

Members present: Tom Rosenberg (vice-chair), Jean Maszk
Members excused: Rick Seefeldt (chair)
Staff present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Director
Others present: Jeff Sorenson-DNR Liaison Forester

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Rosenberg 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 October 4, 2022 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 2-0.

4. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts – Lovlien reported that bids were opened yesterday and eight bids were received on three sales. One of the four county forest sales had no bids. The County has worked with two of the high bidders before and he checked references on the other bidder. Lovlien recommends awarding the sales to the highest bidders on the three sales. He mentioned that the tract that did not sell will have a second bid opening on November 23rd. If it still does not sell then it can be sold direct for the appraised/or advertised value which is made public. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Maszk to award the fall timber sale tracts 6-22, 7-22, and 9-22 to the high bidders. Questions were answered. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 2-0.

2. County Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee Appointment – Lovlien explained that the equestrian representative has been vacant for a few months. He contacted a few people but received no applications. Lovlien sent a press release and received two applications. Both applications were discussed. **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to approve Carmen Engelman to the County Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 2-0.

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

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

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Proclamation – Forest Products Week in Wisconsin October 16-22, 2022 – Lovlien discussed the importance of Wisconsin's forests to Marathon County and the State. With over 17 million acres the forest product sector generates more than \$20 billion in goods and services annually and employs around 60,000 people across the state. Healthy and vigorously growing forests have economic value in the State by creating jobs and providing recreation.

7. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 1:00pm, Rm. 5 and WebEx, 212 River Dr., Wausau WI 54403

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – none brought forward

B. Future Agenda Items: Consider Timber Sale Extension Requests, 2023 Forestry/Recreation Committee Meeting Schedule, Review and Consider Approving the 2023 County Forest Work Plan, Application for County Forest Acreage Payment, Fall Timber Bid Summary

8. Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 2-0.