

Members present: Jean Maszk, Rick Seefeldt (chair), Tom Rosenberg (vice-chair)

Staff present: Tom Lovlien - Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley - Director, Jeff Sorenson - DNR Forest Liaison

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Seefeldt at 1:00pm, Rm. 5, 212 River Dr., Wausau. Official notice and the agenda for the meeting was posted publicly in accordance with State statutes.

2. Public Comment – none brought forward.

3. Approve Minutes – **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2024 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee - None

5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. County Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee Appointments – Lovlien explained that every September half of the Subcommittee member's terms expire. This year five of the six members have expressed interest in staying on the Committee. Typically, if the members are in good standing they are re-appointed. John Lauer was recommended to replace the outgoing mountain bike representative. Staff reviewed his application and believes he would be a good member on the Subcommittee. **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to approve the six County Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee appointments. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

2. Timber Sale Closeout – Koerner Forest Products LTD Contract #699-20 - A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 3670 and 3612.50 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$35,734.10. Lovlien discussed reasons why his recommendation is to close out the sale before completion, return their original Letter of Credit and remaining balance in the account. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Seefeldt to close out Contract #699-20, return their original Letter of Credit and remaining balance in the account. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration - None

6. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee – None

7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Department of Natural Resources Liaison Report – Sorenson reported that just into the new fiscal year, he has completed 38.25 of 660 time-standard hours. He conducted habitat classification typing with the County Forester on a few stands in Hewitt/Harrison Unit. He completed some stand reconnaissance and updated the stand data in WisFIRS-stocking levels, timber volumes, tree heights, species mixture, revised habitat types and recommended future management and estimated harvest year entry. He will be assisting the County Forester with a musclewood/ironwood control project on the Einstein timber sale, and timber sale establishment later this fall.

B. County Forest Timber Sale Revenue Through July 30, 2024 – Lovlien reported that during the first seven months of the year six timber sales have been active. Three sales were closed and three had harvesting but not completed. Twenty-five sales are currently under contract to be harvested with an estimated value of \$1,414,600 over the next 2-3 years. County forest timber sale revenue through July 30, 2024 is \$258,270.01. Net timber sale revenue to Marathon County is \$180,790.00. This amount (70%) is actual dollars to Marathon County after repayment of the County Forest loan (20%) and yearly town payment (10%). For the remainder of 2024, he anticipates that some timber sales in Nine Mile and Burma Forest Units become active which will increase revenues closer to the \$305,000 budgeted amount.

FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

JULY 30, 2024
1:00 PM

8. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 1:00 pm, Room. 5 & Webex, 212 River Dr., Wausau WI 54403

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – Staff and others will be giving a forestry presentation to the County Board on August 15.

B. Future Agenda Items: Results of the 2024 Forest Certification Audit, Consider Approving Fall 2024 Timber Sale Package, 2024-2026 County Conservation Aids Project, DNR Liaison Report

9. Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.