

FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

MAY 5, 2020  
12:30PM

Members present: Tom Rosenberg, Arnold Schlei(c) (via phone), Rick Seefeldt (via phone)  
Also present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Director(via phone),  
Chad Keranen-DNR Liaison (via phone)

1. Call meeting to order – Due to technical difficulties the meeting was called to order by Chairman Schlei at 12:38pm, Rm 3, 212 River Dr., Wausau.

2. Public Comment - temporarily suspended (details on agenda)

3. Approve Minutes – **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Schlei to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2020 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Review Timber Bids and Award Contracts - There were sixteen bids on the five tracts. Staff has worked with all of the high bidders before except for one. Lovlien has checked references from the new bidder and he recommends they award all of the sales to the high bidders. Questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Seefeldt to award the sales to the high bidders. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2. Establish 2020 Forestry/Recreation Committee Meeting Dates and Times – Lovlien suggested the Committee wait to set their meetings until after the Environmental Resource Committee meets today. Those meetings are set for the first Tuesday of the month with a time to be determined. Park Commission also meets the first Tuesday of the month and will be discussing their meeting dates and times at their June meeting. It was decided to leave the next Forestry Committee meeting at June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30pm subject to change if needed.

3. Consider Extending Access Road Permit in the Elderon Forest Unit - Lovlien explained that the County has five permits that allow private parties to cross County forest land to access private lands that are landlocked. The permits are for five years and are \$150.00. Four of the permits are in the Elderon Forest Unit and one is in the Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit. All of them expire on December 20, 2020 but because the land changed hands in the middle of this permit he wrote out a five year permit and didn't catch it until now. The others will expire in December 2020. Lovlien said this permit holder has crossed the land in a reasonable fashion and he has no reason not to offer him a permit. Lovlien discussed maintenance of the road. Questions were answered and discussion followed. Lovlien will ask the permit holders if they are willing to donate money to help to keep the road up at Schlei's suggestion. Lovlien recommends the Committee offer the five year permit for \$150.00 to the current permit holder. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Seefeldt to extend the access road permit in the Elderon Forest Unit for five years at \$150.00. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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/Outcomes Monitoring Reports - none

7. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location – tentatively June 2, 2020 at 12:30pm, 212 River Dr., Rm. 3

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – Lovlien welcomed Rosenberg to the Committee, possibility of not having a June meeting, spring Vilas County tour probably will be cancelled, fall County Board tour to possibly coincide with forest audit or may be separate.

B. Future Agenda Items – Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts, Timber Sale Closeout, Spring Timber Sale Bid Summary

8. Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Rosenberg to adjourn at 1:10 pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.