

MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

<u>Date and Time of Meeting:</u> Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 12:30pm

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

MEMBERS: Arnold Schlei (Chairman), Rick Seefeldt (Vice-Chairman), James Bove

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.

Forestry/Recreation Committee Mission Statement: The Forestry/Recreation Committee shall have the responsibility to manage and protect the County Forest on a sustainable basis for ecological, economic, educational, recreational, and research needs of present and future generations.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Comment Period Not to Exceed 15 Minutes
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 4, 2018 Committee Meeting
- 4. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports
 - A. 2018 County Forest Law Enforcement Report
 - B. High School Mountain Bike Participation and Revenue
 - C. Parks, Recreation and Forestry Mission Statement
 - D. Value of Public Land Timber Sales in Wisconsin
 - E. Winter Recreation Program Update
- 5. 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
 - b. Schreiber Logging Inc. Contract #657-16
 - 2. Consider Appointment to the Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee Representing Equestrian Interests
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration None
- 6. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee None
- 7. Announcements
 - A. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location Tentatively Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 12:30pm, 212 River Dr., Rm 2
 - B. Future Agenda Items 2018 County Forest Division Annual Report, Review and Consider Approving the 2019 Spring Timbersale Package, Forestry Division Expense Revenue Report
- 8. Adjourn

SIGNED <u>/s/ Thomas Lovlien</u> PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

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DECEMBER 4, 2018 12:30PM

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

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

Brandon Stefanski-DNR Wildlife Biologist, Paul Napierala – DNR Wildlife Technician

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

<u>Public Comment Period – Not to Exceed 15 Minutes</u> – none brought forward

<u>Approve Minutes</u> – **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2018 Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Results of the DNR/County Forest Partnership Meeting – Keranen reported that at the partnership meeting they discussed County forest time standards, County forest work plan, conservation aid projects, forest certification, land use issues, and forest health. It's a good partnership between the County and the DNR and he expects that to continue. Keranen gave history on how the partnership began. Seefeldt questioned if the hours that the DNR provides would be adjusted if the County bought more land. Lovlien said the hours wouldn't increase but that additional help wouldn't be needed even if more land is bought unless there would be a natural disaster where short term additional help may be required.

- B. Fall 2018 Timber Sale Bid Results and Weighted Averages Keranen summarized the October and November bid openings. Six of seven sale sold. The appraised value of the sales was \$288,901.50 and sold for \$222,496.55. The bulk of the wood sold is aspen and mixed hardwood pulp that goes to paper mills. Going into the 2019 spring bid opening staff will have discussions on how to appraise sales and adjustments may be made. The average per acre to the County was \$590.18. Lovlien explained that the DNR approved selling the additional two sales that were under advertised value. The market has taken a bit of a downturn but can turn around fast because of markets, weather, and contractor availability.
- C. Purpose of Using Herbicides to Control Invasive Species and for Site Preparation on County Forests Joe Tucker, County Forester Tucker explained herbicides are used for invasive species where there are significant populations of buckthorn and honeysuckle along trails in some forest units. The other use is for site preparation when they are trying to regenerate oak or maple where there is competition from invasive species and also from undesirable native species. Tucker discussed the pros and cons of the different application methods including foliar, basal bark, girdle and spray, and handwick. He said some of the environmental concerns of herbicide application include runoff and drift. Alternative ways to control invasive plants and to help with site preparation include prescribed fire or mechanical means both of which may not be as cost effective. Bove had a concern if any of the chemicals being used had adverse effects on pollinators. Tucker said the applications are done during the dormant season. He discussed how long the active ingredients within the herbicide stays active. He said he could provide further information to Committee either on an annual basis or when future applications are needed. Keranen mentioned that the forest is third party certified and there is a list of pesticides that cannot be used. Stefanski said they were mostly spraying herbicides for plants and that insecticides are mostly used in agriculture to keep bugs off the plants. Keranen said in the future they may do some prescribed burns on the County forest.

Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Review and Consider Approving the 2019 County Forest Wildlife Work Plan – Brandon Stefanski, DNR Wildlife Biologist - The work plan had been previously distributed. Stefanski introduced Paul Napierala as the new wildlife technician who will assist in getting field work done. Stefanski reported on accomplishments from 2018. He discussed 2019 plans including flowage maintenance, wild rice seeding, alder and invasive species management, forest opening maintenance and the Nickel-an-Acre budget. Questions were answered.

- 2. Review and Consider Approving the 2019 Work Plan Resolution to Approve the 2019 Annual County Forester Work Plan Lovlien reviewed the work plan. He gave highlights on upcoming work including timber management, research projects, road maintenance, conservation aids projects, administration, GIS work and professional development. He is interested in providing a County forest tour to the Committee members as well as any interested County Board members. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Bove to approve the 2019 Annual County Forest Work Plan along with the Wildlife Plan and forward it along with the resolution to the Environmental Resource Committee for consideration. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
- 3. Resolution: Application for County Forest Acreage Payment Lovlien said if approved this interest free loan can be used for land acquisition, capital equipment and forest maintenance and development. The loan is paid back through a 20% severance tax on timber. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to approve the Application for County Forest Acreage Share Loan Payment resolution and forward it to the Environmental Resource Committee for their approval. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
- 4. 2019 Forestry/Recreation Committee Tentative Meeting Schedule Consensus was to keep the meetings at 12:30 pm on the first Tuesdays of every month.
- 5. Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts Rodney Hix Forest Products Lovlien reported that Rodney Hix Forest Products purchased one of the two remaining sales. After two bid openings the County is allowed to sell remaining sales at the value the County appraises them at. Hix has agreed to pay that price. He has worked on County forests in the past. Lovlien recommends that Committee enter into a contract with Hix Forest Products on tract 10-18. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Schlei to approve the contract with Rodney Hix Forest Products on tract 10-18. 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

<u>Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources</u> Committee – None

Announcements

- A. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location Tentatively Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 12:30pm, 212 River Dr., Rm. 2
- B. Future Agenda Items To Be Determined

Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Bove / Seefeldt to adjourn at 1:40pm. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Memo

To: Tom Lovlien, County Forest Administrator

From: Jon Daniels, Chief Ranger

Date: January 16, 2019

Re: 2018 County Forest Law Enforcement Report

The following is my report on county forest law enforcement activity from last year. I have listed each event in order by date of occurrence.

- 1. March 26, 2018 @ Ringle Forest; (1) tree stand seized.
- 2. March 27, 2018 @ Kronenwetter Forest; (1) tree stand seized.
- 3. April 24, 2018 @ Leather Camp Forest; (1) tree stand seized.
- 4. May 17, 2018 @ Leather Camp Forest; (1) citation issued to a 57 year old male for using a tree stand in an unauthorized manner. This stand was seized on April 24th and returned to him on August 30th upon payment of the fine.
- 5. June 14, 2018 @ Leather Camp Forest; (2) tree stands seized.
- 6. August 2, 2018 @ Nine Mile Forest; (1) citation issued to a 60 year old male for using a facility without paying the established fee. He had been riding a mountain bike on the developed trails without purchasing a trail pass.
- 7. September 17, 2018 @ Nine Mile Forest; (1) citation issued to a 22 year old male for defacing trees or other natural growth. He acknowledged cutting down two young spruce trees with a machete at the informal camp site north of the Chalet parking area.
- 8. October 2, 2018 @ Kronenwetter Forest; (1) citation issued to a 22 year old male for cutting natural growth. He acknowledged cutting down two red oaks and one big tooth aspen for firewood south of the Martin Road parking area.
- 9. October 31, 2018 @ Kronenwetter Forest; (1) tree stand, (1) trail camera and (1) game cart seized.
- 10. November 14, 2018 @ Leather Camp Forest; (2) tree stands and (1) trail camera seized.
- 11. November 15, 2018 @ Leather Camp Forest; (2) tree stands seized.
- 12. November 30, 2018 @ Leather Camp Forest; (1) tree stand seized.
- 13. December 12, 2018 @ Leather Camp Forest; (1) tree stand seized.
- 14. December 20, 2018 @ Wisconsin River Forest; (1) citation issued to a 68 year old male for cutting natural growth. He acknowledged cutting down three trees and bending over vegetation in front of his ground blind north of Pine Bluff Road.

Orange signs were placed on each tree from which a stand was seized. This sign references the county ordinance and provides a phone number if the owner wants to claim their stand.

Tom Lovlien

From:

Cynthia Hassel

Sent:

Thursday, January 10, 2019 2:21 PM

To:

Tom Lovlien

Subject:

RE: High School Bike Race

Check just came in this week.

1 Electrical Panel - \$165.00 541 Participants @ \$4.00 = \$2,164.00 99 Camping Units @ \$10.00 = \$990.00

Total - 3,319.00

From: Tom Lovlien

Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 2:15 PM

To: Cynthia Hassel < Cynthia. Hassel@co.marathon.wi.us > **Cc:** Dan Fiorenza < Dan. Fiorenza@co.marathon.wi.us >

Subject: High School Bike Race

Cindy,

Do we have any info on number of participants and revenue for the High School Bike Race held at 9-Mile on October 6?

Thomas Lovlien Marathon County Forest Administrator



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Parks, Recreation & Forestry Mission Statement

In discussing and reviewing the objectives of the County's strategic plan and how the Parks, Recreation & Forestry department contributes to specific objectives, staff took a step back to look at the department's mission and future expectations of the department. It was identified that the department had multiple mission statements that all incorporate our core services; adaptively managing the parks and facilities, natural resource sustainability, and providing recreation opportunities. Staff then offered a number of ideas for combining the mission statements. Through this exercise three mission statements have been developed:

- 1. Adaptively managing our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities making our County a desirable place to live, work and play.
- 2. Adaptively managing our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities for all.
- 3. To create a lasting impact for residents and visitors by managing our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability and providing high quality recreation facilities and opportunities.

These statements will now be reviewed by all full-time staff for feedback on the desired mission. The goal is to have a mission statement that is all encompassing, impactful and easy to remember.



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	No. Sales	All Sawlogs	Aspen	Mixed Hdwd.	Oak	Jack Pine	Red Pine	Other Hdwd.	Other Softwd.	Salvage	Fire Wood	XMAS/ Poles	Total Cordwood	All Prod. Cord Equiv.	Total Sales Value
COUNTY Fores	sts														
BARRON	7	1,616.57	535	3,859	1,960	0	237	440	0	0	0	0	7,032	10,608	879,801.25
BAYFIELD	57	3,011.24	25,497	17,712	14,878	9,879	11,822	2,220	5,359	0	287	5	87,367	94,279	4,885,737.76
BURNETT	29	347.07	6,539	5,758	2,640	2,928	9,024	1,623	1,610	0	0	0	30,123	30,886	1,520,969.43
CHIPPEWA	18	906.00	3,445	6,806	1,086	0	0	192	13	0	0	0	11,542	13,535	711,062.71
CLARK	53	4,780.49	11,964	14,104	13,419	987	10,305	548	7,614	51.81	248	0	58,941	69,806	4,653,573.70
DOUGLAS	54	0.00	34,651	56,577	925	2,461	2,605	5,363	3,321	0	0	0	105,903	105,903	4,480,663.27
EAU CLAIRE	8	406.97	65	0	1,397	60	1,386	1,584	83	0	0	0	4,575	5,476	422,422.04
FLORENCE	10	1,013.88	6,534	3,318	4,445	249	3,953	224	960	0	0	0	19,683	21,999	1,385,933.15
FOREST	2	169.57	1,013	699	0	0	0	451	55	0	0	0	2,218	2,591	166,309.06
IRON	58	2,088.78	19,550	59,714	512	16	1,850	2,583	10,037	0	0	0	94,261	98,859	4,163,364.59
JACKSON	19	917.74	452	1,528	4,539	727	1,641	1,724	2,251	0	0	0	12,862	15,008	654,876.58
LANGLADE	35	1,411.66	12,992	12,948	469	0	2,151	2,610	1,966	0	0	0	33,137	36,242	1,758,502.88
LINCOLN	46	1,506.19	29,736	26,790	642	28	5,749	2,524	2,362	0	0	0	67,831	71,144	3,750,864.46
MARATHON	10	336.87	8,278	6,844	153	0	45	36	11	0	7	0	15,366	16,110	666,358.40
MARINETTE	25	551.96	7,210	7,540	6,104	347	3,031	817	2,064	0	91	0	27,114	28,419	1,472,067.94
MONROE	4	130.30	448	13	1,404	66	0	359	310	0	0	0	2,599	2,888	123,002.09

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	No. Sales	All Sawlogs	Aspen	Mixed Hdwd.	Oak	Jack Pine	Red Pine	Other Hdwd.	Other Softwd.	Salvage	Fire Wood	XMAS/ Poles	Total Cordwood	All Prod. Cord Equiv.	Total Sales Value
VERNON	2	173.40	40	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	495	35,266.47
VILAS	13	59.33	451	163	529	347	2,175	120	3,734	0	0	0	7,519	7,650	359,369.86
WASHBURN	27	2,067.12	14,031	17,844	8,461	183	3,721	3,440	487	0	0	0	48,167	52,714	3,127,312.35
WOOD	18	399.33	1,886	3,192	2,670	43	5,053	0	1,297	0	242	0	14,140	15,261	742,410.28
	654	28,545.88	243,649	329,821	72,369	18,596	78,527	35,384	56,126	52	903	16	834,472	898,512	46,071,733.88
STATE Forests															
AMERICAN LEGION	8	237.15	3,783	3,376	1,357	0	3,229	718	939	0	0	0	13,402	13,937	821,238.22
BLACK RIVER	12	0.00	376	158	1,680	2,173	4,869	893	1,748	0	85	6	11,897	11,982	696,541.44
BRULE RIVER	12	0.00	11,190	3,292	1,247	1,680	6,834	0	2,705	0	0	0	26,948	26,948	1,420,464.21
CHILSEN DEMO FOREST	1	30.58	0	238	0	0	0	38	17	0	0	0	294	361	15,572.88
COULEE EXPERIMENTAL FOREST	2	87.13	538	395	61	0	369	0	293	0	0	0	1,656	1,848	50,292.58
FLAMBEAU RIVER	16	717.52	9,148	26,191	0	0	222	2,009	3,392	0	232	0	40,962	42,772	1,495,793.38
GOVERNOR KNOWLES	2	0.00	109	542	745	34	11	508	0	0	0	0	1,949	1,949	41,219.39
KETTLE MORAINE -LOEW LAKE UNIT	1	45.86	111	279	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	414	515	20,820.35
KETTLE MORAINE - NORTHERN UNIT-IANSR	7	248.07	465	612	358	0	1,779	304	3,116	0	0	0	6,634	7,179	308,528.43
KETTLE MORAINE -PIKE LAKE UNIT	1	26.00	12	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	40	97	1,367.00
KETTLE MORAINE - SOUTHERN UNIT	3	0.00	25	157	0	0	653	0	1,041	0	158	0	1,875	2,033	64,273.06
NORTHERN HIGHLAND	17	880.30	4,418	13,544	3,635	0	3,644	297	5,352	0	1,256	240	30,889	34,132	1,696,629.69
PESHTIGO RIVER	2	0.00	1,164	278	598	80	69	0	0	0	0	0	2,189	2,189	102,061.15
	84	2,272.61	31,340	49,061	9,681	3,967	21,677	4,819	18,603	0	1,730	246	139,149	145,942	6,734,801.77



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^{*} Properties not listed had no completed timber sales for the report period.

CY 2018- Completed Timber Sales Summary

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	# Sales	# Acres	Acres per	# MBF		All products: #		Value per	Value per
	completed	harvested	sale	sold	# Cords sold	Cord Equiv	Stumpage value	sale	acre
State Forests	83	8,910	107.35	2,242	140,585	145,581	\$6,719,229	\$80,955	\$754
Other State Lands	120	7,281	60.68	3,450	105,286	112,912	\$4,230,142	\$35,251	\$581
County Forests	654	48,051	73.47	28,557	835,245	898,554	\$46,071,734	\$70,446	\$959
Total	857	64,242	241.50	34,250	1,081,117	1,157,046	\$57,021,105	\$66,536	\$888

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CLOSE OUT TIMBER SALES

Closeout February 5, 2019

Sale 645-16 KLEINSCHMIDT LOGGING

	Estimated	Cut	
Aspen Pulp	100 Tons	147.24 Tons	Aspen Pulp
Basswood Pulp	160 Tons	197.17 Tons	Basswood Pulp
Mixed Hardwood Pulp	630 Tons	682.45 Tons	Mixed Hardwood Pulp
Oak Pulp	55 Tons	51.48 Tons	Oak Pulp
	945 Tons	1078.34 Total	Tons Cut
Ash Sawlogs	17 MBF	19.09 MBF	Ash Sawlogs
Basswood Sawlogs	7 MBF	11.09 MBF	Basswood Sawlogs
Red Maple Sawlogs	6 MBF	6.42 MBF	Red Maple Sawlogs
Red Oak Sawlogs	4 MBF	15.80 MBF	Red Oak Sawlogs
	34 MBF	52.40 Total I	MBF Cut

Total Revenue for Sale: \$30,710.42

Balance: \$0.00
Bond Amount: \$6,030.95
Bond Type: Letter of Credit

Recommendation: Close out and return Letter of Credit

CLOSE OUT TIMBER SALES

Closeout February 5, 2019

Sale 657-16 SCHREIBER LOGGING INC

	Estimated	Cut	
Aspen Pulp	180 Tons	209.37 Tons	Aspen Pulp
Basswood Pulp	15 Tons	8.28 Tons	Basswood Pulp
Mixed Hardwood Pulp	70 Tons	116.12 Tons	Mixed Hardwood Pulp
Oak Pulp	100 Tons	109.21 Tons	Oak Pulp
Red Pine Pulp	225 Tons	300.30 Tons	Red Pine Pulp
	590 Tons	743.28 Total	Tons Cut
Mixed Hardwood Sawlog	3 MBF	2.50 MBF	Mixed Hardwood Sawlog
	3 MBF	2.50 Total	MBF Cut

Total Revenue for Sale: \$7,745.04

Balance: \$0.00 Bond Amount: \$1,528.75

Bond Type: Cash Bond

Recommendation: Close out and Return Cash Bond

APPLICATION FOR THE MARATHON COUNTY FOREST CITIZENS' ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Name Sysan Stomieroski	Are you a resident of					
ddress 6310 Setter Rd Marathon County?						
Weston WI 54476	Yes 🖳					
Phone (115) 355-7719 (115) 241-34	। № □					
I am available for meetings: Day ☐ Ever	ning 🔼 🕮					
Please describe your background as it relates to the county resource management in general. I have no be forestry or forestry or natural resource but have owned and vidden horas or part of 50 years and currendly 5 on one or another of our trail own my own boarders facility and to however.	ce maragement en generl on trais for the better					
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Please return the completed application by December 17, 2018 and any supporting materials to:

Thomas Lovlien, Forest Administrator Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department 212 River Drive, Suite 2 Wausau, WI 54403-5476