

Forestry and Recreation Committee

May 11, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Ronald Nye, Donald Scupien, Joe Novak, Duff Leaver and David Solin

Members Absent: Sam Hardin

Others Present: Erik Rantala, Nathan Gilbert, Rick Dedeayne, Luke Williams, Cody Brauner, Jessica Krusensterna, Mike Lietz, Wes Phillips, Joe Solin, Dale Carlson, Neil Schallock, David Raith, Tim Jacobs, Quentin Strong, Mark Strong, Jake Christianson, Craig Schallock, Joe Jopek, 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.
2. Introductions – Nye welcomed all the interested loggers to the bid opening. Rantala explained the process of the timber sale bid opening.
3. Opening of Timber Sale Bids – The bids for the 2017 Spring Timber Sale were all received by the Forestry and Recreation Department at the Forestry Office. All bids were received by 8:30 a.m. as advertised. The bids were all opened by the committee and the Forestry and Recreation Department staff, and the total was read aloud by Erik Rantala.

It was moved by Leaver, seconded by Novak, to convene into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, at 9:45 a.m. to review the following bids. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Scupien, seconded by Solin, to convene into open session at 9:52 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Novak, seconded by Leaver to award the bids to the apparent high bidders on all of the spring timber sale jobs contingent on all bid values being correct, the advertised minimum bid for each specie being met, and all specifications and reference checks are met. All ayes. Motion carried.

There were 21 of 21 sales sold. A total of 96 bids were received from 17 bidders. The grand total of the winning bids was \$783,501.50.

4. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Novak, seconded by Scupien to excuse Hardin. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Consideration of Requests for Items to be Added to Future Meeting Agendas – Mike Lietz, NR Region Team Supervisor, updated the committee on the Strategic Alignment of the DNR.
6. Minutes – A motion was made by Leaver, seconded by Novak, to approve the minutes of the April 13 and May 3, 2017 meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Review Requests for Proposal for 2017 Pick-up Truck - Rantala reviewed with the committee the proposals received for the purchase of a new 2017 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	\$29,036.00	Dodge Ram 1500 \$3,000 allotted for front/rear winch mount
Ewald Chevrolet Buick List Price	\$30,695.00	2018 Chevy Silverado Only 26 gal. fuel tank
Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc, LLC List Price	\$29,191.00	Dodge Ram 1500 All specs met
Ewald Hartford Ford List Price	\$29,751.00	Ford F150 All specs met

A motion was made by Leaver to accept the proposal of \$29,751 for the 2017 Ford F150 from Ewald Hartford Ford, no second. Motion withdrawn. A motion was made by

Scupien, seconded by Novak to accept the proposal of \$29,036.00 from Brickner's of Antigo for a Dodge Ram 1500. All ayes. Motion carried. Funds will come from the Forest Preservation Fund (\$28,500 was budgeted for the project, but \$35,000 was budgeted in 2018 and Gary Olsen, finance director, stated that the amounts could be exchanged).

8. Review 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Projects and rank 2018 Projects - Rantala reviewed with the committee the two projects planned for 2018, which are pick-up truck replacement and office expansion at Veteran's Memorial Park. The committee ranked the two projects. Motion by Solin, seconded by Nye to forward the results to the finance director and the finance committee. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Consider Casual Employee Hours for 2018 – Rantala explained that currently 2,950 hours are available for casual employees for Veteran's Memorial Park and the waysides. Rantala is requesting 3,550 hours for Veteran's Memorial Park and waysides and 1,500-2,000 hours for invasives casual employees. Motion by Scupien, seconded by Novak to request casual employee hours for 2018 of 3,550 hours for summer help and 1,500-2,000 hours for invasives casual employees and to forward this information to HR and to have this information reported to the Personnel Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Administrator Report – Rantala reported on the following land acquisition projects: Grogan – Went to Joint Finance Committee for review. Some questions were raised and they wanted more information. I encourage the entire committee to call our representatives that sit on JFC to voice your support for this project. DNR lands – Still waiting on DNR to get Federal approval to sell two of the parcels (Evergreen 80 and Hwy. U). Camp Lyle – Waiting on certified grant award amount.

Starting some logging activity on the County Forest, still really slow compared to previous year. Invasives casual employee started last week and has been working on treating garlic mustard. ATV trails are open and in pretty good shape. Will be working on getting projects lined up for summer including grant projects. Some of these will need to be bid out.

Attended the Recreational Opportunity Analysis on April 25 in Antigo. Good turnout, many positive comments regarding recreational opportunities in Langlade County. Mountain bikers have been working on trail. Tom Lazars and I met with them last week to look at segments of trail and to discuss work that was to be done. Was approached by the Hyland Lakes Lions Club regarding going a project on county land, possibly at Veteran's Memorial Park or Otter Lake. They were looking to do something on the north end of the county, and would like to construct a permanent grill on the patio area at the 3-season shelter. This is a project that Tom and I came up with last summer, and they would like to take that on.

11. Review Budget Summary - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through April 30, 2017.

12. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
13. Adjournment – Motion by Leaver, seconded by Scupien to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary