

## Forestry and Recreation Committee

May 7, 2014

8:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Ronald Nye, Michael Klimoski, Sam Hardin, Don Scupien, and Joseph Novak

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Erik Rantala, Tammy Kubiacyk, Dave Peterson, and Terry Poltrock

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

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Committee Re-organization - Vice-chairman – Hardin nominated Klimoski. Motion by Hardin, seconded by Scupien to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Klimoski as vice-chairman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Secretary – Klimoski nominated Poltrock. Motion by Scupien, seconded by Novak to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Poltrock as secretary. All ayes. Motion carried.

Snowmobile Delegate – Klimoski nominated Novak. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Scupien to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Novak as snowmobile delegate. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Minutes - A motion was made by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Review Requests for Proposals for Lawn Mower - Rantala stated that a lawn mower was budgeted to be purchased in 2014. This mower would be used for mowing at the gun range and all of the waysides. Rantala had summarized the five proposals:

Quinlan's Equipment – Mahindra E MAX 25

Price -

\$12,050.00

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Riesterer & Schnell, Inc. – John Deere 1025R	
Price -	\$15,084.00
Rew Motors – Kubota BX2370	
Price -	\$11,664.00
Swiderski Equipment – Kioti CS2410	
Price -	\$12,500.00
Fullers Sales and Service – SCAG Turf Tiger STT61	
Price -	\$14,889.00

There is \$17,500 budgeted for a lawn mower for 2014. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to accept the low quote from Rew Motors of \$11,664.00 for a lawn mower for use at the waysides. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve Access Permit for Rob Aderholdt – Rantala informed the committee that Rob Aderholdt had spoken to him requesting an access permit to construct an all season logging road on county land that goes through Section 13, T33N-R12E (S. Ainsworth) to access his property located in the SENW of Section 13; T32N-R12E (S. Ainsworth). They recently got new neighbors and can no longer reach their property. Langlade County’s access permit policy does allow the construction of new roads on a case-by-case basis. All costs of the new road, such as, construction and permits would be at Mr. Aderholdt’s expense. The county surveyor would be requested to assist with the corners. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Novak to approve the access permit for Rob Aderholdt. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Approve Casual Employee for 2015 - Rantala requested of the committee for 2015, one seasonal casual employee position encompassing 2,950 hours, which is the number approved for 2014. 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 Hardin to approve hiring one seasonal casual employee position for 2,950 hours for the 2015 summer season. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Review 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Projects and rank 2015 and 2016 Projects - Rantala reviewed with the committee the six projects planned for 2015, which are pick-up truck replacement, construct restroom with 3-season shelter at Veteran’s Memorial Park, update aerial photographs, dump truck replacement, Bow and Gun Range/Wayside Improvements, and Wolf River State Trail Section B. The committee ranked the six projects. Also, reviewed were four projects for 2016, which are pick-up truck replacement, construct pit toilet/changing room at Veteran’s Memorial Park, purchase snowmobile, and purchase a 4 x 4 utility vehicle. The committee ranked the three projects. Motion by Hardin, seconded by Scupien to forward the results to the finance director and the finance committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

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8. DNR Liaison Report – Ave'lallemant responded to questions from last month's meeting. Who enforces county cutting notices for private landowners? SS26.03 outlines the requirement and assigns the responsibility to the county clerk to notify the town chairperson. It is then the county treasurer's responsibility to take action. SS26.97 assigns the law enforcement to a DNR ranger or warden and, most notably, the town chairperson. The enforcement of this statute has frequently been handled by a DNR forest ranger exclusively. DNR warden will not do this. In the absence of a DNR forest ranger, it is the responsibility of the town chairperson to pursue enforcement. With changes to the enforcement powers of DNR forest rangers and a high vacancy rate, it will most often be the town chairperson's responsibility in the future, as per statute.

Where do the "closed designation" monies from the MFL program go? The general Conservation Fund which funds all DNR activities. To my knowledge, no monies are ear-marked for access type programs.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been taken off the invasive species list. Is that because it is a "no-win" situation? Ave'lallemant has not gotten a response from the pathologist yet.

9. Review Payment of Paid Bills – The committee reviewed the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills.
10. Review Budget Summary Report - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through April 30, 2014.
11. Set Next Meeting Date – Spring Timber Sale Opening - The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at **8:30 a.m.**, in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
12. Other Matters – Rantala updated the committee that the department has 300 acres left to mark for the spring timber sale. There will be approximately 1,500 acres for the spring sale. A crew has been hired to plant 18,000 red pine seedlings on 19-20 acres. The planting is scheduled to take place this weekend. Also, the S/S/F ATV trails have not yet opened, but hope to have the trails open next weekend.
13. Adjournment – Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Scupien to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock  
Recording Secretary