

## Forestry and Recreation Committee

May 3, 2017

9:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Ronald Nye, Donald Scupien, Sam Hardin, Joe Novak, and Duff Leaver

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Erik Rantala, Robin Stowe, Josh Waukau, DNR Liaison; Duane Haakenson, Attorney Tara Guelzow, and Terry Poltrock

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

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Closed Session – At approximately 9:05 a.m., consider moving into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons required a closed session, to discuss possible sale of County land. Motion by Hardin, seconded by Scupien to go into closed session at 9:02 a.m. Roll call vote: Hardin – aye, Leaver – aye, Novak – aye, Scupien – aye, and Nye - aye. Motion carried.
3. Open Session – Motion by Leaver, seconded by Scupien to return to open session at 10:15 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

The committee stated that the purpose of this meeting was to resolve a longstanding access issue and the resolution of this issue would be non-precedent setting.

Motion by Hardin, seconded by Novak to accept the offer from Mr. Joe Hermolin (presented by his attorney Tara Guelzow) to purchase 1.29 acres of county forest land for \$25,000 to be allocated to the Forestry Department Land Acquisition Account and

forward this offer to the County Board for its consideration, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Mr. Hermolin (or his agents) will be responsible for all costs associated with completing this transaction, including but not limited to: certified survey, deed, recording fees;
- 2) the certified survey of the 1.29 acres showing the creation of non-buildable outlots and their relationship to the adjoining properties (owned by Belongia and Hermolin) to be reviewed and approved by the Land Records and Regulation Department;
- 3) the eastern property line of 1.29 acre parcel shall be clearly marked and maintained by the owners of the two outlots;
- 4) the County Forestry Department shall be granted the right of ingress and egress to the adjoining County forest lands along the private road known as "Pence Lake Road";
- 5) approval from the Department of Natural Resources to withdraw the 1.29 acres from enrollment in the county forest certification program, and any additional conditions that may be imposed by the DNR as a condition of this withdrawal.

All ayes. Motion carried. A resolution will be presented to the County Board on May 16<sup>th</sup> and a two-thirds vote will be required for approval of the offer subject to the aforementioned conditions. The purpose of this transaction is to resolve a long-standing issue regarding access to private land via a portion of a road that crosses this 1.29 acre parcel of county forest land. The Committee has agreed to this transaction on a non-precedential basis.

4. Next Meeting Date – The next meeting is the spring timber sale meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
5. Adjournment – Motion by Scupien, seconded by Novak to adjourn at 10:225 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock  
Recording Secretary