

Forestry and Recreation Committee

May 13, 2013

7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Ronald Nye, Michael Klimoski, David Solin, Rick Bina, and Richard Olsen

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Erik Rantala, Ted Ave'lallemant, Tom Lazars, Tammy Kubiaczyk, Terry Poltrock, and Dave Peterson

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 Olsen, seconded by Bina, to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2013 and April 8, 2013 meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review Special Use Agreements – At the March 27 meeting, 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 on the cross country ski trails up to 50%. Some questions had arisen because some of the groups do not have liability insurance. Language has been added to the special use agreements in regard to indemnification and a hold harmless clause. Rantala stated that he would like to add language regarding automatic renewal of the agreements. Either side may opt out by providing 10 days notice in writing. Rantala also stated that Kubiaczyk has included language regarding organized events built into the maintenance agreements with the clubs. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Solin to approve the special use agreements with the nine user groups. All ayes. Motion carried.

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4. Approve Casual Employee for 2014 - Rantala requested of the committee for 2014, one seasonal casual employee position encompassing 2,950 hours, which is the number approved for 2013. Four casual employees work at Veteran’s Memorial Park, one at the waysides, and one at Summit Lake Park. Rantala informed the committee that we were requesting the same number of casual employees. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Solin to approve hiring one seasonal casual employee position for 2,950 hours for the 2014 summer season. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Review Requests for Proposals for Lawn Mower – Rantala stated that a lawn mower was budgeted to be purchased in 2013. This mower would be used for mowing at the gun range and all of the waysides. Chairman Nye opened the two proposals that were received:

Quinlan’s Equipment – Hustler 3700	
Price -	\$23,149.00
Trade-in for 2008 Massey Ferguson -	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>
Net price -	\$17,649.00
Riesterer & Schnell, Inc. – John Deere 1435	
Price -	\$16,787.15
Trade-in for 2008 Massey Ferguson	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
Net price -	\$10,787.15

There is \$14,000 budgeted for a lawn mower for 2013. Motion by Bina, seconded by Solin to accept the low quote from Riesterer & Schnell, Inc., of \$10,787.15 for a lawn mower for use at the waysides. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Discuss New Tracks for Pisten Bully – Lazars explained that the Pisten Bully is used to groom the cross country ski trails at Jack Lake and Kettlebowl. This past winter there have been problems with the tracks, which are ripping and tearing. There are 10 tracks on the Pisten Bully. Normally the new tracks would cost \$4,100; but the manufacturer is having a spring sale and the tracks can be purchased for \$3,200, if ordered by June 1. Funds would be available in the recreation fund for this purchase. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Solin to approve the purchase of new tracks for the Pisten Bully contingent on Lazars investigating if tracks of equal quality would be available for less. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Update on Construction of Second Sleeping Cabin at VMP and Discuss Fee Schedule – Lazars informed the committee that the second sleeping cabin is being built on site, but the construction class has run into conditions beyond their control due to the weather and school conflicts (sports double headers) due to the weather. Their instructor does plan on completing the cabin perhaps by working on it this summer. Lazars has been in contact with the White Lake School District regarding being involved in the building of the third cabin.

Rantala stated that last summer the committee had set a rental rate of \$50/day for the cabin for Monday-Thursday and \$75/day for the weekend with a two-day minimum. Lazars stated that when he and Jackson discussed the rental of the cabin last fall based on

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usage and comments from the public that they decided to lower the rate of the cabin to \$50/day, 7 days a week with a two-day minimum for the weekend as before for 2013. When Rantala was reviewing the new brochure for the Veteran’s Memorial Park, he notice the new rental rate for the cabin and inquired of Lazars regarding the change. Lazars informed the committee that the cabin has already been rented for seven weekends (27 nights) this summer. The committee stated that since the rental rate was set by the committee that committee action is needed to change the rental rate of the cabin. Lazars apologized for the misunderstanding. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Olsen to leave the rental rate of the cabin at \$50/day and review the usage and fee schedule in the fall. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Discuss Memorial for Steve Jackson – Rantala informed the committee that in conversations with forestry staff and Heidi Jackson that he would like to request that the Airhole Lake purchase in which Steve was very instrumental be named the “Steve Jackson Forest Unit” with some appropriate signage. Rantala will investigate and report back to the committee regarding cost.

Lazars stated that he is also working on a memorial for Steve at Veteran’s Memorial Park. An additional loop was added to the cross country ski trail and named in Steve’s memory. Lazars is also looking to plant a white pine, which was Steve’s favorite tree and to have a plaque with a brief history of Steve’s accomplishments on the county forest.

Ave’llemant also stated that he has been in discussions with DNR staff regarding a suitable memorial for Steve. He is looking to set up a timber sale for the fall on the Camp 23 grade and the block of aspen would be cut in the shape of the letters “SJ”, which would be visible from the air for approximately 15 years.

9. Discuss Permission to Stay Overnight at Keshena for WCFA Summer Tour – Rantala informed the committee that he and Nathan Gilbert will be attending the Wisconsin County Forests Association summer tour in Keshena in June. Rantala and Gilbert would like to stay overnight due to the lateness of the meetings and the early start each morning. Motion by Solin, seconded by Olsen to approve all necessary expenses and to allow the overnight stay at the Wisconsin County Forests Association summer tour in Keshena in June. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Committee Member Interest in Participating in Silvicultural Handbook Review Committee – Solin informed the committee that he is interested in participating in the Silvicultural Handbook Review Committee and that he had turned in an application stating interest in the committee as a landowner and logger. Information only.
11. Review Payment of Paid Bills – The committee reviewed the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills for April.
12. Review Budget Summary Report - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through April 30, 2013.

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13. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be the spring timber sale opening scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 8:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
14. Adjournment – Motion by Solin, seconded by Klimoski to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary