

Vilas County Forestry, Recreation, & Land Committee Minutes

3 August 2011

Members Present: Bob Egan, Vice Chair
Leon Kukanich
Jack Harrison
Sig Hjemvick

Members Excused: Stephen Favorite, Chair

Others Present: Kathleen Rushlow, Vilas County Board
Lawrence Stevens, CF, Forest Administrator
Constance Valkenaar, Administrative Secretary
Tim Friedrich Acting Vilas Co. DNR Forestry Liaison
Manny Oradei, Oneida Co. DNR Liaison
Ken Anderson, Media
Holly Tomlanovich, Sno-Eagles
John Helgeson, Lakeland Times
Dan Balog, Town of Land O'Lakes Chair
Nancy & Scott Porstner, Lake Geneva

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Egan, who advised that this was a public meeting and that notification of the meeting with the agenda was sent to the Committee members, the County Board Chairman, the Vilas County Clerk, the Vilas County Corporation Counsel, the Vilas County News-Review, the Lakeland Times, Radio Stations WRJO/WERL, and WLSL, and the Rhinelander Daily News. The notice and agenda were also posted on the Courthouse and Forestry Department bulletin boards. This notification was verified by the Forestry Department Administrative Secretary.

- 1) Motion by Kukanich, seconded by Harrison, to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Motion by Hjemvick, seconded by Kukanich, to approve the minutes of the 6 July 2011 meeting with the following addition: item #20 - add "No action was taken by the Committee." Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Forestry Dept. HQ Flooring Bids: Bids to replace the flooring with tile were opened as follows;

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Ceramic</u>	<u>Porcelain</u>	<u>+ To Fix Sub-Floor</u>	<u>Workers Comp</u>
All-Pro	\$14,180.00	\$15,192.50	\$7.81/sq. ft.	Yes
Eagle Flooring	\$12,021.77	\$12,897.77	not submitted	Yes
Carter's	\$12,630.00	\$15,099.00	not submitted	Yes
Dan's		\$12,332.00	not submitted	Yes
Dave's		\$15,288.50	not submitted	No

Motion by Hjemvick, seconded by Harrison, to accept the low bid of Dan's Carpet provided it meets the specs. If not, the bid will be awarded to the next lowest bid which meets specs, and so on. Motion carried unanimously. Stevens inquired as to requiring a performance deposit as there is no policy. The Committee directed a performance bond will not be required for this contract. Performance bonds on next agenda.

- 4) Tax Deed Land Sales: Bids were opened. The results are outlined in particular per attached Bid Results sheet. All motions on all tracts carried unanimously.

Computer Number	Township	Bidder Name	Amount of Bid	Result
2-1229	Arbor Vitae	John & Kelly Ferg	\$11,010.00*	Mtn Hjemivck, 2 nd Harrison, Yes
12-1591	Land O'Lakes	Town of Land O'Lakes	\$12,000.00*	Mtn Kukianich, 2 nd Harrison, Yes
12-1639-002	Land O'Lakes	Jerry Bybee	\$7,035.00	Mtn Hjemivck, 2 nd Harrison, No
12-1639-003	Land O'Lakes	Jerry Bybee	\$7,610.00	Mtn Hjemivck, 2 nd Kukanich, No
12-1639-004	Land O'Lakes	Gerald Hasenberg	\$23,247.00	
12-1639-004	Land O'Lakes	Klessig/Nowak	\$30,000.00*	Mtn Hjemivck, 2 nd Harrison, Yes to this bid; no to others this tract
12-1639-004	Land O'Lakes	Jerry Bybee	\$17,780.00	
12-1639-004	Land O'Lakes	Nancy Porstner	\$28,360.00	
12-1639-005	Land O'Lakes	Klessig/Nowak	\$30,500.00*	Mtn Harrison, 2 nd Hjemivck, Yes to this bid; no to others this tract
12-1639-005	Land O'Lakes	Jerry Bybee	\$17,780.00	
12-1639-005	Land O'Lakes	Nancy Porstner	\$23,366.00	
12-1639-006	Land O'Lakes	Klessig/Nowak	\$14,000.00	Mtn Hjemivck, 2 nd Harrison, no to both bids this tract
12-1639-006	Land O'Lakes	Jerry Bybee	\$8,510.00	
12-1639-007	Land O'Lakes	Jerry Bybee	\$17,015.00	Mtn Hjemivck, 2 nd Harrison, No
12-1639-008	Land O'Lakes	Jerry Bybee	\$23,260.00	Mtn Hjemivck, 2 nd Kukanich, No
12-1639-009	Land O'Lakes	Nancy Porstner	\$16,699.00	

12-1639-009	Land O'Lakes	Barbara & Mark Renc	\$24,000.00*	Mtn Hjemvick 2nd Harrison, Yes to this bid; no to others this tract
12-1639-009	Land O'Lakes	Jeff Kodat	\$15,000.00	
12-1639-009	Land O'Lakes	Nowak/Klessig	\$23,500.00	
12-1639-009	Land O'Lakes	Jerry Bybee	\$14,275.00	
18-648-03	Phelps	Colin Crawford	\$1,000.00	Mtn Hjemvick, 2 nd Harrison, No
18-78	Phelps	Colin Crawford	\$1,000.00	Mtn Hjemvick, 2 nd Harrison, No
26-2889	Washington	John Lumley	\$511.99	Mtn Hjemvick, 2 nd Harrison, No

- 5) Timber Sale Contracts Activity/Forest Management Report: Stevens gave the report, a copy of which is attached. Logging contractor TSI (Brent Martin) was discussed. This contractor currently has 4 contracts with Vilas County. A letter from Martin was read aloud to the Committee, wherein he explained his financial issues with the sales. Motion by Hjemvick, seconded by Rushlow, to consult with Corporation Counsel, and if she agrees, to apply Martin's cash bonds to the outstanding balances on his sales and further, to scale all forest products on Martin's timber sales on the ground and demand payment in full before hauling is permitted. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Vilas County Pedestrian/Bike Trail Plan Resolution: Highway Committee has changes to be made to the Plan draft. Motion by Harrison, seconded by Kukanich, to table this until the September meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Cell Tower Easement Request: Committee advised they have questions regarding Fencing, size, strike zone, etc. Egan will talk with Corporation Counsel. Motion by Egan, seconded by Harrison, to postpone this matter until the next meeting. The Committee also wishes to discuss this with Communications Committee. Stevens advised that the Officer Gary Peske has been advised of this situation. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) Oldenberg Land Trade Request: Discussion. The possibility of acquiring a crucial piece of RR grade from David M. Brown Trust (NENE, Sec. 29, T41N – R10E, Conover) for recreation trail as well as the importance of maintaining the integrity of the County Forest acreage when considering any trade were discussed.
- 9) Access Permit: Motion by Hjemvick, seconded by Harrison to approve this renewal for Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.
Egan & Harrison excused themselves early for other engagements (approx. 10 a.m.).
- 10) Oldenberg Sports Park: Stevens advised that the Pitlik & Wick statement for the South Playing Fields completion is in the bills to be approved today. As stated at the July meeting, Stevens is not 100% satisfied with the manner in which Pitlik & Wick completed the project. Egan advised that Oldenberg has offered to replace the lights in the outside area at the playing fields with lights from his own commercial lighting company (including increasing the lights from 4 to 6 lights and providing the electrician to do the installation), free of charge. Motion by Hjemvick, seconded by Rushlow, to accept this generous offer. Motion carried unanimously.

- 11) Correspondence: For information only, no Committee action required - DNR Strategic Direction – the result is that the DNR’s County Forest Program will be reduced by 5%. The DNR has asked the Counties for their input as to these cuts.
- 12) Railroad ROW Ownership Issues: Motion by Egan, seconded by Rushlow, to again postpone discussion of this issue till the next meeting due to workload constraints at the Corporation Counsel’s Office. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13) Disabled Access & Power Driven Mobility Devices on Public Lands: The new law took effect on 15 March 2011. It states that all PDMV’s must be allowed on trails unless they cannot be reasonably accommodated. The rule also defined PDMV’s. This law will have a significant impact on the trail systems on public lands. The Department was directed (by Hjemvick) to contact the DNR to find out what the State is doing and also to make an assessment of our areas and bring it back to the Committee with recommendations for a permit process. This matter will be placed on the next agenda.
- 14) Wisconsin Conservation Congress: Ken Anderson submitted his annual report, a copy of which is attached.
- 15) Meetings/Continuing Education/Out-of-County Travel: Invasive Plants Steering Committee – motion by Kukanich, seconded by Rushlow, to approve Gagnon’s attendance on 19 August 2011 in Woodruff. Motion carried unanimously.
- 16) Monthly Budget Summary: No problems noted. Stevens advised that at the September meeting, issues at the Fairgrounds need to be addressed; i.e., drainage. Motion by Rushlow, seconded by Hjemvick, to direct Stevens to start evaluating prospective work to be done at the Fairgrounds in regard to the drainage problem. Motion carried unanimously.
- 17) 2012 Budget: Stevens went through his budget draft with the Committee line by line. Motion by Kukanich, seconded by Rushlow, to submit this 2012 Budget, with minor corrections as directed by the Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
- 18) Bills reviewed for payment: Motion by Kukanich, seconded by Rushlow, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 19) The next regular meeting will be 7 September, 2011 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse Conference Rooms.
- 20) The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Transcribed from tape and notes of Valkenaar and Stevens and presented to the Committee for approval.