

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
December 2, 2011
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Mike Roiger, 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 Mildbrand, to approve the meeting minutes from November 4th and the agenda, with one addition (Problem beaver agreement & billing) as mailed. Motion carried.

Bill presented from Backwoods Service/Jeff Peterson (\$452.61) for trapping beavers on County Forest. Mildbrand motioned to approve payment, second by Bizer. Motion carried. Discussion on increasing the payout per beaver was discussed and it was decided to go along with whatever the Highway Department decides to do. Payment comes out of State Aid Forest Roads account.

Aszmann reviewed four Timber Sales bids for awarding: #4-11 summer sale, Gumz Logging high bidder; #5-11, clear-cut & selection cut, Wiitala-Vozka Logging high bidder; #6-11 large selection cut, B & M Logging high bidder; and #7-11 160 acre sale, select harvest area, B & M Logging 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 \$202,602.00.

Aszmann reported Jim Poyda has pulled out of his timber sale, all wood cut has been trucked and billing is going to be sent out. Aszmann has begun working on the spring timber sales.

Ruesch reviewed the timber sales for renewal. Janko's sale #584 & #588, second renewal, letter received. They need to renew LOC's for each job. Bizer motioned to approve extensions for three months (March 31, 2012), pending receiving LOC's, with no stumpage increase, second by Roiger. Motion carried. Smola Logging sent letter requesting timber sales #585/594 be renewed stating poor markets/weather conditions. After discussion, Bizer motioned, second by Roiger, to approve extending sales #585/594 for one year with no stumpage increase. Motion carried. Steve Dassow sale #595 was discussed. Bizer motioned, second by Roiger to give a one-year extension with no increase in stumpage. Motion carried. All carry a \$50.00 renewal fee.

Ruesch reviewed the 2012 Annual Work Plan which is required for the Administrative Aid Grant. Motion by Roiger, second by Mildbrand, to approve 2012 Annual Work Plan and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported on Camp 8 Trail damage that the ATV Club is concerned about with the upcoming snowmobile season. There was some rutting damage but repairs have been made.

Mildbrand reported on the Town's Association discussion on ATV routes in individual townships. Also brought up was the status of UTV's on the US Forest Service. There may be possible changes on the Perkinstown Trail.

Bizer brought up possible sympathy action by farmers in Taylor County regarding cutting off snowmobile trails on farmer owned fields in Marathon County.

The next meeting will be January 6, 2012 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

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

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
November 4, 2011
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Mike Roiger, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch. Also present were Karyn Eckert, Star News & for a portion of the meeting, Les Lewis.

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

Bill presented from JJ Brushing (\$3250) for mowing roadsides in County Forest. Roiger motioned to approve payment, second by Mildbrand. Motion carried. Payment comes out of State Aid Forest Roads account.

Ruesch reviewed the Resolution to amend the County Outdoor Recreation Plan to include an updated plan for the Village of Gilman. Mildbrand motioned to approve Resolution and forward to County Board for approval, Roiger second. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported on the survey project in the County Forest by County Surveyor Bob Meyer. Three different areas will be included in the project; 1) far Northeast corner where Taylor, Price & Lincoln Counties join together, 2) Olah property which abuts County Forest, and 3) Gary Nelson property that abuts County Forest. Costs will run \$10,000 - \$15,000. Aszmann reported the surveys will help with timber marking.

Aszmann reported Jim Poyda is continuing to work on his timber sale, working on high ground areas due to some wet conditions.

Aszmann reviewed the fall timber sales: #4-11 off Little Rib Avenue, second time through, selection cut area, summer sale; #5-11 off Beards Lane/Hills Lane, clear-cut and select cut area, creek crossing will have to be done in frozen conditions; #6-11 off North Loop Road, good access, cut 15-20 years ago, large select cut area; #7-11 off Trout Avenue, large 160 acre sale, over-story removal with Green Tree retention and selection harvest area. Bizer motioned, second by Mildbrand, to approve timber sales for advertising. Motion carried.

Truck bids were reviewed. Medford Motors bid \$24,990 for the 2012 F150 4WD Extended Cab; Ewald Automotive Group bid the following 2012 Ram 1500 4WD Quad Cab ST (\$23,260), 2012 Ram 1500 4WD Quad Cab SLT (\$24,230), 2012 Ford F-150 4WD Super Cab XL (\$25,346), 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Ext Cab LT CK (\$25,333) and 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Ext Cab Work (\$24,677). After review of options and discounts and cost of delivery, motion was made by Roiger, second by Bizer, to approve purchase of truck from Medford Motors. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported JJ Brushing did a good job mowing the road sides in the County Forest.

Roiger reported on the Board Meeting attended at the WCFA Fall Conference. Items discussed were: salvage operations in the Northwest blowdown area; Oneida County area mine opening; and budget approval with no increase in dues.

The next meeting will be December 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Bizer motioned, second by Roiger, to adjourn at 10:46 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
October 7, 2011
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Mike Roiger, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand, to approve the meeting minutes from September 1st as mailed and the agenda with 2 additions; 1) Resolution to undesignate \$100,000 from Land Acquisition Fund and 2) University of Oregon study land use agreement. Motion carried.

No bills presented.

Aszmann reported Smola's moved out of their sale on the County Forest and Jim Poyda has begun his timber sale. He is continuing to work on setting up timber sales for the fall sale.

Ruesch reviewed the Forest Service Resolution. After discussion, Bizer motioned to approved Resolution and forward to County Board for approval, Roiger second. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported on dozer activity on County Forest and how the issue was handled.

Ruesch reported on the fish rearing pond dam removal. The area looks good and he will submit pictures to Bill Sande, Army Corps.

2012 Budget discussion; motion by Roiger, second by Mildbrand, to approve Resolution to undesignate \$100,000 from Land Acquisition Fund. Motion carried with Bizer voting no.

The gate damage on the County Forest was discussed. Pictures of gate that was pulled out were reviewed. Gate will be re-set when equipment is available.

WCFA Fall Conference information was handed out. Roiger will attend as he is on the WCFA Board. Ruesch or Aszmann may attend a portion of conference.

Discussion of new truck purchase. Motion by Roiger, second by Bizer, to solicit bids for a new forestry truck with the same specs as last time. Roll call vote, Roiger, Bizer, Mildbrand – yes; Zenner – no. Motion carried.

Discussion on Oregon State magnetic field project. Motion by Mildbrand, second by Bizer, to approve project. Motion carried.

Ruesch discussed attendance of Forestry Conference at Rhinelander Nicolet College on October 17th. Zenner will attend with Ruesch.

The next meeting will be November 4, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to adjourn at 11:05 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
September 1, 2011
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Mike Roiger, Russ Aszmann, Brad Ruesch, Scott Lindow and Greg Mitchell, DNR.

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

Mildbrand motioned, second by Bizer, to approve the agenda with no add-ons. Motion carried.

No bills presented.

Aszmann reported no one is working on the County Forest at this time with conditions starting to dry out. He is continuing to work on setting up timber sales for the fall sale.

Aszmann reviewed Timber Sale #591, Smola Bros. for close-out; hilly sale, access through Greg Leuth property, good job done. Roiger motioned to close-out Timber Sale #591 Smola Bros., Mildbrand second. Motion carried.

Ruesch, along with Aszmann, reported on the meeting with the US Forest Service regarding the dikes on Miller Dam and who is responsible for maintenance of dam/dikes. Taylor County will now have access to maintain the dikes and the 1963 agreement with the Forest Service will be updated to reflect this.

Ruesch reported the National Forest payment reauthorization is now due. He reported at this time it would be better to stay under the guaranteed payment plan as in the past several years. Motion by Bizer, second by Roiger, to approved the guaranteed payment option. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported the snowmobile map has gone to print with an order for 10,000 maps to be printed. There has been a change to the route on the north end of Medford. There will no longer be access to motels or eating establishments. The only access into the city will be on the Pine Line Trail and the 9th Street Trail which ends at K-Mart.

There was discussion on the 2012 budget, namely the Land Acquisition account. A resolution to cap the Land Acquisition account at \$500,000 was discussed. After discussion, it was decided to leave as it is right now and bring it back for review again if needed. Motion by Roiger, second by Bizer, to approve the proposed 2012 budget and send on to the Budget Review Committee.

Ruesch reported Lake Esadore is up for dam inspection also in 2012 along with Miller Dam. There may be the possibility to set something up for the engineers to do both inspections with Taylor County and the Lake Esadore Lake Association sharing the cost.

The next meeting will be October 7, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to adjourn at 11:12 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
August 5, 2011
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Mike Roiger, Russ Aszmann, Brad Ruesch and Scott Lindow, DNR. Also present for a portion of the meeting, Jay Winkler & Norman Vlach (Rib Lake Fish & Game) and Tom Wendt (Spirit Lakes Association).

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to approve the meeting minutes from July 1st and the agenda, with no additions, as mailed. Motion carried.

Bills presented: WCFA membership dues (\$1954.01). Motion to approve payment by Bizer, second by Roiger. Motion carried. Bill is payable after the 1st of the year.

Introductions were made for discussion on the non-permitted fish rearing pond that is located in the Taylor County Forest. Bill Sande, Army Corps of Engineers had contacted Ruesch regarding this pond, which is located above two other permitted fish rearing ponds. Sande reported the Taylor County Forestry Department is responsible for the structure as it is on County land. The letter indicated the process needed to rectify the situation. Namely, the structure needs to be removed, the material needs to be placed back where it came from and it needs to revegetate naturally. Winkler, President of Rib Lake Fish & Game, gave an overview of the past 20 years of the fish rearing ponds and reported the club neglected to get necessary permits for this latest pond. Vlach reported they will do everything that is required of them to rectify this situation. Once completed, they will go through proper procedure for getting permits for doing the pond correctly.

Motion by Roiger, second by Mildbrand, to have Ruesch work directly with Sande, (Army Corps) and the Rib Lake Fish & Game to solve the problem. Motion carried.

Aszmann reported no one is working on the County Forest at this time with the wet conditions. He is continuing to work on setting up timber sales for the fall sale.

Ruesch presented the 2012 draft budgets. The Committee has copies for their review and will be posted on September agenda for their action.

Ruesch reported the Snowmobile/ATV paperwork has been sent in for \$33,600 in supplemental grant money to cover costs associated with 2010-2011 seasons' costs. Total costs of the Snowmobile and winter ATV Trail was \$150,000. Any supplemental money coming from the State is divided up between all the Counties.

Ruesch reported he has been getting more responses from the letters sent to all municipalities (towns, villages, City of Medford) requesting copies of their ATV Ordinances. He reported in reviewing Grover's Ordinance he found they had liability issues and the town's lawyer is working to add proper language to their ordinance. When he hears from all municipalities he can then begin plotting on the County map where all routes are located.

Ruesch reported on hours & grant money associated with working with the DNR.

The next meeting will be September 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to adjourn at 11:12 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting
July 1, 2011
West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Mike Roiger, Russ Aszmann and Brad Ruesch. Also present was Scott Lindow, DNR and for a portion of the meeting, 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 June 3rd and the agenda, with no additions, as mailed. Motion carried.

Bills presented: Kyle Komarek, road work on County Forest road (\$2785.50). Motion to approve payment by Roiger, second by Bizer. Motion carried. Ruesch reported Komarek did emergency road repair work on Trout Avenue. The County had culverts which Komarek used.

Aszmann discussed activity on the County Forest. Smola Logging has begun work on a small summer sale and they may keep working on their other sales weather permitting. He is continuing to work on setting up timber sales for the fall sale. Ruesch reported all contracts and letters of credit have been received for the spring sales and we have received Smola's timber sales renewals and letters of credit.

Ruesch handed out and reviewed the Resolution to amend the 15 Year Forest Plan. The resolution covers the inserting of FSC Certification on the Timber Sale Contract and the Green Tree Retention language on the Timber Sale Prospectus. Mildbrand motioned, Bizer seconded, to approve the Resolution to Amend the 15 Year Forest Plan. Motion carried. The Resolution will be forwarded to the County Board for approval. The actual wording changes will be forwarded to the Board along with the Resolution.

Ruesch reported on the ongoing beaver problem in the County Forest. Jeff Peterson is trapping the problem beavers affecting forest roads on new area and old problem areas.

Ruesch reported he sent letters to all municipalities (towns, villages, City of Medford) requesting copies of their ATV Ordinances, if they have one. He displayed a snowmobile map which had the roads hi-lighted in townships that have sent back their ordinances and list of roads open to ATV's. This information can be used by the Highway Department if needed. Ruesch also handed out the State Statutes and Administrative Rules regarding ATV's. When further information is received he will update the Committee.

Roiger reported on the Director's meeting of the County Forest Association he attended in Tomahawk. The CFA has moved their office to the Timber Producer's offices in Rhinelander. Indian gathering rights was one of the topics discussed.

Lindow reported on the updated WisFir Program that Lindow and Aszmann can both access now. This is where the forest reconnaissance information is updated.

Ruesch reported Corp Counsel Ken Schmiede is reviewing information on Chelsea Lake.

The next meeting will be August 5, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

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

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting

June 3, 2011

West Entrance

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

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Mildbrand motioned, second by Roiger, to approve the meeting minutes from May 13th as mailed. Motion carried.

Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand, to approve the agenda with no additions. Motion carried.

Bills presented: Chevrolet Forestry truck – M & H Chevrolet oil change & brake work (\$243.37) Motion to approve payment by Roiger, second by Mildbrand. Motion carried.

Aszmann reviewed the bids for the spring timber sales: #1-11 large selection cut area, approximately 1700 cords, summer sale, high bidder Jim Poyda; #2-11 off Newood Avenue, good access, approximately 1000 cords, high bidder Schreiner Forestry; #3-11 off Cutoff Road, small clear-cut, high bidder Wiitala-Vozka Logging. Motion by Mildbrand, second by Bizer, to award timber sales to highest bidders. Motion carried. Aszmann reported total sale bids were \$171,784.

Aszmann reviewed the timber sale activity on the County Forest. No loggers are working on sales. He reported he is working on setting up sales for the fall sale.

Ruesch reviewed Smola Brothers Timber Sales #591 & #592 for renewal. Their letter stated they need the renewal due to market & wet conditions. Roiger motioned, seconded by Bizer to approve one year renewal, no increase in stumpage, \$50.00 renewal fee for Timber Sales #591 & #592 Smola Brothers. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported he will talk to the ATV Club regarding ATV's using more of the County Forest roads in conjunction with the Camp 8 Trail. No action required.

Ruesch handed out & reviewed the 2010 Annual Report which reviewed the goals and accomplishments of the County Forestry Department. Motion by Mildbrand, seconded by Bizer, to approve the Taylor County Forest & Recreation 2010 Annual Report and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.

Ruesch reviewed the 2010 Carry-Over Balances. The Land Acquisition account was discussed. Motion by Roiger seconded by Mildbrand, to approve the Carry-Over Disbursements. Motion carried.

Aszmann reported the Forestry Department chainsaw needs to be replaced. He will get quotes. Motion by Mildbrand, seconded by Bizer, to approve purchase of chainsaw. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported Kyle Komarek is working on emergency road repair work on Trout Avenue.

The next meeting will be July 1, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

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

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting

May 13, 2011

West Entrance

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

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

No bills were presented.

Ruesch reported there is \$4000 in the County Dam Account for inspections. In previous years, the DNR has done the inspections; now an independent outside engineer has to be contracted to do the inspections. Miller Dam is scheduled for inspection in 2012; Camp 8 in 2013; and Chelsea Lake are scheduled also for 2013. The Chelsea Lake Dam has to have a determination of ownership. Ruesch said he would like to budget \$2000 - \$3000 a year beginning with the 2012 budget to avoid having a large budget request in any given year.

Aszmann reviewed the timber sale activity on the County Forest. The loggers have not been working due to wet conditions. He reported he has begun work on setting up sales for the fall sale.

Aszmann reviewed the spring timber sales: #1-11 off Wilderness Avenue, clear-cut, large selection cut area, approximately 1700 cords, mostly hardwood; riparian management zones; #2-11 off Newood Avenue, good access, clear-cut, snowmobile trail runs through, approximately 1000 cords; #3-11 off Cutoff Road, small clear-cut, parts are summer logging, near horse trail. Motion by Roiger, second by Mildbrand, to approve timber sales for advertising. Motion carried. Aszmann also reported the prospectus sheet has been revised to show SFI and FSC Certification.

Aszmann reviewed timber sale #582, Steve Dassow for close-out; cut last winter, good job done. Bizer motioned to close-out Timber Sale #582 Steve Dassow, pending final payment, Roiger second. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported there will be two sales for renewal at the June meeting. Both are Smola Brothers and they will need letters of credit renewed also.

Ruesch reported he will start work on a resolution to amend the 15 Year Plan & bring back to the Committee. Updates will be made to the prospectus regarding certification and greentree retention guidelines.

Aszmann reported he will be putting in an order for paint and the cost will be over \$500. Paint is ordered a couple of times a year and amounts to \$3,000 - \$4,000.

Ruesch reported on the ATV opening date set by the US Forest Service. He contacted them and stated the trails were not ready and were in an undetermined condition. He explained the County would not be held responsible for any accidents and that they were in violation of Section D regarding local basis determination. But he also reiterated that if the County pulled out of the agreement, the whole ATV Club would be in jeopardy. The contract needs to be looked at; it needs to be a local decision to open after looking at the trail. No action taken.

The UTV program or lack of was discussed. The County has opted out of the program but more discussion will need to be taken.

The next meeting will be June 3, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Bizer motioned, second by Roiger, to adjourn at 11:00 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting

April 1, 2011

West Entrance

Present were Chuck Zenner, Scott Mildbrand, Dave Bizer, Mike Roiger, 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 Mildbrand, to approve the meeting minutes from March 4th and to approve the agenda with change. Motion carried.

No bills were presented.

Aszmann reviewed the recent timber sale activity on the County Forest. It was an active winter with many loggers working on sales. Aszmann reported he has sent out invoices totaling \$300,000 and has receipts of \$273,000. He also reported road conditions and the remaining snow in the County Forest has slowed progress on setting up new sales for the Spring sale.

Ruesch reported on the condition, mileage and years of present Forestry trucks. Zenner felt it is not the time to purchase a truck as there is a shortfall in the budget. Bizer said he felt we need to keep up with timely purchase of vehicle. Mildbrand feels we should wait until after the budget hearing in fall. Roiger motioned to purchase a new truck, Bizer second. Roll call vote of Bizer, yes; Roiger, yes; Mildbrand, nay; and Zenner, nay. Motion denied. Bizer motioned to have the purchase of a new truck put on the October agenda, Roiger second. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported on the snowmobile season which just concluded. It was a good season from December 24, 2010 until March 16, 2011 with only one 6 day closure, few accidents and one landowner issue. He also reported he is working on a new snowmobile map for the 2012-2013 season.

Aszmann reviewed timber sales for close-out; Wiitala Sale #579, smaller older sale, clear-cut, nice job done. Roiger motioned to close-out Timber Sale #579 Wiitala, Mildbrand second. Motion carried. Wiitala Sale #580 had a stumpage increase, all work is done and wood hauled but need final payment. Roiger motioned to close-out Timber Sale #580 Wiitala pending final payment, Bizer second. Motion carried.

Ruesch reported on the changes needed on the timber sale prospectus, contract and truck tickets to meet requirements of certification for timber purchases. A new stamp is being ordered to reflect the FSC & FSI Certifications. Mildbrand motioned to make necessary changes to timber sale prospectus, contract and truck tickets, Bizer second. Motion carried.

Ruesch started the discussion on the resolution regarding the Land Acquisition account by going through the Draft Resolution. After much discussion, Roiger motioned to approve and forward the Resolution on Policy for the Land Acquisition Account to the Finance Committee, Mildbrand second. Motion carried.

Ruesch handed out agenda & information on the Summer Tour to be hosted by Oneida County and held at Rhinelander.

The next meeting will be May 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Roiger motioned, second by Mildbrand, to adjourn at 11:15 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting

March 4, 2011

West Entrance

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

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

One bill for payment was reviewed; \$741.20-Medford Motors (check engine light, replace wiper blades, fuel pump driver module). Roiger motioned, second by Bizer, to approve payment of bill. Motion carried.

Ruesch reviewed Timber Sale activity on the County Forest: Smola Bros. were working on Camp 8 sale; Steve Dassow and Janko Logging are working on their sales. John Czarnezki has been working on Wiitala Sale #580 and now Wiitala crews have begun working on the sale. A 5% increase in stumpage is being charged on timber produced after 2-15-2011 on Timber Sale #580.

Aszmann reported receipts of \$155,000 in the first two months of the year. He has a total of \$205,000 in invoices sent out to loggers working on County Forest Timber Sales.

Ruesch reported snowmobile trails are groomed and in good condition. They had been closed down for a short period of time but reopened after more snowfall in the area.

There was discussion on the upcoming budget crisis in 2012 and possible affect on the Land Acquisition Fund.

The next meeting will be April 1, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

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

Brad Ruesch, Secretary

Forestry & Recreation Committee Meeting

February 4, 2011

West Entrance

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

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Chuck Zenner. Bizer motioned, second by Mildbrand, to approve the meeting minutes from December 3rd. Motion carried. Mildbrand motioned, second by Bizer, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Two bills for payment were reviewed; \$62.08-Medford Motors (oil change) and \$160.08-M&H Chevrolet Inc (check electrical system/new battery). Mildbrand motioned, second by Bizer, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Aszmann reviewed two Timber Sales for close-out: #590 Smola Bros.; good job, all paid-up. Bizer motioned to close-out #590, second by Mildbrand. Motion carried. Aszmann reviewed Timber Sale #596, Mike Olson, good job, private access issues. Mildbrand motioned to approve close-out Timber Sale #596, pending final payment, second by Bizer. Motion carried.

Aszmann reported there are several loggers working on timber sales on the County Forest. We have frozen road conditions and the older jobs are being worked on. Steve Dassow, John Bube (Bruce Dassow Timber Sale), Janko Logging and Wiitila's are all working on County Forest Timber Sales.

Ruesch reported on the Financial Report for 2010. The County Forest had a \$32,000 revenue shortfall for 2010. But going into 2011 the timber markets are solid. Weather conditions and gas prices all contribute to how we will end up with meeting plan goals. Mildbrand motioned to accept 2010 Financial Report and provide to full County Board, second by Bizer. Motion carried.

The WCFA Conference is scheduled for March 17-18 at Keshena . Cost is \$55 for 2 days plus banquet. Motel fees are separate.

Ruesch handed out information on ash mortality from the Emerald Ash Bore and reported on the potential impact on the County Forest.

The next meeting will be March 4, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the West Entrance.

Bizer motioned, second by Mildbrand, to adjourn at 10:30 AM. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch, Secretary