

Members present: Arnold Schlei (c), Rick Seefeldt, James Bove
Also present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Director, Chad Keranen-DNR Liaison, News Media

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 Seefeldt / Bove to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2019 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

A3. Request to Use Nine Mile Trail System for IronBull Events – Andrea Larson, IronBull Executive Director – Larson explained IronBull is creating races hoping to attract and draw people to the area. They are organizing a 120 mile and a 60 mile gravel bike race on October 19th and are focusing on the western half of Marathon County. She is asking permission to use a portion of the snowmobile trail to go through Nine Mile even though it is after the mountain biking closing date. Lovlien said staff was looking at how best to accommodate this, if it were going to be accommodated that would cause the least disruption to the other users of the County forest after the October 15th deadline. The Department is supporting this because it's very close to the October 15th deadline, does not use any single track or cross-country trails, will have no resource damage, and is for one afternoon. That is all taken into consideration when there is a potential event looking to use Nine Mile. Larson explained IronBull is a non-profit entity and will charge a fee for the event because they want to generate revenues to give back to parks and other organizations such as CWOCC. A press release will be done and signs can be placed where hunters park to get information out to the public. Questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Bove to grant an exception for the IronBull gravel bike race to use a portion of the snowmobile trail and review it after this year to determine if it will be an annual event. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Lovlien said last November members from CWOCC requested permission to use Nine Mile for a winter January triathlon that involved biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. This Committee gave them permission on a one-year trial basis to do so but because of the weather the event did not happen. The same request is being made for what will be an official IronBull event rather than a CWOCC and Nordic Club event on January 26th, 2020. Currently snow-biking is not allowed at Nine-Mile because of skiing but this event is a cooperative effort between CWOCC and Nordic Ski clubs. Staff does not have any concerns about resource damage and supports the event. Questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Schlei to approve the IronBull winter triathlon event on an on-going basis. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Spring Timber Sale Bid Summary – Keranen explained there were five new sales and one sale that was re-bid. There were twenty-seven bids from thirteen different contractors. The weighted average shows prices increasing ten to twenty percent on the pulp. This was a unique bid opening because the County received \$551,371.85 which is a record for this County forest. There is one bigger sale on Springbrook Road in Nine Mile that is a final rotation on red pine that has reached its rotation age and is going to be clearcut and replanted. This sale brought in \$336,334.25 so that increased the overall bid prices for the bid opening. The average per cord was \$75.11 and \$1,388.85 per acre sold. Questions were answered.

B. Consider Setting Date and Time for Fall County Forest Tour

After discussion it was decided to hold the County forest tour on Sept. 12th, 2019 from 10am-3pm. The tour will include a logging job, on invasive species site and other forest highlights.

C. Wisconsin County Forests Association Summer Tour – June 20, 21, 2019

Lovlien requested that if any member is interested in attending the tour in Jackson County they let him know by May 24th.

D. Spring Delays Opening of Several Recreational Facilities

Lovlien said normally most trails are open by May 1st but all of the trail systems forest and park wide were assessed and it was determined that they weren't going to be ready to open by May 1st this year. Staff will continue to work to get them open as soon as possible.

Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts –There were twenty-seven bids from thirteen different contractors. Staff has worked with all of the high bidders before and Lovlien recommends they award the bids to the high bidders. **Motion** / second by Bove / Seefeldt to award the bids to the high bidders. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2. Timber Sale Closeouts

a. Twin Forest Products-Contract #655-16 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 2770 and 2410.80 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$54,638.48. Lovlien's recommendation is to close out Twin Forest Products-Contract #655-16 and return their Letter of Credit. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to close out Twin Forest Products – Contract #655-16 and return their Letter of Credit. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

b. Javorek Logging-Contract #669-18 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 1230 and 1777.97 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$22,003.73. Lovlien's recommendation is to close out Javorek Logging-Contract #669-18 and return their Letter of Credit. **Motion** / second by Bove / Schlei to close out Javorek Logging-Contract #669-18 and return their Letter of Credit. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

c. Wilson Forestry LLC-Contract #656-16 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 5050 and 5228.75 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$102,859.91. Lovlien's recommendation is to close out Wilson Forestry LLC-Contract #656-16 and return their Letter of Credit. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Seefeldt to close out Wilson Forestry LLC – Contract #656-16 and return their Letter of Credit. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Next Meeting Date & Time, Location – May 7, 2019 at 12:30pm, 212 River Dr., Rm. 3

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – Lovlien mentioned that Joe Tucker, County Forester had helped the Solid Waste Department complete a 10-acre clearing for facility expansion. They will reimburse the Department for expenses involved and were glad for the help.

B. Future Agenda Items – Timber Sale Closeouts, 2020 Budget

Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to adjourn at 1:30 pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.