

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
December 3, 2010
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Mike Roiger, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch. Also present was Scott Lindow, DNR.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to approve the meeting minutes from November 12th and the agenda. Motion carried.

Nine bills for payment were reviewed; \$39.65-Werner Sales/Service (chainsaw maintenance); \$1.59-Medford Farm & Home (hardware); \$4.14-Do It Best Hdwr. (numbers for placing by timber sales); \$40.00-Glass to Go (chip repair/Ford truck); \$605.54-M&H Chevrolet Inc (windshield/fan motor repair/Chevy truck); \$77.50-Star News (timber sale ads (2)); \$207.62-Hwy Dept (Trout Ave beaver control project); \$200.00 Dennis Henrichs (hauled 20 yd gravel on Kennedy logging road) and \$4,355.00-J.J.'s Brush Cutting (mowing on Pine Line.) Mildbrand motioned, second by Roiger, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Aszmann reviewed five Timber Sales bids for awarding: #5-10 clear-cut aspen stand, Smola Bros. high bidder; #6-10, northern hardwood stand, Smola Bros. high bidder; #7-10 second cutting, selection cut, Smola Bros. high bidder; #8-10 red maple, Smola Bros. high bidder; and #9-10 DNR set-up sale, aspen stand, Wiitala-Vozka high bidder. Roiger motioned to approve awarding the Timber Sales to the high bidders, second by Mildbrand. Motion carried. Summary attached. The total December sale value is \$212,667.50.

Ruesch reviewed the timber sales that will be up for renewal in December. Janko's sale #587 final payment is due by December 10th; if final payment is not received Letter of Credit will be cashed. Letters were received for their sales #584/588 for renewal. They need to renew LOC's for each job. Roiger motioned to approve extensions for one year, pending receiving LOC's, with no stumpage increase, second by Bizer. Motion carried. Wiitala-Vozka sent letter requesting timber sales #579/580 be renewed stating poor markets/weather conditions. After discussion, Bizer motioned, second by Mildbrand, to approve extending sales #579/580 for six-months with no stumpage increase from 1-1-2011 to 2-15-2011 after that date a 5-10% increase in stumpage. Motion carried. Smola sale #585 (1st renewal) was discussed. Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand to give a one-year extension with no increase in stumpage. Motion carried.

Aszmann reported John Bube is continuing working on Bruce Dassow Timber Sale #598 and he will begin work on Bruce Dassow Sale #599. Also Steve Dassow will begin work on Sales #582 & 594.

Ruesch reported the projected revenue shortfall of \$50,000 is going to be a little better at approximately \$20,000 shortfall. Next year's revenue projection looks to be better.

Aszmann reported he sent the Trimble hand held GPS unit to Seiler for (estimate) repair. The tech called and reported it needed a new touch pad and the diode got jarred and was not communicating correctly (not due to operator error). Those problems will be corrected along with updated software. The repair cost will be approximately \$350 and expected delivery will be next week.

The next meeting will be January 7 or 14, 2011 or at the Call of the Chairman at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to adjourn at 10:35 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
November 12, 2010
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Mike Roiger, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch. Also present was Scott Lindow, DNR.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to approve the meeting minutes from October 1st and the agenda. Motion carried.

Two bills for payment were reviewed; \$102.50-Seiler Instrument & Mfg. (support module for GPS Unit) and \$5,067.28-Taylor County Surveyor for corner surveys. Bizer motioned, second by Mildbrand, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Aszmann reviewed five Timber Sales for advertising: #5-10 large clear-cut aspen stand, greentree retention area, Ice Age Trail goes through; #6-10 northern hardwood stand, near Bear Ave, summer sale; #7-10 South of County Rd D, use new access road, cut 20 years ago, selection cut; #8-10 Ruesch set up sale, aspen & soft maple, possible winter/frozen condition sale; and #9-10 DNR set up sale, aspen stand, off Trout Ave, East Lemke Creek runs through. Roiger motioned to approve the Timber Sales for advertising, second by Mildbrand. Motion carried.

Aszmann reported John Bube is continuing working on Bruce Dassow Timber Sale #598. He also reported Smola's have completed work on Timber Sale #590 and we are waiting on mill slips so sale can be closed-out.

Ruesch reviewed the timber sales that will be up for renewal in December. There was discussion on a six-month extension for Wiitala sales #579 & #580 as this would be the fourth year for each sale. Also Janko sale #587 was discussed. We are waiting for final payment to close-out that sale. Renewals will be on December agenda.

Aszmann reported he is again having trouble with the Trimble hand held GPS unit. After it was sent in for repair and returned it working well. It was new in 2005. New ones have been looked at and they range in price from \$3000 to \$8000. The Zoning Department shares the unit and would pay for half of a new unit. Mildbrand motioned, second by Roiger, to give authority to Chairman Zenner, to purchase new GPS unit if needed. Motion carried.

Ruesch discussed Annosum root rot which has been discovered on his pine plantation on his property northwest of Medford. Annosum root rot is a fungus which spreads through the roots of the trees or airborne spores. Preventative measures include applying a borax solution to the tree stump within 24 hours of cutting. If we have any pine plantations for cutting on the County Forest, spec sheets will have to be updated to include this measure.

The 2011 County Forest Work Plan was reviewed. Bizer motioned, second by Roiger, to approve the 2011 County Forest Work Plan. This will be sent on to the County Board for their approval. This is required to receive the administrative grant from the State to cover salary/fringe benefits for County Forest Administrator.

Roiger reported he was elected as a Director at the County Forest Association meeting held on November 5.

The next meeting will be December 3, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Bizer motioned, second by Mildbrand, to adjourn at 10:55 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
October 1, 2010
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Mike Roiger, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch. Also present was Scott Lindow, DNR.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to approve the meeting minutes from September 3rd and the agenda. Motion carried. There were no bills.

Aszmann reported John Bube is working on Bruce Dassow Timber Sale #598. He has minimal impact on the forest as he hand-cuts and skids with a cable skidder. He is the only logger working on County Forest as much of the forest is saturated with all the recent rain we've received. Ruesch reported the department has just passed the 50% revenue plateau.

Aszmann reported the Trimble hand held GPS unit needed to be sent in for repair. It was returned and is working now. It was new in 2005. New ones have been looked at and they range in price from \$4000 to \$7000. The Zoning Department shares the unit and would pay for half of a new unit. Mildbrand motioned, second by Roiger, to give authority to Chairman Zenner, to purchase new GPS unit if needed. Motion carried.

Aszmann reviewed the timber sales they are working on for the November meeting. He's working on a large selection-cut sale with Ice Age Trail/Ski Trail complications; Ruesch is working on a shelter-wood, winter harvest only sale; and Scott Lindow is working on a 37 acre sale where the snowmobile trail goes through it. There should be a total of five timber sales up for review.

Zenner discussed the 2011 Budget review completed recently. The Finance Committee took \$25,000 from the carry-over in the expense budget. The Land Acquisition fund was discussed but at this time no money was taken from it. The County budget will be taken up at the October County Board Meeting.

Ruesch reviewed the County Forest Association agenda for the meeting which will be held on November 5. There was discussion on the next Forestry & Recreation Committee meeting date. It was decided to change the meeting date to November 12.

Ruesch reported on the contract renewals for timber sales which will expire on December 31st 2010. Due to weather conditions many loggers have not been able to start or complete timber sales. These renewals will be on the December agenda.

Ruesch reported the ATV Trails are open but conditions are wet, muddy and rocky. There was discussion on the Town of Browning opening all their town roads to ATV's. Also the possibility of ATV traffic on County Rd G in the Miller Dam area was reported.

Scott Lindow reported the FISTA Logger Certification website will be up & running in a few months.

The next meeting will be November 12, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to adjourn at 10:45 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
September 3, 2010
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Mike Roiger, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch. Also present was Scott Lindow, DNR.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to approve the meeting minutes from August 6th and the agenda. Motion carried.

Bills: none.

Aszmann reported John Bube is working on Bruce Dassow Timber Sale #598. He has minimal impact on the forest as he hand-cuts and skids with a cable skidder. Aszmann also handed out for review a list of Timber Sales on the books as of 8-31-10 and shows the expected revenue due when work is completed on these sales.

Aszmann reviewed Timber Sale #587 Janko Logging for close-out. All wood is hauled and road has been repaired. Final payment is needed. Roiger motioned, seconded by Mildbrand, to approve close-out of Timber Sale #587 Janko Logging, pending final payment. Motion carried. Timber Sale #593 Smola Bros. was reviewed for close-out. All wood is hauled and final payment has been made. Mildbrand motioned, seconded by Roiger, to approve close-out of Timber Sale #593 Smola Bros. Motion carried.

Ruesch discussed the 2011 Budget request which is the same as last year with "0" increases for the operational side. The revenue projection is also the same as last year. There was discussion on the Land Acquisition account and the possible purchase of land adjoining the County Forest and the possibility of using Stewardship funding. Ruesch also pointed out that no major projects were done on the County Forest this past year. Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand, to submit the budget to the Budget Committee as presented. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported the Memorandum of Agreement on Stewardship funding is not completed as not all the administrative rules have been worked out.

Ruesch reported the DNR audit for snowmobile/ATV programs was completed for last year and the clubs are eligible for supplemental funding.

Ruesch reported on the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) which decides how to spend the 15% Title II monies. Steve Suchomel is our area representative and will help to decide which projects on the Chequamegon Forest should proceed and the deadline for proposing the projects for 2011 is October 14th.

Ruesch reported Miller Dam will be scheduled for inspection in 2012 and Camp 8 Dam in 2018. He may request moving up the Miller Dam inspection to 2011 because of possible surface concrete failure. There was discussion on the Chelsea Lake Dam situation and who is responsible for repair costs.

The next meeting will be October 1, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to adjourn at 11:07 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
August 6, 2010
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Mike Roiger, Scott Mildbrand, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch. Also present was Scott Lindow, DNR. Dave Bizer was excused. Lester Lewis was present for a portion of the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Mildbrand motioned, second by Roiger, to approve the meeting minutes from June 4th. Motion carried.

Mildbrand motioned, seconded by Roiger, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Bills presented were: \$2124.65 WCFA dues membership; \$247.00 Ron Arkola, road work; and \$67.73 & \$988.08 M & H Chevrolet, truck repair. Roiger motioned, seconded by Mildbrand, to pay the bills. Motion carried. Russ Aszmann reported his Ford pick-up needs new tires & he has gone to several dealers for estimates. The best deal is through Pomp Tire with the government discount. It is considered regular maintenance so no motion necessary.

Aszmann reported Smola Logging has finished up one Timber Sale and had begun working on another. But the continued wet weather has caused them to move onto other work. Aszmann also reported work has begun on Bruce Dassow Sale #598. Jon Bube is doing the logging. He also reported he is continuing setting up timber sales for the upcoming fall sale.

Ruesch reported on the Secure Rural Schools & Community Payment Declaration which comes due ever two years. We had gone with the guaranteed payment. Taylor County's payment is split 85% to townships with US Forest Service property and 15% into Title II funds. Title II money is for use on RAC (Resource Advisory Committee) projects and basically pays for those projects on the CNNF. Title III money is for County-identified projects (e.g. community wildfire protection, etc.) and the funds stay with the County. Mildbrand motioned, second by Roiger, to re-authorize the current election. Motion carried.

Ruesch reviewed the road repair on Hultman Lake road completed by Ron Arkola.

Ruesch reported the State hasn't finalized the criteria for the dam inspection program. Ayres would like to do several dam inspections at one time in an area for cost savings. Miller Dam will be scheduled for inspection in 2012. More money may need to be budgeted for inspections.

Stewardship funding Memorandum of Agreement was discussed. This is the sharing of DNR land acquisition money for purchasing property. The County will enter into a MOA with the DNR. Money will be available for County Forest Land Acquisitions.

The next meeting will be September 3, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Mildbrand motioned, second by Roiger, to adjourn at 10:58 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
June 4, 2010
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Mike Roiger, Dave Bizer, Scott Mildbrand, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch. Also present was Scott Lindow, DNR, Mark Berglund, Star News. Also present for a portion of the meeting were Earl Finkler and Mary Janko.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to approve the meeting minutes from May 7th. Motion carried.

Roiger motioned, seconded by Bizer, to approve the agenda with add-on (Discuss Sale #582 Steve Dassow renewal). Motion carried.

Bill presented was: \$85.26 Star News (Timber Sales ad). Roiger motioned, seconded by Mildbrand, to pay the bill. Motion carried.

Aszmann reviewed the spring timber sales bids: #1-10 Westboro area, Twin Forest Products high bidder; #2-10 Ice Age Trail goes through sale, possible summer sale, Bruce Dassow Trucking high bidder; #3-10 winter sale, clear-cut aspen & mixed hardwood, Bruce Dassow Trucking high bidder; #4-10 winter sale, Bear Avenue runs through sale, Wiitala-Vozka Logging high bidder. Motion by Bizer, second by Mildbrand, to award timber sales to high bidders. Motion carried.

Ruesch reviewed one timber sale for renewal. Sale #582 Steve Dassow: sale has not been started, winter sale. Motion by Bizer, second by Roiger, to give a one-year extension, with no increase in stumpage, and renewal fee of \$50. Motion carried.

Aszmann reported Janko Logging is finishing up Timber Sale #587. Wood needs to be hauled and payments made. He also reported he is setting up timber sales for the upcoming fall sale.

Ruesch reviewed 2009 Account Balances and allocations into accounts for 2010. Mildbrand motioned, second by Bizer, to approved carry-over balance account adjustments as presented. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported on Miller Dam and the possible upcoming changes to the State Dam Inspection Program. Money may have to be budgeted for annual inspections.

Ruesch reviewed the 2009 Annual Report. The Financial Report was also reviewed. Ruesch reported it was the first time the County Forestry Department had a revenue deficit. The deficit of \$53,856 is mainly due to slow timber sale activity caused by lack of demand at the mills. Mildbrand motioned, second by Roiger, to approve reports. Motion carried.

Zenner leaves meeting at 10:40. Roiger conducts remainder of meeting.

Ruesch reported on the last Pine Line meeting on May 25th with the main issue regarding allowing ATV use on trail. The Price County Corp Counsel gave the opinion that allowing ATV use on the Pine Line would be in violation of State Grants received for Trail Development & Surfacing. The Commission did not take any action. Mary Williams is looking into the matter at the State level. Roiger feels that if they allowed ATV year-round use on the Trail, it would be a slap in the face to adjacent landowners. Mark Berglund and Earl Finkler also spoke on behalf of trail usage of the non-motorized variety. The next Pine Line Meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2010.

The Summer Tour will be held in Burnett/Polk Counties on June 16 – 18. Mike Roiger will attend the Board of Directors meeting on the 16th.

The next meeting will be July 2, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Mildbrand motioned, second by Bizer, to adjourn at 10:48 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
May 7, 2010
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Mike Roiger, Dave Bizer, Scott Mildbrand and Russ Aszmann. Also present was Scott Lindow, DNR.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand, to approve the meeting minutes from April 2nd. Motion carried.

Roiger motioned, seconded by Mildbrand, to approve the agenda with 10 items. Motion carried.

Bill presented was: \$4112.10 Taylor County Highway Department (road access on County Hwy D). Roiger motioned, seconded by Bizer, to pay the bill. Motion carried.

Aszmann reviewed the County Rd D access recently completed by the Highway Department. The new access was created to eliminate previously used private road access to the County Forest. Old access was bermed and the gate moved to new access.

Aszmann reported on the Pine Line issue regarding allowing ATV use on trail. Ruesch had contacted Pat Zatopa, DNR Grants Administrator, regarding the possible usage year-round by ATVs. She replied that with the State Grants received for Trail Development & Surfacing, it would be in violation of the grant agreements if year-round ATV use was allowed.

Aszmann reviewed the spring timber sales: #1-10 Westboro area, off Beard's Lane, oak, aspen, hardwood pulp, 64 acre timber sale; #2-10 Westboro area, also off Beard's Lane, small (18 acres) aspen clear-cut, Ice Age Trail goes through, Green Tree Retention area, will put up Aspen Regeneration Sign; #3-10 off Trout Avenue, clear-cut aspen and mixed hardwood, winter sale, near snowmobile route; #4-10 Bear Avenue runs through sale, over-story removal on 31 acres, part clear-cut and selection harvest area. Motion by Roiger, second by Mildbrand, to approve timber sales for advertising with wording added to #3-10 to include Special Conditions/Snowmobile Trail language. Motion carried.

Aszmann reported Janko Logging is working on their Timber Sale #587 off Little Rib Road.

Aszmann reported the Maintenance Department is working on the boat ramps and docks at Miller Dam. There was some damage from frost heaves. When the water goes down, the dam will be looked at by Ayers Engineering for possible damage.

The schedule for the Summer Tour, held in Burnett/Polk Counties on June 16 – 18, was discussed. Anyone wanting to attend should contact the Forestry office.

Aszmann reviewed a training session he attended on the Menominee Indian Reservation regarding Annosum Root Rot disease and the eradication of this disease.

The next meeting will be June 4, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to adjourn at 10:35 AM. Motion carried.

Russ Aszmann for Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
April 2, 2010
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Mike Roiger, Dave Bizer, Scott Mildbrand, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch. Also present were Scott Lindow, DNR and Mark Berglund, Star News.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Mildbrand motioned, second by Roiger, to approve the meeting minutes from February 5th. Motion carried.

Roiger motioned, seconded by Bizer, to approve the agenda with 11 items. Motion carried.

Aszmann reviewed Timber Sale #575 John Olson for close-out. No problem with snowmobile trail going through sale, John Bube finished sale for Olson, all wood hauled and need final payment. Roiger motioned, seconded by Bizer, to approve close-out of Timber Sale #575 John Olson, pending final payment. Motion carried.

Aszmann reported there is no one working on the County Forest at this time. Forest is starting to dry out. Aszmann is working on finishing marking timber sale #3 with possibly having 4-5 for the spring sale.

Ruesch reported the snowmobile/ATV season was a good season. The Clubs have to get the grooming/signing billing submitted. He also reported on UTV's, which are wider & weigh more than regular ATV's. The state has started another 2 year "pilot project" so they can gather more information on their use, safety factors and trail problems with running on current snowmobile/ATV trails.

Ruesch also reported the DNR will no longer do wetland delineations. Engineers will need to be hired to do wetland delineations before permits are issued by the DNR. This will be a problem for grant applications, as work will need to be done before knowing whether funding will be reimbursed. New trails would be very costly; maintenance to trails is acceptable without a permit.

Ruesch reported Miller Dam looks good and the buoys will be dropped next week. He reported the frost did a number on the launches, broke cement on sidewalks and heaved the blacktop. The Parks Department will look at repairing the damage. The Miller Dam Lake Association is reportedly going to receive \$175,000 grant monies to document invasive water plants and control project.

Ruesch reported on the Spring WCFA Conference. Certification was one of the issues discussed.

Ruesch reported the Summer Tour will be held in Burnett/Polk Counties on June 16 – 18. More information will be available next meeting.

Ruesch handed out specs for a new chair. Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand, to approve purchase of new chair. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be May 7, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand, to adjourn at 10:29 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
February 5, 2010
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Mike Roiger, Dave Bizer, Scott Mildbrand, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch. Also present were Scott Lindow, DNR and Mark Berglund, Star News.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to approve the meeting minutes from January 8th. Motion carried.

Ruesch noted the addition to the agenda: NOTE: Agenda Items May Warrant Committee Action. Roiger motioned, seconded by Bizer, to approve the agenda with 12 items. Motion carried.

No bills.

Ruesch reported he has talked to Jeff Peterson regarding the problem beavers on the County Forest. He will be hired under the same agreement he has with the County Highway Department. Motion by Mildbrand, second by Bizer, to approve hiring Jeff Peterson to control the beaver problem. Motion carried.

Ruesch handed out the preliminary 2009 revenue and account balance sheets for review. He reported on the revenue shortfall of \$45,000 to cover department expenses. This will leave a balance of approximately \$119,400 after the revenue shortfall and \$150,000 General Fund Transfer are considered. Ruesch also reported town payments were made to Rib Lake (\$10,681) and Westboro (\$679). These were down considerably from previous years.

There was discussion on purchasing a new truck for the department after Ruesch reported problems with the 2001 Chevrolet he drives. The department had been on a 3-year cycle for purchasing a new truck. Motion by Roiger, second by Bizer, to approve purchasing a new truck to keep on the 3-year cycle. Chairman Zenner called for a roll call vote. Roiger (Aye), Bizer (Aye), Mildbrand (Nay) and Zenner (Nay). Motion defeated. A new truck will be looked into next year.

Roiger reported the snowmobile trails are in good shape with a good base. We have had no closures.

Aszmann reported there are two active timber sales. Jon Bube and brothers are working on John Olson Sale #575 and Mike Olson is working on his timber Sale #596. Janko Logging has moved from their County timber sales. It was reported the mills have cut prices paid to the loggers.

Ruesch reported the agenda is not available yet for the Spring WCFA Conference which will be held at the Best Western Midway in Wausau on March 24-26. More information should be available for the next meeting.

Ruesch reported on the WCFA Legislative Committee meeting recently held in Tomahawk. Discussed were the following issues: corrective actions to certification; green tree retention; bio-mass harvesting; stewardship programs and ATV/Snowmobile/Light utility vehicle legislation.

The next meeting will be March 5, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to adjourn at 10:40 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
January 7, 2010
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Mike Roiger, Scott Mildbrand, and Brad Ruesch. Also present were Jim Metz, County Board Chairman, Scott Lindow, DNR and Mark Berglund, Star News. Dave Bizer was absent.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand, to approve the meeting minutes from December 4th and the agenda. Motion carried.

Bills presented were: \$176.63 Quik Print (Wood Lake sign). Roiger motioned, seconded by Mildbrand, to pay the bill. Motion carried. Everyone agreed the sign looked good.

Ruesch reported on the Spring WCFA Conference which will be held at the Best Western Midway in Wausau on March 24-26. He will attend on the 24th for the Legislative meeting. On the 26th he will attend the general meeting, driving back and forth. The agenda is not available yet.

Ruesch reported the snowmobile trails were opened on December 31st at 6:00 AM and the trails were opened to ATV'S on Saturday, January 2 at 6:00 AM.

Ruesch reported there are three active timber sales. Janko Logging is cutting aspen on two of their sales; John Olson Sale #575 is being cut by Jon Bube; and Mike Olson is working on his timber Sale #596.

Ruesch reviewed the Resolution to amend The 15 Year Forest Plan. The prospectus and contract need to be updated regarding water BMP's and Invasive Species BMP's. Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand, to approve the Resolution and send on to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported on the status of the County Rd D access easement. Corp Counsel and Ruesch have called and left messages for Mr. Peche. He has not returned our calls. It may be that Mr. Peche does not want to enter into a written agreement. Ruesch will try to make contact with Mr. Peche to determine what his feelings are on the issue. It will be put on a future agenda for the Committee to review possible solutions.

Ruesch reported on the 3 Year DNR Forest draft audit report received this morning. Taylor County has met all requirements. One recommendation given was for the interest accrual method used to be stated differently on the contract.

There was discussion on Snowmobile Trail closure/changes. All trails are open and groomed.

The next meeting will be February 5, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand, to adjourn at 10:35 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary