

## Forestry and Recreation Committee

March 29, 2012

8:00 a.m.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Steve Jackson, Robin Stowe, Tom Lazars, Terry Poltrock, Tim Rusch, William Belongia, Dave Peterson, Joe Hermolin, Renate Bromberg, Andy Kostelny, James Lowe, and John Rhode

**Location:** Conference Room, Forestry Office, Fairgrounds, Antigo

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.
2. Minutes – A motion was made by Olsen, seconded by Schultz, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2012, meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Discuss Request for Land Exchange – Motion by Bornemann, seconded by Schultz to bring this issue back to the committee for discussion. All ayes. Motion carried. Stowe stated that this issue started out as an access/encroachment issue on to county land and several violations of county ordinances. Mr. Belongia was granted an access permit at a previous meeting. Mr. Belongia preferred to have a land exchange with Langlade County instead of an access permit. At the February, 2012 meeting, an exchange of 6.7 acres by Mr. Belongia for the 1.3 acres of county land; and Langlade County would also need to receive a light vehicle perpetual easement for use of the private road was approved. Since the action in February, it had come to light that Joe Hermolin and Renate Bromberg also had an interest in the 1.3 acres of county land. Mr. Hermolin stated that Mr. Jackson had spoke with his wife, Renate Bromberg approximately one year ago stating that there was very little likelihood that Langlade County would sell or exchange the 1.3 acres of county land; but would contact Ms. Bromberg, if this ever should be discussed. Hermolin stated that they are concerned about additional construction on the 1.3 acres and that if Mr. Belongia owned that property it would make

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the sale of their property more difficult. Hermolin suggested a proposed exchange of property by both parties and dividing the 1.3 acres. The area would no longer be a buildable lot for a residential property, but out buildings could be built on the property. Hermolin/Bromberg would be willing to grant Mr. Belongia an easement to use the existing road to access his property. Mr. Lowe stated that the concern for Mr. Belongia is the issue of access and a merchantable title. Mr. Lowe stated that Mr. Belongia's property would continue to be landlocked if the land exchange was not followed through. Stowe stated that a judge would probably not require the county to provide an easement unless the land was totally landlocked. After discussion, motion by Bornemann, seconded by Olsen to rescind the previous action, have the county retain title to the 1.3 acres, and grant Mr. Belongia an access permit to access his property. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Discuss Permit Requirement for Water Source to Sleeping Cabins - Lazars informed the committee last month that in pursuing the permits for the sleeping cabins at Veteran's Memorial Park that he was informed that there must be potable water within 700' of each cabin. This is a requirement by the DNR. Lazars will tap into the existing well and add a French drain and use a hose bib to provide water for the cabins. The cost will be \$2,500 and Lazars proposes using the funding from the Otter Lake hand pump for this project. Motion by Bornemann, seconded by Olsen to approve providing a water source to the sleeping cabins at a cost of \$2,500 and to use the funding from the Otter Lake hand pump. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Discuss Request to Purchase County Land in North Langlade – Jackson informed the committee 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. The committee recommends sending a letter to all three landowners stating that Langlade County will be accepting bids for this parcel. The minimum bid would be \$5,000, and the bids will be opened at the spring timber sale meeting. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Solin to offer the property located in Section 35 in North Langlade to the adjacent landowners for a minimum bid of \$5,000 with bids to be received by May 16. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Review Payment of Paid Bills - A motion was made by Bornemann, seconded by Olsen, to approve the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Review Budget Summary Report - Jackson reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through February 29, 2012.
8. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be the spring timber sale opening and is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., in the Clover Room, Multi-purpose Building, Fairgrounds, Antigo.

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9. Other Matters – Jackson informed the committee that he has not received either a letter or information from Secretary Stepp regarding the Wolf River State Trail, which was sent to her on January 27, 2012.

George Bornemann was thanked for his service on the Forestry and Recreation Committee.

10. Adjournment - A motion was made by Solin, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn at 9:33 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock  
Recording Secretary