Senator Tom Tiffany on the importance of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program and forest administrator grant.

Rantala requested assistance from a DNR Forest Health Specialist regarding an ash tree that forestry staff found while marking last week. It was determined that the symptoms displayed by the ash tree were not from Emerald Ash Borer. Approximately 1,500 acres have been set up for the spring timber sale with 400 more acres to mark. A DNR audit was conducted in December for the period of 2011-2013. The DNR just had a few small changes that they recommended regarding timber sale files and contract language. Overall, it was a very good audit.

11. Review Payment of Paid Bills - The committee reviewed the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills for February and March.
12. Review Budget Summary Report - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through March 26, 2015.
13. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo. The spring timber sale meeting was set for Friday, May 15 at 8:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
14. Adjournment – Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Novak to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary