

Forestry and Recreation Committee

May 29, 2013

8:30 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Erik Rantala, Nathan Gilbert, Rick Dedeayne, Luke Williams, Ted Ave'lallemant, Terry Poltrock, Mike Leitz, Tom Lazars, Nate Heuss, Dave Peterson, and Interested Loggers

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 received.
2. Introductions – Nye welcomed all the interested loggers to the bid opening and introduced the forestry department staff and forestry and recreation committee. Rantala explained the process of the timber sale bid opening.
3. Opening of Timber Sale Bids – The bids for the 2013 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 Klimoski, seconded by Bina, to convene into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, at 10:04 a.m. to review the following bids. Roll call vote: Olsen – aye, Klimoski – aye, Bina – aye, Solin – aye, and Nye – aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Solin, seconded by Klimoski, to convene into open session at 10:25 a.m.. Roll call vote: Klimoski – aye, Olsen – aye, Bina – aye, Solin – aye, and Nye – aye. Motion carried.

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

There were 27 of 27 sales sold. A total of 162 bids were received from 25 bidders. The grand total of the winning bids was \$1,001,235.82.

4. Minutes – A motion was made by Klimoski, seconded by Solin, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2013 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Review Bids for Veteran’s Memorial Park Restroom Project – The following bids had been opened on Tuesday, May 28 at 12:15 p.m.:

Decker Lumber - \$137,500
Alternate #1 – Canopy - \$11,900
Alternate #2 – Steel Shingle Roof - -\$2,000

McNeil West Construction - \$144,400
Alternate #1 – Canopy - \$15,300
Alternate #2 – Steel Shingle Roof - \$750

Tradewell Construction - \$131,000
Alternate #1 – Canopy - \$11,600
Alternate #2 – Steel Shingle Roof - \$500

The apparent low bid was Tradewell Construction. Cost reduction options include a deduct for 40 year Certain Teed Landmark Shingles in lieu of metal (\$2,000) and change block to 8” grey splitface block with dryblock additive (\$5,500). If accepted, these options would reduce the base bid to \$123,500. The add on for the canopy alternate could be reduced to \$6,600 by changing the canopy design to siding and standard trusses. If the reduced canopy add were accepted, overall bid would increase to \$130,100. Heuss stated that there should be a contingency for any construction project. Lazars clarified that the bid includes the cost to update the electric service to the park, which was installed in the 1970’s. The old 4” well from the 1960’s would also need to be upgraded to a new 6” well (this cost not included in contractor bid). Duane Haakenson of Land Records has expressed concern with overloading the drain field. The building materials will be commercial grade for abuse resistance and are similar to the existing shower building. After discussion, motion by Bina, seconded by Klimoski to reject all bids. 3 ayes, 2 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on how to proceed as long term use of port-a-potties is not a solution. Rantala also stated that we are still waiting to hear if Langlade County will be awarded a grant for the project.

Richard Olsen was excused at 11 a.m.

6. Review 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Projects and Rank 2014 and 2015 Projects - Rantala reviewed with the committee the four projects planned for 2014, which are pick-up truck replacement, construct sleeping cabins at Veteran's Memorial Park, purchase lawn mower, and Bow and Gun Range/Wayside improvements. The committee ranked the four projects. Also, reviewed were three projects for 2015, which are pick-up truck replacement, construct sleeping cabins at Veteran's Memorial Park, and update aerial photographs. The committee ranked the three projects. Motion by Solin, seconded by Bina to forward the results to the finance director and the finance committee. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion carried.
7. Update on Memorial for Steve Jackson - Rantala updated the committee on the memorial planned for Steve Jackson at the Airhole Lake property. Rantala has been looking for a large rock for the plaque, which could be mounted with a blind stud mount. Rantala stated that we could use laser engraved black granite, but he is concerned about durability. The price for 12" x 24" would be \$350. Rantala also investigated pricing for a bronze or aluminum plaque.

Bronze – 20" x 16" - \$1,050
- 22" x 18" - \$1,400

Aluminum – 20" x 16" - \$585
- 22" x 18" - \$788

The above pricing was from Wausau Engraving. Rantala will continue to investigate. Information only.

8. Personnel Matter – Rantala informed the committee that the office manager's job description had been updated.
9. DNR Liaison Report – Ave'lallemant stated that he spoke with Dave Siebel, fisheries biologist, regarding why fish survive in some lakes over the winter and do not in others. Siebel had stated that it is due to oxygen levels in the lake, which can be affected by the thickness of the ice, decomposing, green plants, runoff, and duration of the ice. Also, different fish types do better with low oxygen levels.

Mike Lietz, NR Region Team Supervisor, discussed with the committee DNR staffing levels. Overall, the DNR in Antigo has three vacancies. Two of these will be filled at some point with the other being eliminated. There is a projected 800-900 hour shortfall for meeting the time standards for 2013/2014.

10. Review Budget Summary Report - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through May 29, 2013.
11. Review Paid Bills - The committee reviewed the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills for May.
12. Set Next Meeting Date – The next meeting date will be Thursday, July 18 at 8 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
13. Other Matters – Dave Solin informed the committee that he was selected as a landowner member to the Silvicultural Handbook Advisory Committee.
14. Adjournment – Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Solin to adjourn at 11:42 a.m. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary