

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2015

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

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

ABSENT: PAUL CLEEREMAN

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVE ZIOLKOWSKI, PAUL MILLAN, FRED HEIDER, TED SCHALLOCK, LIZ WOOD, DAN PETERS, MARY TORGERSON, JAMIE ANDERSON, BARRY MIHALKO, AL MURRAY, TOM CLEEREMAN III, CURT KAE0, KEITH BRADLEY, JOSH BRADLEY

MINUTES OF MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman LeMaster. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Sommer to approve the agenda as read. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Chaney to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. All bids for Forest County Timber Sale tract 4-15, 5-15 and 6-15 were opened, read and recorded. Motion by Connor, seconded by Sommer to go into Closed Session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1)(e) for "Deliberating or negotiating purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a Closed Session". The purpose of the Closed Session is to review bids and contractor performance. 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 DeHart, seconded by Chaney to award Tract #4-15, The Bug Me Sale, to T&T Forest Products for a total bid price of \$119,471.50. T&T Forest Products will be awarded Tracts 4-15 and 5-15 providing they can produce a FISTA Training Certificate prior to signing the timber sale contracts. If T&T Forest Products cannot produce the FISTA Training Certificates prior to signing the timber sale contracts then both Tract 4-15 and 5-15 will be awarded to the seconded highest bidder. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Chaney to award Tract 5-15, the Scooter Sale, to T&T Forest Products for a total bid price of \$96,033.80 providing that T&T Forest Products can produce a FISTA Training Certificate prior to signing the timber sale contract. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Sommer, seconded by Connors to award Tract 6-15, the Ptarmigan Sale, to Northern Real Estate for a total bid price of \$76,202.70. All voting aye, motion carried. All timber sales were sold to the highest bidder totaling \$291,708.00. The

Committee discussed the bidding process. It was suggested to review adding a minimum bid by species to the bid form, continue the bid opening process as has been done in the past, continue to use the contract language in Clause 38 for weight conversions and consider requiring the FISTA Training Certificate to be submitted with the timber sale bid. There was a personal appearance by Fred Heider of North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to discuss developing a new County Outdoor Recreation Plan or C.O.R.P. Heider will develop an online survey and send all town officials a letter requesting and identifying new proposed recreation projects countywide. Ziolkowski will assist Heider in developing news releases to the public informing them of the C.O.R.P. development process. Ziolkowski informed the Committee that the policy of no ATV use on County forest land also applies to the new acquisitions in the Towns of Nashville and Crandon. Roads that are not posted closed, gated or bermed are currently open for motor vehicle use. There was a lengthy discussion with Curt Keao, Josh and Keith Bradley regarding an Access Permit to private land. Motion by Sommer, seconded by Connors to table the Access Permit request until there is further information. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell to deny the request to harvest aspen poles under 4" in diameter, on County forest land due to the inability to monitor or regulate harvesting. All voting aye, motion carried. It was suggested to discuss a small land trade with a private land owner on the next agenda. The next meeting date will be January 12, 2016. There being no further business at this time, motion by Sommer, seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Forestry and Recreation Committee meeting.