

Forestry and Recreation Committee

September 17, 2015

9:00 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Erik Rantala, Dave Peterson, Pete Resch, 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. Public Comment on Agenda – Dave Peterson requested clarification regarding the reclassification of the recreation coordinator/forest technician position to a forester position and the article in the Antigo Daily Journal. Pete Resch, Chairman of the Town of Upham, informed the committee that the Town of Upham is looking to open all the roads in the Town of Upham to ATV/UTV travel and looking to have an ATV route from Bass Lake Road to Augustyn Road and is looking for their support and will have this as an agenda item at the October meeting.
3. Minutes - A motion was made by Klimoski, seconded by Scupien, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Approve Reclassification of Recreation Coordinator/Forest Technician Position to Forester Position – Rantala stated that he would like the committee to approve reclassifying Cody Brauner from the recreation coordinator/forest technician position to the forester position and place him on the matrix. Brauner does have all the necessary education qualifications for the forester position. Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Scupien to reclassify Cody Brauner to the forester position at the starting salary of \$20.18/hr. as of September 17, 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

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5. Discuss Doors for Shelter – Rantala stated that there was an add-on for doors in the building specs for the shelter at Jack Lake. If funds were left on the project, the doors could be considered. The doors in the bid specs were coiling doors, but making doors in-house has been discussed. Rantala would like to table this agenda until the committee tours the shelter and have Lazars and Heuss discuss the doors in questions at that time. Motion by Scupien, seconded by Novak to have maintenance do a mach-up of an alternative door for the committee to review. 4 ayes, 1 nay (Klimoski). Motion carried.
6. Discuss Roehrig Road – Rantala was contacted by Mike Kennedy, Chairman of the Town of Ackley, regarding transferring ownership of Roehrig Road. Roehrig Road is approximately ¾ mile. It is a main hauling road for forest products in the winter. The road is in very poor condition. Back in 2010, it was determined that the road needs 8” of breaker run at a cost of approximately \$23,000. Scupien will have some additional discussions with the town board and potato farmers in the area regarding road maintenance and report back.
7. Discuss Schwiner Access Permit – Rantala informed the committee that Jeremy Schwiner is requesting an access permit for property that he recently purchased in the NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 28 in the Township of Parrish from Kretz Lumber Company. Kretz Lumber Company has previously had an access permit for this property, which is located just south of the 5 Cent Firelane and is totally surrounded by county land. Rantala recommends approving the access permit to allow them to use the firelane and Langlade County to use their road to access county land. Motion by Hardin, seconded by Novak to approve the Schwiner access permit to include road reciprocity. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Discuss DNR Lands – Rantala stated that the DNR is planning to sell 10,000 acres by June 30, 2017 with 1,100 of these acres in Langlade County. Currently, field staff is reviewing the properties and will be making a recommendation to the Natural Resources Board. Approximately 650 acres might be of interest to Langlade County depending on timber stands on the property and deed restrictions, which might include the DNR continuing to manage the spring ponds. The Natural Resources Board will be meeting in December or January to decide on selling these properties. Stewardship dollars would not be available for the purchase of any of these properties. Rantala will continue to monitor this issue and report back to the committee as more information becomes available. Rantala has requested the recon data from DNR for all of the properties in the county that are under review.
9. Administrator Report – American Transmission Company (ATC) project on the horizon. Rantala met with representatives on Tuesday and was given an overview of the project. Project will need to relocate right-of-way, as well as extend lease on current substation for three years, ending in 2019. New right-of-way will extend 50’ south of existing right-of-way, everything must be cleared and will need to grant easement on this new right-of-way, possibly sell the easement. County will receive timber sale revenue as

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well. This project will be done over three years: 2016 – clearing, 2017 – construction, and 2018 – abandon existing line. The clearing phase will be in the winter of 2016.

Good Neighbor Authority training will be September 29. Continue to work on road projects. Kettlebowl road will be graveled this fall as well as various ATV projects. All projects are being inspected for garlic mustard. Marking for the fall timber sale has begun. There will not be a marking camp this year. Timber sales have slowed down. Rantala updated the committee on two ATV projects: Augustyn to Summit Lake and the Langlade bridge.

10. Review Payment of Paid Bills - The committee reviewed the paid Forestry and Recreation Department bills for August.
11. Review Budget Summary Report - Rantala reviewed with the committee the budget summary report of the forestry department revenues and expenditures through August 31, 2015.
12. Set Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., in the forestry office conference room, Fairgrounds, Antigo.
13. Recess – Motion by Klimoski, seconded by Novak to recess at 9:55 a.m. to tour the Bow and Gun Range and shelter at Veteran’s Memorial Park. All ayes. Motion carried.
14. Adjournment – Motion by Scupien, seconded by Hardin to adjourn at 12:05p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary