

Forestry and Recreation Committee

October 31, 2014

7:45 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Erik Rantala and Terry Poltrock

Location: Conference Room, Forestry Office, Fairgrounds, Antigo

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Minutes - A motion was made by Klimoski, seconded by Scupien, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Discuss/Approve Jeske Access Permit – Rantala informed the committee that Richard Jeske has contacted him regarding receiving an access permit. Jeske owns property in Section 27 of the Township of West Elcho. He currently uses a road through the neighbor's property to access his property. As his neighbor does not need this road, he will be blocking it off. Mr. Jeske requests to use an existing road and construct approximately 75 ft. of new road to access his property. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Novak to approve an access permit for Richard Jeske to his property in Section 27 of the Township of West Elcho. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Discuss Grogan Property in Town of Summit - Rantala stated that he was contacted by Dennis Grogan, who has 160 acres for sale in the Town of Summit with an asking price of \$240,000. There is an ATV and snowmobile trail that crosses this property, and Rantala was informed by Mr. Grogan that he was going to close his property off to both trails systems. Rantala met with the snowmobile club to find an alternate route, and the ATV segment would be closed until an alternate route could be found or constructed. Rantala explained that a road could be built around this property for logging purposes and a possible ATV trail. In the past, he has allowed loggers to cross his property to remove

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timber from county lands. There is 50 acres of 20 year old aspen on the property, which will not be able to be cut for 20-25 years. The rest of the property has little timber value, but a small lake is present. There is a cabin on the property, if Langlade County were to purchase the property, Langlade County would then negotiate with Mr. Grogan to sell back approximately 5 acres with the cabin, which is in the south east corner of the property. Rantala informed the committee that a Stewardship grant for up to 50% of purchase price, could be applied for due to the recreational aspects, continued access to county land, and adding land within the county forest boundary. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to negotiate with Mr. Grogan offering \$950/acre and to survey out five acres, which would include the cabin. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Other Matters – Rantala informed the committee that four gift certificates for one night use of the cabin at Veteran’s Memorial Park are being offered as a second place prize for the employee photo contest. They will be awarded at the Public Property Committee meeting on Monday night.

Rantala also stated that he met with the matrix committee, and all employees are satisfied with their placement on the matrix.

6. At approximately 8:15 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, to interview applicants for recreation coordinator/forest technician position – Motion by Hardin, seconded by Scupien to go into closed session at 8:20 a.m. Roll call vote: Klimoski – aye, Hardin – aye, Scupien – aye, Novak – aye, and Nye – aye. Motion carried.

7. At approximately 12:15 p.m., return to open session with possible action on any matters discussed in closed session – Motion by Hardin, seconded by Klimoski to return to open session at 12:32 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Hardin to offer the position to the top applicant (#1 – based on Rantala checking references) and to offer the position to alternates (#2 or #3) if the top applicant does not accept the position. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Set Date for Next Meeting- Fall Timber Sale – The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., at the forestry office conference room.

9. Adjournment – Motion by Hardin, seconded by Klimoski to adjourn at 12:37 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary

