



## MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Date and Time of Meeting:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 12:30pm

**Meeting Location:** Conference Room #3, 212 River Drive, Wausau WI 54403

MEMBERS: Arnold Schlei (Chairman), Rick Seefeldt (Vice-Chairman), Tom Rosenberg

***Marathon County Mission Statement:*** *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.*

***Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Mission Statement:*** *Adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the preferred place to live, work, and play.*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Committee members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. To this end, instead of attendance in person, Committee members and the public may attend this meeting by telephone conference. If Committee members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:

Phone Number: 1-408-418-9388

Access Code: 625 860 914

Attendee ID / Numeric Meeting Password: 6292020

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### Agenda Items:

1. **Call to Order**
2. The Public Comment portion of the agenda has been temporarily suspended, pursuant to Marathon County Resolution #R29-20, dated April 21, 2020, because the technology necessary to afford the public the opportunity to address the County Board, or its subgroups, during public comment is difficult to guarantee, if a large number of individuals have elected to call in.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, April 7, 2020 Committee Meeting**
4. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:**
  - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
    1. Review Timber Bids and Award Contracts
    2. Establish 2020 Forestry/Recreation Committee Meeting Dates and Times
    3. Consider Extending Access Road Permit in the Elderon Forest Unit
  - 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 – None**

**7. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: (Tentatively) June 2, 2020, 12:30pm, Rm. 3, 212 River Dr., Wausau, WI 54403**

- A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence
- B. Future Agenda Items: Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts, Timber Sale Closeout, Spring Timber Sale Bid Summary

**8. Adjournment**

**SIGNED /s/ Thomas Lovlien  
PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE**

ANY PERSON PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WHO NEEDS SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD CALL THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 261-1500 OR E-MAIL [INFOMARATHON@MAIL.CO.MARATHON.WI.US](mailto:INFOMARATHON@MAIL.CO.MARATHON.WI.US) ONE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

FAXED TO: Daily Herald and other News Media Groups  
FAXED BY: Jodi Luebbe  
FAX DATE/TIME: April 28, 2020 1:00 p.m.

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m/p.m.

Members present: Arnold Schlei (c), James Bove, Rick Seefeldt

Also present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Director, Joe Tucker-County Forester, Chad Keranen-DNR Liaison

1. Call meeting to order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Schlei at 12:30pm, Rm 3, 212 River Dr., Wausau.
2. Approve Minutes – **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2020 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

### 3. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

#### A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Consider Approving the Spring 2020 Timber Sale Package - The spring timber sale package was distributed to Committee for review. The sale offers 281 acres of timber on five tracts with an estimated volume of 9,485 tons and 422.0 thousand board feet. Tucker discussed all of the sales. The sales will be advertised and the bid opening is May 4th. Questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Bove to approve advertising the sales with a May 4th bid opening. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2. Timber Sale Close Out – Rod Hix Forest Products Contract #676-18 - A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 2720 and 3658.19 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$49,743.42. Lovlien's recommendation is to close out Contract #676-18 and return their Letter of Credit. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to close out Rod Hix Forest Products Contract #676-18 and return their Letter of Credit. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

3. Consider Approving Direct Timber Sale to Twin Forest Products Contract #689-20 - Lovlien explained this is a small sale that did not sell last fall. Staff received a proposal from Twin Forest Products for the County to consider awarding the sale to them direct for the advertised price. Staff discussed with the DNR and it meets the DNR guidelines of awarding sales using advertised price. Because it is a small sale and nothing else is near it, staff recommends awarding the sale to Twin Forest Products at the advertised price of \$15,062.00 so that it can be managed. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Bove to award the sale to Twin Forest Products Contract #689-20. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

#### B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration

1. Review of Proposed Policy Revisions to Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Chapters 700-900 – Lovlien explained that because of scheduling, these chapters have already been reviewed by the Environmental Resource Committee. He said this is a draft revision and there will be time for any Committee or member of public to comment. There will be a public input meeting and a thirty-day public comment draft period. Bove questioned if anything was running through the pipeline that is underground at Nine Mile. Lovlien said to the best of knowledge it is not in use. William's Pipeline has an easement with the County. **Consensus** of Committee to approve and move these draft chapters 700-900 on to the Environmental Resources Committee. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

### 4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee – none

### 5. Educational Presentations/Outcomes Monitoring Reports

A. A. Forestry Division Expense/Revenue Report - Lovlien reported that over the last ten years about four million dollars in gross timber was sold. The net is the amount of revenue to the County after the twenty-percent payment to the State for interest free loans and ten-percent payment to the townships. The forestry program is revenue producing and was about \$320,000 over its expenses for the last ten year period. The County sets an even-flow budget because timber revenues fluctuate each year depending on weather, markets, etc. Timber sale contracts are typically two-three years.

B. Snowmobile Public Service Announcements - Discover Mediaworks has partnered with the Great Lakes Timber Producers Association, the Forestry Industry Training Alliance, the snowmobile clubs, and the Wisconsin County Forests Association to develop public service announcements. The goal of the public service announcements is to increase the safety of trail users and log haulers on the County Forest trail systems. The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department donated \$500.00 because Marathon County has the most State funded trails in the State and uses these trails to access timber in the winter. More of this advertising will occur during the next snowmobile season.

C. Central Wisconsin Off-Road Cycling Coalition Proposal for Maintenance and Improvements at Nine Mile Forest - A concern about the project had previously been brought to the Chairman. Lovlien said the person with the concern wanted to comment during the Committee meeting today but because the public comment section is suspended at this time and he didn't want the Committee to make any decisions. Lovlien reached out to discuss his concerns with him via email. Staff works with trail groups all the time and as long as the group doesn't ask for significant additional trail mileage or additional improvements beyond existing trails, staff didn't feel this needed Committee approval. If the Committee feels differently he'd like to know. No Committee members had concerns. Staff met with the Central Wisconsin Off-Road Cycling Coalition group and eliminated a bike skill area and jump park out of the proposal because they felt those belong in a park not a County Forest. Staff is requiring the group to use all natural materials on site and not build anything out of manmade materials. The Club is proposing rehab and maintenance on the trails, eliminate erosion, and improve the trails primarily within the existing footprint. The Forest Citizen Advisory Subcommittee went over the trail proposal and unanimously approved it being moved forward. Staff supports the proposal. Committee was in consensus to move forward with the improvements.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location – May 5, 2020 at 12:30pm, 212 River Dr., Rm. 3

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – Seefeldt questioned a possible time change for the next meeting if it will be in person, Bove commented that if he is not re-elected that he has enjoyed working on this Committee, felt the professionalism by the Department is amazing and he has learned a great deal, Schlei hopes they all continue on the Committee because they work together well.

B. Future Agenda Items – Spring Timber Sale Bid Results, Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts, County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) Recommendations

7. Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Bove / Seefeldt to adjourn at 1:00 pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

## ACCESS ROAD PERMIT

Permit No. 3-20

Pursuant to authority granted by the Forestry / Recreation Committee of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, permission is hereby granted by Marathon County, through its designated undersigned agent to \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the Permittee, to use the county road(s) currently in existence across the following described land owned by Marathon County in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin: \_\_\_\_\_

This Permit is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. This Permit shall cover the time period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025. This Permit is granted solely for the Permittee to access Permittee's property to which the only reasonable access is across the above-described property owned by Marathon County.
2. Granting of this Permit shall not grant or transfer any rights other than those rights expressly set forth herein. No right of ownership or possession shall vest in the Permittee, through adverse possession or otherwise, solely by virtue of the granting of this Permit. This document contains all the terms and conditions of said Permit, and no other terms, conditions, rights, duties, or obligations shall be inferred or implied. This Permit shall be amended, modified, or continued only by written codicil duly executed by the parties hereto. This Permit is non-assignable and non-transferable for any reason.
3. Any damage as a result of use of said road by Permittee to the access road across the above-described property owned by Marathon County shall be repaired by the Permittee.
4. The Permittee agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Marathon County, its officials, officers, representatives, employees, and authorized agents from and against any and all penalties, liabilities, or losses resulting from claims or court actions, whether civil, criminal or in equity, which arise directly or indirectly out of the acts of the Permittee, its agents, servants, employees, guests, or visitors under this Permit, or by reason of any act or omission of such person(s), and/or arising out of duties or obligations under this Permit.
5. Neither improvements to the access road nor the cutting of any trees shall be done without the prior written consent of the Marathon County Forest Administrator. Said written consent shall set forth all specifications for said road improvements or timber cutting and shall constitute a written codicil to this Permit.
6. The Permittee shall be responsible for the maintenance of the roads covered by this

Permit and shall maintain said road in at least the same condition as in existence on the effective date of this Permit.

7. No road on County owned land may be gated or posted by the Permittee under any circumstances.
8. Neither yarding, loading of timber products, nor dumping of debris will be permitted on County owned lands along this road under any circumstances.
9. The fee for the existing access road permits as of 1/1/2020 is \$150.00 for five years. The fee for any new access road permits if approved by the Committee is \$250.00 for five years.

**MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY / RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Forest Administrator

The undersigned Permittee hereby acknowledges receipt of this Permit and further acknowledges reading and understanding all terms and conditions set forth herein. Permittee further agrees to accept and comply with all of the above-stated terms and conditions of this Permit. Failure by Permittee to so comply may result in the immediate cancellation of this Permit in the discretion of the County, who retains the authority and discretion to cancel this Permit if any of the above terms and conditions are not complied with.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee

Key issued # \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

Key deposit # \_\_\_\_\_

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Date