

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY & RECREATION

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

DATE: MAY 5, 2014

TIME CALLED TO ORDER: 4:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DON LEMASTER, DON DEHART, BILL CHANEY, PAUL CLEEREMAN, BILL CONNORS, DAVE CAMPBELL, LARRY SOMMER

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVE ZIOLKOWSKI, CRAIG WILLIAMS, PAUL MILLAN, JIM STORMER, DAN PETERS, BOB ERDMAN, STEVE MIHALKO, BOYD MONTE, LYNN WIEDE, CHAD MCKEE, MARY TORGERSON

MINUTES OF MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman LeMaster. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Cleereman to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to approve the minutes from March 11, 2014. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Cleereman to go into closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1)(e)(f). A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting aye. Motion carried. – Closed Session. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Connors to return to open session. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting aye, motion carried – Open Session. Motion by Connors, seconded by Chaney to place the Contractors discussed in Closed Session on a two year timber sale no bid list and to retain all the performance bonds from this timber sale. All voting aye, motion carried. All 2014 timber sale bids were opened and awarded.

Motion by Chaney, seconded by Sommer to award Tract 1-14 to Tigerton Lumber Co for a total bid price of \$34,155.00. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell to award Tract 2-14 to Tigerton Lumber Co. for a total bid price of \$12,797.50. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by DeHart, seconded by Sommer to award Tract 3-14 to Roberts Logging Inc. for a total bid price of \$41,700.00. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Cleereman, seconded by Chaney to award Tract 4-14 to Roberts Logging Inc. for a total bid price of \$43,992.50. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by DeHart to award Tract 5-14 to Chris Klessig for a total bid price of \$34,090.75. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Cleereman, seconded by Connors to award Tract 6-14 to Biewer WI Sawmill for a total bid price of \$53,101.75. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Sommer, seconded by DeHart to award Tract 7-14 To Tigerton Lumber Co. for a total

bid price of \$45,097.50. All sales were awarded to the highest bidder and totaled \$264,935.00 generating \$857.40 per acre. Motion by Connors, seconded by DeHart to rehire Tracey Mayer as Campground Manager. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Sommer to rehire Tim Anderson. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Sommer, seconded by Cleereman to rehire Hayden Krueger and Aaron Flannery as part-time summer campground workers at \$8.00 per hour. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Connors, seconded by DeHart to allow the Forest Administrator to hire the campground security officer. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Connors, seconded by Chaney to award the ice bid to Firelite Ice at \$1.80 per 11 pound block of ice and \$1.50 per 10 pound bag of cubes. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Cleereman, seconded by Campbell to award the septic pumping bid to Jansen's Septic at a total cost of .03¢ per gallon. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Cleereman, seconded by Sommer to allow Ziolkowski and the County Clerk to establish a method to change the campground manager's rate of pay starting at \$8,000 per season (May 1-Sept. 15) and dividing by the number of weeks worked to establish an equal weekly salary. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to allow the Forestry Technician and Forestry Administrative Assistant to work a 40 hour work week and refer to the Personnel Committee for approval. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Connors, seconded by Sommer to approve an amendment to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (C.O.R.P.) for the Town of Wabeno and send to the full County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski explained the various Snowmobile and ATV grants that are submitted to the DNR. The ATV/UTV grants total \$44,160. The Snowmobile funding is \$101,447 with additional supplemental snowmobile funding of up to \$202,894. The Forestry Department also submitted applications for additional snowmobile funding for the Wolf River State Trail totaling \$3600. Grant applications were also resubmitted for development funding for ATV development for the proposed ATV trail from Crandon to Co. Hwy S and from Co. S to the Oneida/Forest County line totaling \$365,610. The Popple River Bridge repair funding was discussed. Motion by Connors, seconded by Cleereman to send a request to the Finance Committee with a recommendation to consider funding \$23,800 for repairs of the Little Popple River Bridge, if denied by Finance, we must wait until May 15, 2015 to start repairs "if" the project is funded by the DNR. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski reported that he received a letter from DNR regarding the abandonment of the rail line from Crandon to Argonne, discussion was tabled until there was more information. Ziolkowski reported that he received an open record request from an Attorney representing WORPVI asking for all information available on the MRA Park from September 1, 2013 to present. The Roder and BCPL Stewardship Grant Applications were submitted and there will be a new

appraisal on the BCPL property. A work day has been planned on the County Forest on May 30th by the Wild Rivers Invasive Coalition to pull garlic mustard. Ziolkowski will send a thank you to the newspaper. Next meeting date is Tuesday, June 3rd at 4:00 p.m. Ziolkowski distributed information about the duties and responsibilities of Forestry and Recreation Committee defined in the County Board Rules and Regulations, 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Statute 28.11. Chaney explained a Stewardship Contract in Florence County with hopes that Forest County would consider a similar project. Williams informed the Committee that his replacement had been hired and her name is Liz Wood. Wood will start on May 20. There being no further business at this time, motion by Cleereman, seconded by Chaney to adjourn. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be officially approved at the June 3, 2014 Forestry and Recreation Committee Meeting.

David W. Ziolkowski
County Forest Administrator