

Forestry and Recreation Committee

November 17, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Ronald Nye, Donald, Scupien, and Joe Novak

Members Absent: Sam Hardin and Duff Leaver

Others Present: Erik Rantala, Fred Heider, Fred Heider, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Tom Lazars, Josh Waukau, DNR liaison; and Terry Poltrock

Location: Conference Room, Forestry Office, Fairgrounds, Antigo

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Novak, seconded by Scupien to excuse Sam Hardin. 3 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried.
2. Minutes - A motion was made by Scupien, seconded by Nye, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting. 3 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Consideration of Requests for Items to be Added to Future Meeting Agendas – None
4. Langlade County Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2017-2021 – Fred Heider, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, explained to the committee that all the comments from the October 12, 2016 Public Hearing have been added to the plan. Also there is a list of suggested changes to the draft Outdoor Recreation Plan, which are:

Page 49 – Under “Improve Cross-Country Ski Experience,” add: “5. Continue to support volunteer’s maintenance of the other two cross-country ski trails.”

Page 49 – Add the following Countywide Recommendation:

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“Develop Formal Volunteerism Mechanism”

Langlade County residents have maintained various parks and trails throughout the county for decades. Many of the groups of people who initiated various trails and parks would like to pass on their maintenance responsibilities to others who love the facilities as much as they do.

This recommendation is to create various “friends of...” groups for each facility that has had a dedicated group of volunteers.

The second part to this recommendation is to encourage existing groups to establish annual membership drives, and to establish leadership terms so that new people may participate in directing the organization, regardless of if the group is formally organized or not.

The third part of this recommendation is to create an “Adopt-A-Park or Trail” program. Marathon County Parks has this program. Creating this program encourages residents to visit their chosen site on a regular basis, and to report through the online form any problems or to suggest improvements. This may be a way to directly advertise to volunteers any special events at the particular park or trail. One day these occasional monitors may convert to park/trail volunteers.”

Page 55 – Add a capital improvement about refurbishing the County Forest historical marker in Veteran’s Memorial Park. (This was completed this summer.)

Page 55 – Add a capital improvement about purchasing and refurbishing the former Camp Lyle Boy Scout camp.

Also, minor changes from Joe Jopek that should be made:

Page 7 – Change reference made to Wolf River entering county at Lower Post (change to Upper Post).

Page 7 – Change reference of Jack Lake being the deepest (38 feet deep), because Goto Lake is the deepest at 82 feet.

Page 43 – Change Lincoln County to Langlade County.

Page 50 – Modify the Countywide Recommendation titled: “Ice Age Trail Development” to read: The Ice Age Trail in Langlade ~~is almost done~~ has a final trail area identified to finish the trail. The local chapter and the Ice Age Trail Alliance remain willing and committed to working with the county and private landowners to complete the trail.

Also, the City of Antigo plan ideas will be added to Langlade County’s Outdoor Recreation Plan.

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Motion by Scupien, seconded by Novak to approve changes and additions to the Langlade County Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2017-2021 and forward a resolution to county board for approval. 3 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried.

5. Discuss Expired Timber Sale Contracts - Rantala reviewed with the committee a list of expired contracts, along with the staff recommendations for each.

The Forestry Department staff has reviewed all contracts. The committee reviewed each expired contract and took the following actions:

Expired Timber Sales – 2016

<u>Job No.</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Expired</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Committee Action</u>
1270-13	Central WI Lumber	12/15	Sale is 80% done, Rest has Garlic Mustard. Will be cut this winter with 1304-13.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1304-13	Central WI Lumber	12/15	Garlic mustard found in sale – will cut this winter.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1307-13	Central WI Lumber	12/16	Hwy. A/Snowmobile Trail. 80% complete- rest is frozen ground.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1361-14	Central WI Lumber	12/16	Augustyn Springs - Gravel pit – Not started.	Assess 5% stumpage increase for 2017. Extend until 12/17.
1362-14	Central WI Lumber	12/16	Fitzgerald Dam Rd. - Not started.	Assess 5% stumpage increase for 2017. Extend until 12/17.
1372-14	Central WI Lumber	4/1/16	Red Maple Island - Not started – winter.	No increase – extend until April 1, 2017.
1388-15	Central WI Lumber	12/16	Loon Lake Road - Not started.	Assess 5% stumpage increase for 2017. Extend until 12/17.
1255-12	Tim Jacobs	12/14	Hunting River Road- Winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1354-14	Tim Jacobs	4/16	Ackley – County Line – winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.

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1366-14	Tim Jacobs	12/16	Fralely Road – Not Started – summer job.	Assess 5% stumpage increase for 2017. Extend until 12/17.
1432-15	Tim Jacobs	4/16	Lost Lake – Tamarack Started sale – too wet - Winter only.	No increase – extend until April 1, 2017.
1241-12	Marshall Logging	12/15	Ackley County Line – Winter only - Attempted in winter, 2016.	No increase - extend until 4/1/17.
1280-13	Marshall Logging	12/15	Ackley – Roehrig Road – winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1286-13	Marshall Logging	12/15	Ackley – South Heinemann Grade - Winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1287-13	Marshall Logging	12/15	Hwy. H curve - Winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1292-13	Marshall Logging	12/15	West Ackley - Winter only	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1347-14	Marshall Logging	4/16	5 Corners – winter only.	No increase – extend until April 1, 2017.
1352-14	Marshall Logging	4/16	Stone Road – winter only.	No increase – extend until April 1, 2017.
1365-14	Marshall Logging	12/16	Pickerel Creek Pine	Assess 5% stumpage increase for 2017 if not completed by end of year.
1371-14	Marshall Logging	12/16	Shelter Loop – Aspen - Winter only – opened road.	No increase – extend until April 1, 2017.
1224-12	Brad Mihalko	12/13	Hwy. H curve – Winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1358-14	Brad Mihalko	4/16	Sand Lake	No increase – extend until April 1, 2017.

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1282-13	Dave Raith	12/15	Ackley – North 64 – 90% finished - Winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1382-15	Dave Raith	12/16	Hwy. H - Parrish Winter only - not started.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1377-14	Solin Bros.	4/15	Lost Lake – Tamarack – Winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1289-13	Tigerton Lumber	12/15	W. Ackley – West Grade – Winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1321-13	Tigerton Lumber	12/15	Ackley Powerline – Winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1331-14	Tigerton Lumber	12/15	South Kent Pond - Working in sale now.	Assess 10% stumpage increase for 2017 if not completed by 12/31/16.
1335-14	Tigerton Lumber	4/16	Ackley Gas Line - ½ done – winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1230-12	Twin Forest Products	12/15	Hwy. J – Black Ash - 1/3 done- winter only.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1116-10	Whitetail Logging	12/14	Moccasin Lake Ski Trail – ½ done.	No increase - extend until April 1, 2017.
1310-13	Whitetail Logging	12/15	Hwy. S – 3/4 done.	Assess 10% stumpage increase for 2017 – extend until 12/31/17.

Motion by Novak, seconded by Scupien to accept the staff recommendations regarding the 2016 expired timber sales. 3 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried.

6. Discuss/Approve Theisen Access Permit - Rantala informed the committee that Mike Theisen of Antigo is purchasing property from Ken Sackman of Appleton, WI, who had previously requested an access permit to use an all season logging road on county land that goes through Section 36, T32N-R12E (Price) to access property located in the SW1/2 SW1/4 of Section 25; T32N-R12E in 2013, and Theisen is requesting the same access permit, which had been requested and approved for Ken Sackman. Motion by Novak, seconded by Scupien to approve the access permit for Mike Theisen. 3 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried.

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7. Update on Cabin on County Forest – Rantala informed the committee that he contacted the corporation counsel regarding the procedure to follow regarding the cabin found on county forest land. The corporation counsel recommended posting the site to “Keep Out”; and by posting the site, recreational immunity will apply to Langlade County. Motion by Novak, seconded by Nye to post the site per recommendation of corporation counsel. 3 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried.
8. Update on State Lands Offered for Sale to Langlade County - In October, Rantala reviewed the four properties that might be of interest to Langlade County. The first is in the Township of East Upham (Hwy. T) – 21.8 acres for \$18,500; the second in the Township of Evergreen – 80 acres for \$40,000; the third is in the Township of North Ainsworth (Hwy. U) – 86.6 acres for \$66,000; and the fourth is in the Township of East Elcho (Rice Bed Lane) – 102 acres for \$72,000. The committee’s recommendation at that time was to purchase the Hwy. T property, the property in the Township of Evergreen, and the Rice Bed Lane property, and to purchase the Hwy. U property over the next year. The three properties would cost \$130,500, which is available in the land buy account. Rantala is suggesting the Hwy. U property be added to the Camp Lyle borrowing. Motion by Scupien, seconded by Novak to approve the land purchase and to follow the appropriate county procedure. 3 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried.
9. DNR Liaison Report – Josh Waukau, DNR liaison, updated the committee on time standards and the hiring of a new DNR LTE forester.
10. Administrator Report – Rantala reported that with the warmer temperatures in November, the forestry staff have able to spray garlic mustard later in the year than normal. Have sprayed approximately 150 acres in the last two weeks.

TIP finished up with County Forest Work within the last month. Chris Arrowood is working on a report to sum up activities over the spring/summer/fall season.

Town of Upham is opening a new boat landing at Summit Lake. They will be unblocking the town road that goes through our parking area. I anticipate this parking area to be heavily used going forward.

Camp Lyle – grant application was granted preliminary approval from DNR/ranking committee. A letter will be going out to the Town of Elcho notifying them of the project. I have spoken with the Town Chairman and he said he would send a letter of support for this project. This project will go before Joint Committee on Finance in Madison due to the size of the project and its location (north of Hwy. 64, this stipulation was added in the ’15-’17 state budget).

Hot water heater and pressure tank issue at park manager’s house. There has been a slow leak there for some time apparently, causing damage to the floor.

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Cross-country ski race is planning is underway. The race coordinator says registration will be live in a few days. He has an agreement with the timing company to provide waivers (for the County), timing equipment and online registration.

ATV trails will be closing December 1.

A new snowmobile map is being printed currently. There will be some changes as to how clubs report trail work and grooming. It will take a rather large effort to coordinate and enter all of the data into the new system (SNARS), but should work well in the long run. I will be offering training to clubs to get started.

11. Review Budget Summary - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through November 15, 2016.
12. Next Meeting Date - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 at 8:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, fairgrounds, Antigo, which will be the timber sale bid opening.
13. At approximately 10:00 a.m., consider moving into closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, annual performance evaluation – Motion by Novak, seconded by Nye to go into closed session at 9:51 a.m. Roll call vote: Nye – aye, Novak – aye, and Scupien – aye. Motion carried.
14. At approximately 10:15 a.m., return to open session with possible action on any matters discussed in closed session – Motion by Novak, seconded by Scupien to return to open session at 10:14 a.m. 3 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Scupien, seconded by Novak to give an overall performance rating of exceeds standards for the forest administrator and that the form would be signed at the next meeting once the comments are typed into the form. 3 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried.
15. Adjournment – Motion by Novak, seconded by Scupien to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary