

Members present: Tom Rosenberg, Arnie Schlei(c), Rick Seefeldt

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

1. Call meeting to order – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schlei at 1:30pm, 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 Seefeldt / Rosenberg to approve the minutes from the August 4, 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. Consider Approving Fall 2020 Timber Sale Package – The fall timber sale package had been distributed to Committee for review. The sale offers 381 acres of timber on five tracts with an estimated volume of 25,260 tons and 277.0 thousand board feet. Joe Tucker, County Forester, discussed all the sales and answered questions. The sales will be advertised and the bid opening is September 28, 2020. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Schlei to approve and advertise the fall 2020 timber sale package. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2. Review Revised 15-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Changes and Send to the Department of Natural Resources for 30-Day Review - Lovlien said no public comments were received during the 30-day review or the public listening session except for one comment he received from the Back Country Hunters and Anglers group. They outlined the balancing and compromises that public land and forestry management should strive for. Lovlien asked members if they had any concerns regarding the plan and none were brought forward. After the DNR's review the plan will be brought back to this Committee, the Environmental Resource Committee and County Board for final approvals. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Seefeldt to forward the plan to the Department of Natural Resources for their 30-day review. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

3. Forest Citizen's Advisory Subcommittee Appointment – The mountain biking member whose term was up has recommended another person to represent the mountain biking community. Aaron Ruff is the current president of CWOCC and Lovlien believes he would be a good member. He asked Committee to appoint Ruff to the Subcommittee representing biking interests. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Rosenberg to appoint Aaron Ruff to the County Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee as the representative for mountain biking interests. 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/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Wisconsin County Forests Association Annual Fall Meeting September 23-24, 2020 – This will be a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting at a local venue. Lovlien said Committee members should notify him if they would like to attend.

B. Preliminary Results of the Forest Certification Audit – Lovlien said the physical audit occurred and there were no findings in Marathon County or the other three counties for the second year in a row. The recreational programs on County public forest lands exceeds their standards and is a model program throughout the country.

7. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: September 29, 2020, 1:30pm, Rm. 5, 212 River Dr., Wausau WI 54403
 - A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – none brought forward
 - B. Future Agenda Items: Review Timber Bids and Award Contracts, 2021 Budget Update, DNR/County Forest Partnership Meeting Minutes, McMillan Marsh State Wildlife Area Lease

8. Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Rosenberg to adjourn the meeting at 2:10pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.