

Members present: Arnold Schlei (c), Rick Seefeldt, James Bove  
Also present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Director, Chad Keranen-DNR Liaison, John Beatty, Brian Kowalski-City Pages

Call meeting to order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Schlei at 12:30pm, Rm 3, 212 River Dr., Wausau.

Public Comment Period – Not to Exceed 15 Minutes – none brought forward

Approve Minutes – **Motion** / second by Bove / Seefeldt to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. 2018 County Forest Law Enforcement Report – Lovlien reported that twelve tree stands were seized and five citations were written for various violations. Lovlien said the tree stand policy may be revisited in the future.

B. High School Mountain Bike Participation and Revenue – Lovlien reported there were 541 participants and the revenue was \$3,319.00 from the Mountain Bike Race that was held last October.

C. Parks, Recreation and Forestry Mission Statement – Polley reported that staff is currently working on updating its mission statement so that it incorporates all of the core services it provides and aligns with the County and City.

D. Value of Public Land Timber Sales in Wisconsin – In 2018 Marathon County closed out ten timber sales worth about \$667,000. The value of the 29 counties combined produced over 46 million dollars in stumpage revenues. Lovlien noted that some counties can reduce the levy by the amount of timber revenue that comes in through their timber sale program. The counties are the largest public land holder and many industries rely on them for wood. The lands are sustainably managed and are third party certified. The goal is to have a strong timber program along with a great recreation program.

E. Winter Recreation Program Update – So far this year has lacked snow, had some extremely cold weather, and rain. The ski trails opened January 24<sup>th</sup>. Snowmobile trails opened for three days and are currently closed. The tubing hill and one outdoor rink are open. Snow is forecasted which will help all of the outdoor recreation activities.

Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Timber Sale Closeouts

- a. Kleinschmidt Logging – Contract #645-16 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 945 and 1078.34 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$30,710.42. More oak sawlogs were partly due to an oak wilt pocket where about 40 trees were cut in Nine Mile and added to the sale. Lovlien's recommendation is to close out Kleinschmidt Logging contract #645-16 and return their Letter of Credit. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Seefeldt to close out Kleinschmidt Logging contract #645-16 and return their Letter of Credit. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
- b. Schreiber Logging Inc. – Contract #657-16 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 590 and 743.28 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$7,745.04. Lovlien's recommendation is to close out Schreiber Logging Inc. Contract #657-16 and return their cash bond. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to close out Schreiber Logging Inc. Contract #657-16 and return their cash bond. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2. Consider Appointment to the Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee Representing Equestrian Interests – No applications for an equestrian representative were received despite two press releases. Lovlien reached out to Susan Stomieroski who had interest in the horse trails. Stomieroski attended the last Subcommittee meeting and submitted an application. Lovlien believes she would be a good member and asked Committee to appoint her to the Subcommittee for the remainder of the term representing equestrian interests. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Seefeldt to appoint Susan Stomieroski to the County Forest Citizens’ Advisory Subcommittee as the representative for equestrian 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

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

Announcements

- A. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location – Tentatively Tues., March 5, 2019 at 12:30pm, 212 River Dr., Rm. 3
- B. Future Agenda Items – 2018 County Forest Division Annual Report, Review and Consider Approving the 2019 Spring Timbersale Package, Forestry Division Expense Revenue Report

Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Schlei to adjourn at 1:15 pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.