

Members present: LaVerne Grunenwald, John Small, Elroy Zemke
Also present: Tom Lovlien - Forest Administrator, William Duncanson – Director,
Chad Keranen - DNR Liaison

Call meeting to order and approve minutes – Meeting called to order by Chairman Zemke at 1:30 pm, Room 3, 212 River Drive, Wausau. **Motion** / second by Grunenwald / Small to approve the minutes from the January 3rd, 2012 meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Town of Mosinee Request to Expand Right-Of-Way Along Springbrook Road in Sections 5, 6 and 7, T27N-R7E - Lovlien said that last year the Town of Mosinee received approval to expand the Right-Of-Way from 3 to 4 rods from County Hwy O a mile to the east and blacktopped. They would like to asphalt the remainder of Springbrook Road 1 ½ miles to County Hwy KK. Currently, they have a 3 rod Right-Of-Way through the County forest and are asking the County to approve a 4 rod Right-Of-Way. Lovlien said the Town will complete a land survey for the new Right-of-Way and cut, and pile any wood necessary for expansion in eight foot lengths which would be the County's to utilize. Staff's recommendation is to inspect the survey, grant them the land and utilize the wood. Questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Small / Grunenwald to grant the additional rod (16.5 feet) to expand the Right-Of-Way along Springbrook Road. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2011 County Forest Annual Report – A copy of the report was previously provided to the Committee for review. Lovlien provided highlights and will be distributing the report to the full County Board. Questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Grunenwald / Small to approve the 2011 County Forest Annual Report and forward as an informational report to the County Board. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee Appointment – Lovlien reported that the logging industry representative submitted his resignation. Lovlien reviewed previous submitted applications and found that Jeff Lawrence co-owner of a sawmill, trucking company and a professional logger would fit in well. **Motion** / second by Small / Grunenwald to appoint Jeff Lawrence to the Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2011 Law Enforcement Report – A summary had been previously distributed to the Committee. Eleven citations were issued on County forest lands in 2011. The majority of them were for tree stand violations. Questions were answered.

2007 – 2011 Forestry Division Expense/Revenue Report – An updated report with year-end 2011 figures was previously distributed. Revenues and expenses were discussed. Lovlien noted that next year the timber sale revenue likely would be less than in 2011 because of the warm winter.

Nsight Teleservices Request for Fiber Optic Line Through Nine Mile Forest – A copy of an e-mail from Nsight was previously provided to the Committee. Lovlien said it does not look like Nsight Teleservices will be going through Nine Mile Forest with their fiber optic line.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division Strategic Direction Operations Plan - Keranen said the DNR reorganized how they do business. His allotted time to the County will not be different but some Counties with bigger forests are affected. Lovlien said that the County will continue to receive GIS/IT support for its WisFIRS program, forest certification funding to keep the forests certified, and other grants and assistance. The Sustainable Forestry Grant will be reduced to the Counties. Questions were answered.

Future Agenda Items – timber sale closeout, spring timber sale package

Next Meeting – March 6th, 2012 at 1:30pm

Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Grunenwald / Small to adjourn at 2:10p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.