



## MINUTES

### FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Friday, February 22, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Marinette County Courthouse

1926 Hall Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, County Board Room

Marinette, WI 54143

**Members Present:** Supervisors William Walker, Russ Bousley, Ken Mattison, Allen Mans, and Laurence Nichols

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** County Forest and Parks Administrator John Scott, Assistant Forest Administrator Pete Villas, Public Works Director Mark Desotell, Administrator Steve Corbielle, DNR Cole Couvillion, DNR Joe Schwantes, Forestry Secretary Lynn Swiatnicki

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

#### 2. Agenda

**MOTION** (Mattison/Mans) to approve the agenda. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

#### 3. Discuss/Consider Logging contractor comments regarding timber sales purchased at high stumpage prices

One Time Policy Change for Jobs Sold In Year 2005 because of an unprecedented drop in Market was revisited. Mark Huemphner, Wild Rivers Forestry, requested 5% bond forfeiture on sales being turned in voluntarily. Mr. Huemphner stated he completely lost a market when Wausau Papers mill shut down. Loggers obtain an open-ended purchase agreement when dealing with mills. Other loggers present indicated their desire to cut 2005 awarded sales by obtaining additional contract extensions with or without a price increase. Joe Schwantes, DNR, commented that state prefers not to extend contracts beyond 4 years. John Scott stated Corporation Counsel Mattison suggested committee take no action today and that any future action should be done in best interest of county. Administrator Scott indicated a decision should be made at March 6, 2008 committee meeting to allow loggers ample time to decide about their spring timber sale bids.

#### 4. Adjourn

**MOTION** (Mans/Mattison) to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

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Lynn Swiatnicki  
Administrative Secretary Forestry