

AGENDA

County Of Eau Claire
Committee On Parks & Forest
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center
227 1st St West, Altoona WI 54720

Members note: Please call the committee chair or office if you will not be attending the meeting.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice
2. Approval of minutes from December 13, 2016 Meeting – Discussion/action – Pages 2-3
3. Public Input
4. Dredge Spoils Site at Lake Eau Claire – Discussion/action – Pages 4-5
5. DNR Fire Warden Approval – Discussion/action – Page 6
6. Winterfest Event at Lake Altoona Park – Discussion/action
7. Polar Plunge Event at Lake Altoona Park – Discussion/action
8. Utility Easement Agreement and Resolution for Guettinger Woods by Eau Claire Energy Cooperative – Discussion/action – Pages 7-9
9. Proposal to add fill to Lowes Creek Park – Discussion/action – Pages 10-11
10. 2017 Work Plan and Resolution approval – Discussion/action – Pages 12-17
11. Setting dates for Free Camping Weekend/Entrance Weekend/Tower Ridge Free Ski Day – Discussion/action
12. Expo/Curling Club Lease Extension - Discussion
13. Stewardship Committee report – Discussion/action
14. Correspondence
15. Staff and committee reports
16. Advisory Committee Input/Assignments
17. Future and pending items Next Meeting – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at Ag Center

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
COMMITTEE ON PARKS & FOREST**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
Ag & Resource Center, Altoona WI 54720

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Patrick LaVelle, Tami Schraufnagel, Kevin Stelljes and Bruce Willett

OTHERS PRESENT: Ludwig, WDNR Forester; Lance Gurney, Planning & Development Dept; Laura Plummer and Dustin Marsh, Chippewa Off-Road Bike Association (CORBA); Stuart Schaefer and Jamie Radbaugh, Commonweal Development; Steve Haas, Haas Sons Inc; and Howard Ludwigson, Citizen

STAFF PRESENT: Jody Gindt, Josh Pedersen and Bobbi Barone

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick LaVelle at 5:00 p.m.

1. Confirmation of meeting notice – Meeting notice was confirmed.
2. Approval of minutes from November 8 and November 17, 2016 Meetings - Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the November 8 and 17, 2016 committee meetings; motion carried 4-0.
3. Public Input – No members of the public were present for this item.
4. Fall Back Blast Race – Laura Plummer was present representing CORBA. She presented the committee with a check for \$334 which represents 167 runners and thanked the committee for their support of this event. She added CORBA is looking to add a fixit station at the Expo Center for a cost of \$1500. CORBA would install and pay for the concrete pad and suggested the balance be paid from Firecracker Race proceeds. Pat suggested this be on the next agenda as an action item. She introduced the idea of Fat Bikes utilizing the skate ski area at Lowes Creek only with stated rules and start with a “pilot program” this winter season and would never expand to other ski trail area. After some discussion, the committee and Josh felt it could be tried on a trial basis. CORBA will report back in March or April.
9. Proposal to build BMX Bike Track at Lowes Creek Park by Commonweal Development Corporation – Jamie Radebaugh and Stuart Schaefer from Commonweal Development were present as well as Steve Haas from Haas Sons Inc. and Lance Gurney from Planning & Development. Commonweal Development had initially contacted P&F. They stated the proposal is really about reclaiming the clay mining pit. They were proposing using material from across Hwy 93, the former Mega Foods site and restore the mining site to the original elevation, approximately 130,000 cubic yards material. Howard Ludwigson was present and spoke about clay mining activity at the Lowes Creek Park site for lining the county landfill. He stated he would like the area reclaimed to the original soil elevation. Laura suggested there could be impacts on the aquifer and stated skiers as well as bikers use the area. She also said the fill material would not lend itself to a bike path so the question comes down to reclamation of the site. Gary stated the DNR should be contacted to study the area. Kevin said he’d like to see a written proposal from Commonweal Development
5. Awarding of 2016 Fall Timber Sales – Brooke reported only one sale was not bid on and that the sale price was 26% higher than the advertised price. Kevin asked if the committee could get the bid results prior to awarding a couple of days ahead of time. Staff felt that could be done. Gary made a motion to award the timber bids to the highest bidders; motion carried 5-0.

6. Timber Sale Extension Requests – Bruce made a motion to approve the extensions as recommended by staff; motion carried 5-0.
8. Dredge Spoils Site at Lake Eau Claire – Brooke said the area delineated in the packet needed to be adjusted down to 34 acres to avoid a wetland. The reason for the large size of the spoil site is to accommodate spoils area for 25 years. Kevin said he wants to have a lot more discussion and information before approving it. It was suggested to find private land. Brooke stated she and Marlo had done an extensive search for a private site. This was the best location they were able to find. Kevin wanted more information on engineering studies, elevation, hydrology, how long the site will last, and alternatives explored. This will be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.
10. Approval of Ordinance 16-17/162 Amending Section 16.30.040B of the Code: Fees and Charges – As this had been discussed at an earlier meeting of the committee, Tammy moved to approve the ordinance and forward to the county board; motion carried 5-0 .
11. Litter/Dumping Committee Report – Pat reported that the previous chair of the committee had resigned. The committee will be reorganized. Pat wasn't certain he would continue on the committee.
7. Request to continue KickinKids Free Monday Ski Nights from 4 p.m. to close at Tower Ridge months of January and February – Kevin moved to approve continuation of the KickinKids Free Monday Night Ski; motion carried 5-0.
12. Stewardship Committee – Nothing to report
13. Staff and Committee Report – Bobbi reported a request to hold the Nordic Combined Race at Tower Ridge on Saturday, January 28 at 8 a.m. No trail closures were necessary and the event should be finished by 10 a.m. The committee didn't have any problems holding the event.
14. Advisory committee Input/Assignments – Nothing to report.
15. Future and pending items – Next meeting January 10, 2017 5 p.m. at the Ag & Resource Center.

Bruce moved to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

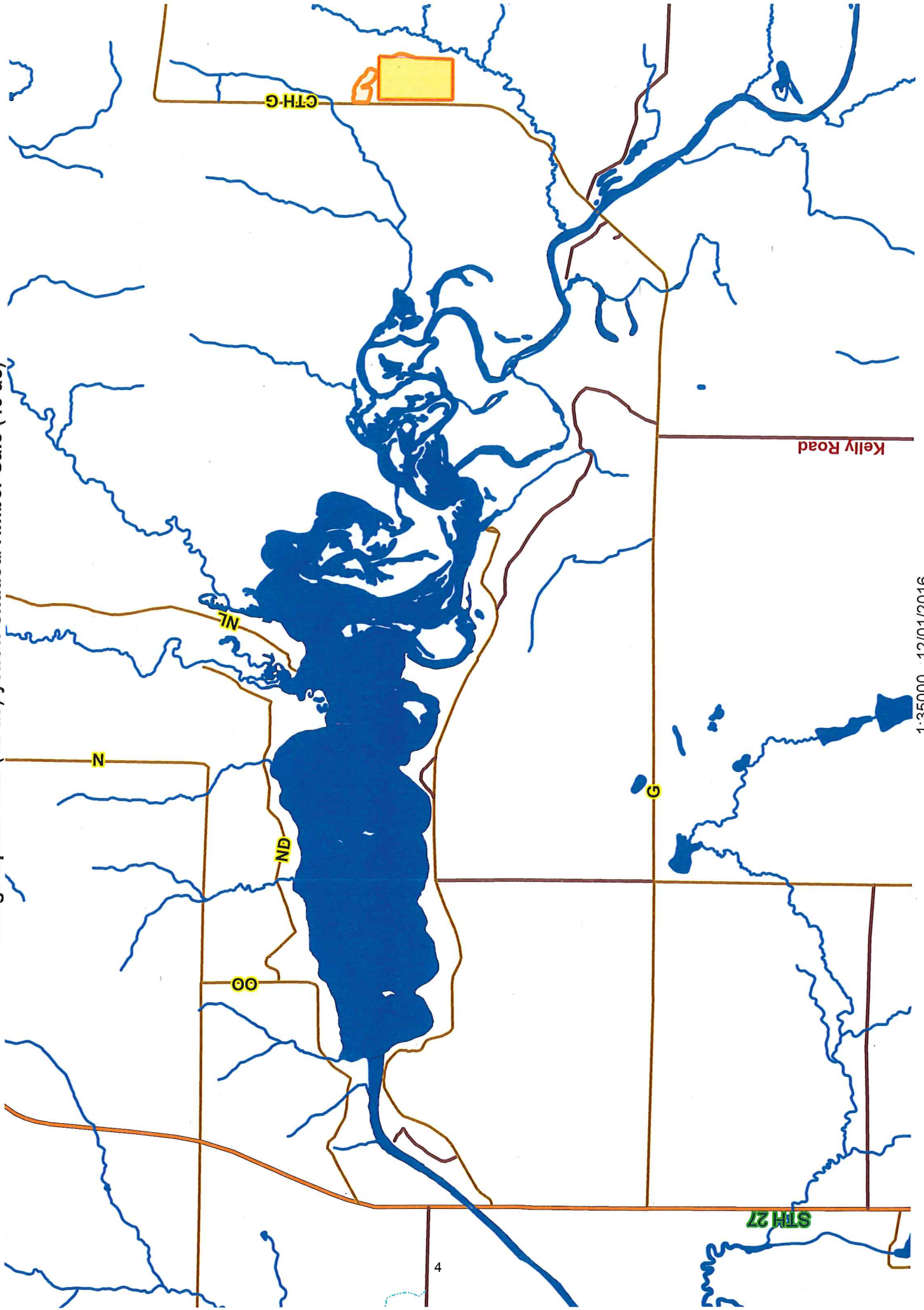
Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Barone
Committee Clerk

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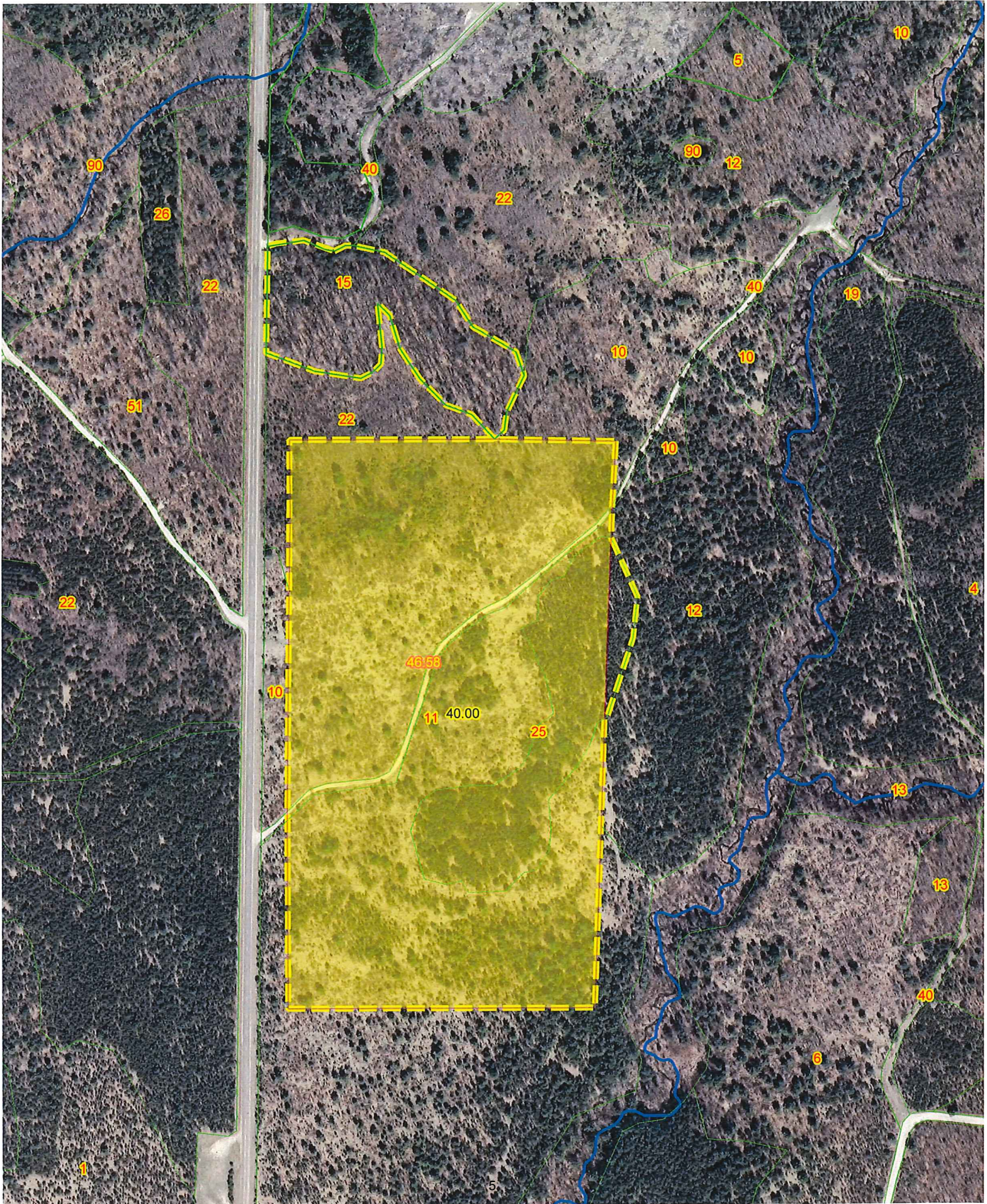
Locator Map

Dredge Spoils Site (40 ac) yellow shaded/Timber Sale (46 ac)



1:35000 12/01/2016

Dredge Spoils Site (40 ac) yellow shaded Timber Sale (46 ac)



To the Honorable:

The County Board of Eau Claire County, Wisconsin.

In accord with s. 26.12(3) and 26.14(3), Wis. Stats., we recommend the following persons to act as authorized emergency fire wardens for the prevention and suppression of forest fires in this county for the year 2017, and ask your approval of this organization list.

EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS

<u>The Woodland</u>	for town of <u>Bridge Creek/Ludington</u>
<u>Seymour Town Hall</u>	for town of <u>Seymour</u>
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Eau Claire, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
December 16th, 2016 By _____
Area Forestry Supervisor/Area Forest Ranger
By _____
County Board Chairperson

UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

(hereinafter called the "Grantor"), and any lienholder executing this easement, for a valuable consideration, does hereby grant, warrant and convey unto EAU CLAIRE ENERGY COOPERATIVE, 8214 US Highway 12, FALL CREEK, WISCONSIN, 54742, a cooperative organized under Chapter 185 Wisconsin Statutes, hereinafter called the "Cooperative", its successors and assigns, with full right to lease, sublet, and license its rights hereunder, the perpetual right, privilege and easement to enter upon the rights of way described hereinafter, and to construct, operate, repair, maintain, relocate, reconstruct, and replace over and under the surface thereof, lines for the transmission and distribution of electric energy, petroleum products, and communications signals.

Said easement shall consist of two distinct rights-of-way, the service easement and the distribution easement. The service easement may cross any of Grantor's lands, described below, for the purpose of bringing electrical service from distribution lines to the service entrance of any electrical service on the premises. The distribution easement shall be for lines which are now, or in the future become, part of the system for serving Cooperative members in addition to Grantor. Both easements are further described herein.

SUBDIVISIONS: If Grantor's land is subdivided and utility easements are shown on the subdivision map, this easement includes all such "Utility Easements." If not included in said "Utility Easements," this easement includes a strip of land fifteen feet wide wherever a boundary of such lot abuts a public right-of-way and a strip six feet wide along each other boundary of each such lot.

COOPERATIVE'S FACILITIES: "Lines" includes cable, poles, anchors and guy wires, conduits, transformers and all accessories and appurtenances which the Cooperative determines to be necessary and appropriate therefor, whether above or below the ground and shall remain the property of the Cooperative which shall have the right to inspect, rebuild, remove, repair, improve and make changes, alterations, substitutions and additions in and to its facilities as it may from time to time deem advisable. The Cooperative may place signs on the easement for the purpose of monumenting the easement area.

ACCESS: This easement also grants the Cooperative the right of access to any described easement area through, over, and across other adjacent lands of Grantor, provided that said access shall be by a route which, in Grantee's judgement, will cause the least practical damage and further provided that the Cooperative will repair, restore, or reasonably compensate Grantor for any damage resulting from such use of adjacent lands.

SERVICE EASEMENT: Wherever the service easement contains overhead lines, it shall be 30 feet¹ wide. Wherever the service easement contains underground lines, it shall be 15 feet¹ wide. The center line of the service easement, which may be relocated from time to time, shall be the electrical service line running from the distribution easement to the service entrance on the premises served.

DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT: Wherever the distribution easement lies adjacent to a public highway, it shall be a strip of land 15 feet¹ wide if the line is single-phase and 20 feet¹ wide if the line is now or is later upgraded to three-phase, even if the highway is changed or relocated. In other areas, whenever the distribution easement contains overhead lines, it shall be 30 feet¹ wide if the line is single-phase and 40 feet¹ wide if the line is now or is later upgraded to three-phase. Wherever the distribution easement contains underground lines, it shall be 20 feet¹ wide. The center line of the distribution easement shall be the center most conductor of the line unless the easement is described otherwise on the reverse hereof or an attachment hereto.

This easement also includes any location used by the Cooperative at any time to place one or more anchors on Grantor's land outside the easement strip to support the Cooperative's facilities constructed within the defined easement strip, and the area necessary for service of said anchor which is defined as a circle with a radius of 10 feet centered on any such anchor facilities and a strip twenty feet wide between that anchor and the foregoing easement, the center line of which shall be a line on the ground directly beneath the guy line attached to said anchor.

OVERHEAD LINE SAFETY: If any of said facilities are constructed above the ground, the Cooperative may, by chemical, mechanical or other means, cut, trim and control the growth of vegetation within the easement and may cut down or trim from time to time all dead, weak, leaning or dangerous trees or limbs on lands adjacent to the right-of-way, which could strike the wires in falling, as it deems necessary or appropriate.

UNDERGROUND SAFETY: If any of said facilities are constructed in or under the ground, the Cooperative may excavate the soil within the easement described herein, and remove trees, rocks and other obstructions, as necessary, for the construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, safety or operation of said line or lines. No owner or occupant of the land may dig or excavate within the easement, or permit others to do so, except as permitted by the Cooperative.

Return to:

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative
8214 US Highway 12
P.O. Box 368
Fall Creek, WI 54742

Parcel No: 004110806000
004110901000
W.O. Number:

¹Unless changed in this footnote:

Service Easement _____ Overhead _____ Underground _____ Easement Width _____
Distribution Easement _____ Overhead _____ Underground _____ Easement Width _____

GRANTOR'S USE: The land within the easement may be used for any purpose not inconsistent with the rights granted, provided such use does not interfere with or endanger the construction, operation and maintenance of the Cooperative's facilities. However, the easement shall at all times be kept clear of buildings, structures, obstructions or any condition which violates the National Electrical Safety Code, the Wisconsin Electrical Code, or the safety regulations of the Cooperative. Once lines have been constructed or installed, the surface elevation over or under said lines may not be altered by more than six inches unless permitted in writing by the Cooperative.

BINDING AGREEMENT: This conveyance is binding on and inures to the benefit of the heirs, representatives, assigns, successors, and grantees of the Grantor. The Cooperative reserves the right to license, permit, or otherwise agree to the use of the easement by any person or entity for the transmission of energy or of communication signals of any kind. The Cooperative reserves the right to charge for such a license, permit, or agreement.

Grantor covenants that Grantor is the owner of the below described lands and warrants that Grantor will indemnify the Cooperative for all costs and losses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in the event that any person claiming an interest in or lien upon said land attempts to limit or alter Cooperative's rights granted herein, whether successful or not.

Additional space for legal description or special provisions:

Section 34, Township 26 North, Range 10 West

[Inapplicable unless filled in] Easement located on the N S E W (circle one) _____ feet of:

THE NE-NW
And
SE-NW

BOTH PARCELS LOCATED IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST IN THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK, EAU CLAIRE COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

EASEMENT SHALL CONSIST OF A STRIP OF LAND 20 FEET WIDE ADJACENT TO AND SOUTH OF STATE HIGHWAY 37 AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A".

If checked here, additional sheet is attached for legal description or other information.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Grantor:
Signature _____
Printed name _____
Signature _____
Printed name _____

Grantor:
Signature _____
Printed name _____
Signature _____
Printed name _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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State of Wisconsin)
) ss
_____ County)

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Personally came before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, the above named _____ and _____, to me known to be the person[s] who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

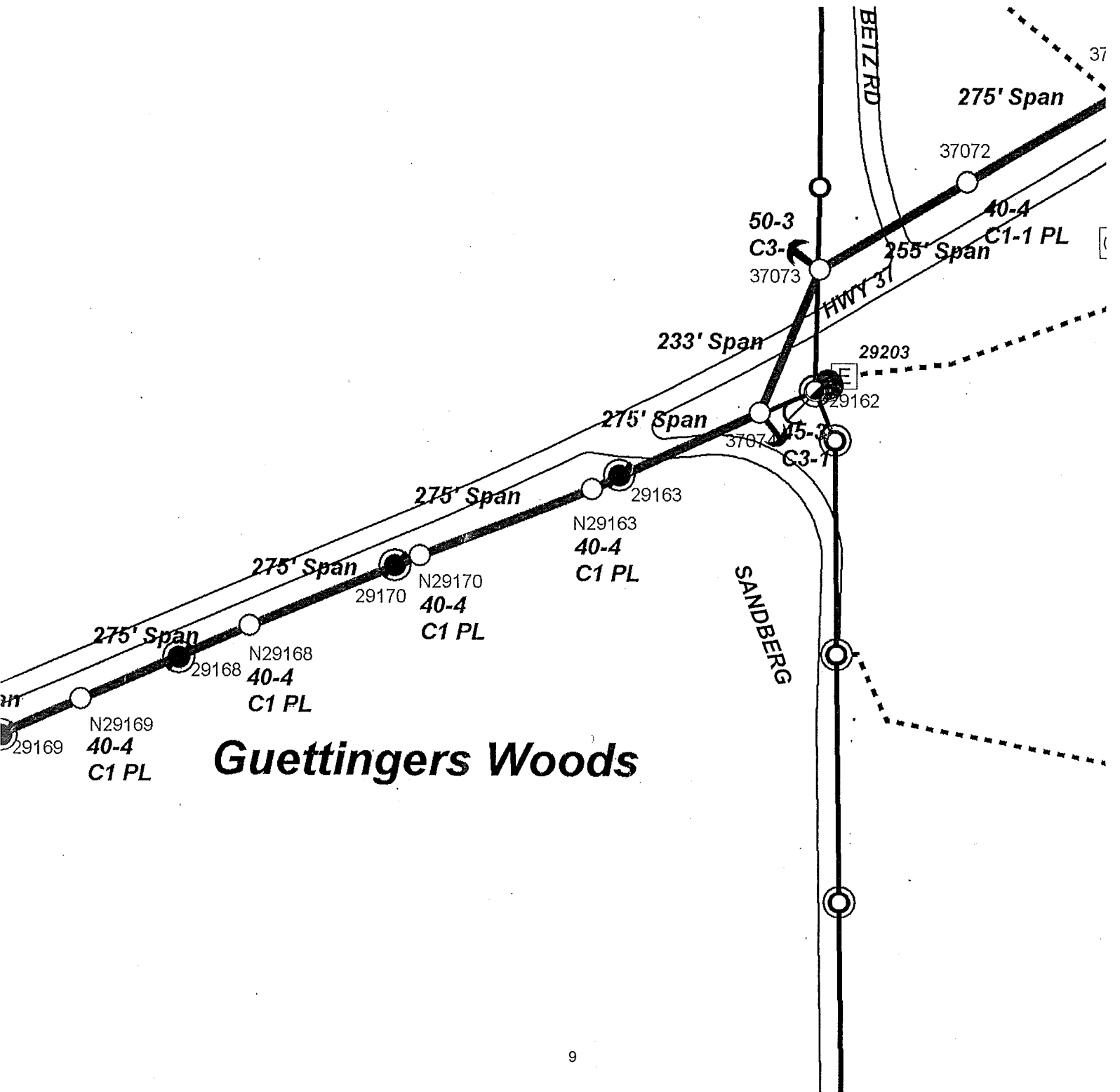
Personally came before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, the above named _____ and _____, to me known to be the person[s] who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

My Commission Expires: _____

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PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FILL TO THE LOWES CREEK COUNTY PARK

JANUARY 2017

We are proposing to provide approximately 830,000 cubic yards of clean fill, at no cost, to the Lowes Creek County Park to fill in the area on the east side of the park known as the clay pits. The fill is virgin material, mostly sand, and is being excavated from the property to the northwest of the park site at the corner of Highway 93 and Lorch Avenue. We will haul the material and spread it in a manner requested by the County. Ayres Associates has provided the attached diagram showing the pits where the material can be used and indicating that we have enough fill to entirely restore the affected areas with some additional material to create some topography or possibly build a berm between the park and the Waste Research facility. Existing top soil would be graded away and spread over the fill material.

The area known as the "Clay Pits" is part of the Lowes Creek County Park and has never been restored following the disturbance caused by the removal of clay and other material during the 1980s and 90s as part of a cost saving effort to facilitate the construction and expansion of the Seven Mile Land Fill and other projects. The low area in its current condition is under-utilized, has little vegetation and no trees.

The availability of this material in close proximity to the park is a great opportunity to return the land that was mined to its original elevation allowing the area to be restored and considered for any number of future uses not currently possible. This portion of the park is accessible off of Highway 93 and after the restoration could become useful for the citizens of Eau Claire County. The Lowes Creek County Park is a treasure and should be protected and enhanced whenever possible.

It is not necessary to commit to the future use of this area at this time, but the decision to accept the material needs to be made now or risk it being taken somewhere else. We are asking for permission to begin the process of restoring part of the Lowes Creek County Park. No work would begin until all permits were obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and the County approves the final grading plan which would probably be next summer at the earliest.

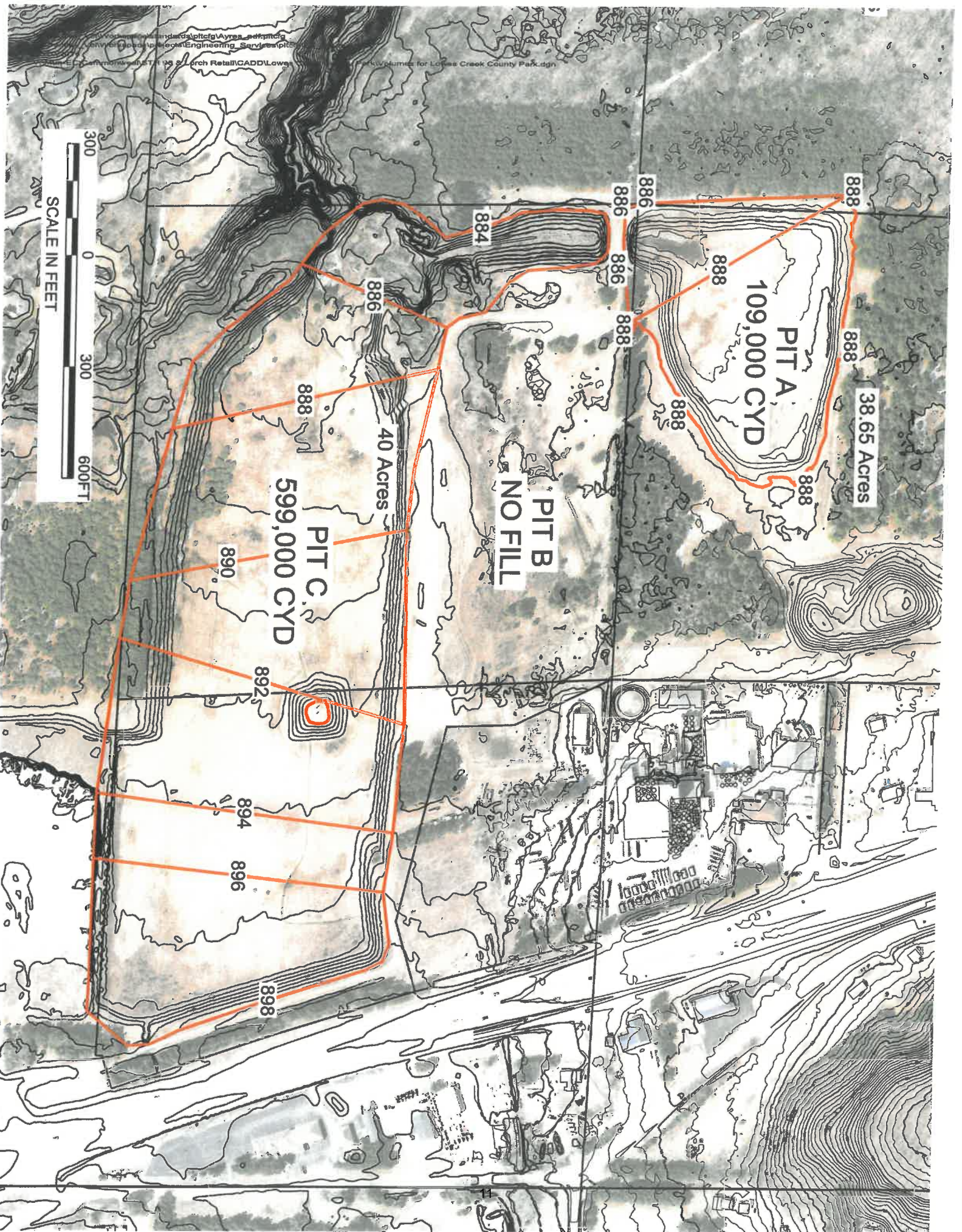
The following are reasons the County should accept this material:

There would be no cost to the County, future restoration undertakings could be very costly. Excavation and trucking costs for the 830,000 cubic yards are roughly \$4,000,000.

This is the closest place for us to place the fill, minimizing the amount of fuel used, pollution created and wear on roads.

The potential of placing the fill at this location may allow the development of a significant retail project at the corner of Highway 93 and Lorch Avenue. The project would be a great benefit to the residents of the area and the County including over 100 jobs, 30 million dollars of assessed valuation and hundreds of thousands of dollars of annual sales tax revenue.

The opportunity to use free material to repair a scarred landscape and mitigate an environmental problem may not present itself again.



Lowes Creek County Park
Environmental Protection Engineering Services, Inc.
198 S. Lorch Retail/CADD/Lowes
Park volume for Lowes Creek County Park.dgn

SCALE IN FEET
300 0 300 600 FT

PIT C
599,000 CYD

40 Acres

PIT B
NO FILL

PIT A
109,000 CYD

38.65 Acres

2017 EAU CLAIRE COUNTY PARKS AND FOREST DEPARTMENT WORK PLAN

I. ADMINISTRATIVE OBJECTIVES

(Accomplished primarily by director, supervisor, and administrative specialist)

A. ITEMS:

- Continue implementation of reforestation plan for the county forest
- Continue department Facebook page for interacting with the public
- Prepare county board resolution approving annual; amendments to 15 year plan, if necessary
- Establish date, advertise, and coordinate free ski day at Tower Ridge Recreation Area with Ski Striders
- Coordinate June 3-4 "Open House" free access, National Trails Day in parks (first Saturday in June annually),
- Maintenance agreement with Ski Striders for Tower Ridge Recreation Area chalet
- Contact Boy Scouts or other group to consider involvement with camping development/Adopt-A-Park agreement for L.L. Phillips Park
- Utilize UWEC and CVTC student interns/Service Learning students on various projects (including park surveys, tallying, etc.)
- Coordinate volunteer efforts including Adopt-A-Park projects: Coon Fork and Harstad with Augusta Area Schools students; Lowes Creek Park with area scouting groups and Lowes Creek trails with CORBA; Big Falls Park with UW-EC student organizations; Lake Altoona Park with Ski Sprites; Tower Ridge with Ski Striders, Chippewa Valley Disc Golf Organization and Chippewa Valley Trailriders; secure adopt-a-park group for Lake Eau Claire Park; Guettinger Woods & Wildlife Area with The Adventurers 4-H Club; and the Augusta ATV Club for ATV trails, including litter pick up and minor maintenance.
- Promote use of Guettinger Woods hiking/snowshoe trails through The Adventurers 4-H Club
- Attend WPRA and WCFA meetings as necessary
- By January 31 forward 2017 work plan and director's wages and fringe benefit costs to DNR to be eligible for forest administration grant
- By April 15 make annual application to DNR for ATV and snowmobile trails maintenance and development
- By May 1 apply to DNR for cost sharing any qualifying park development projects (Stewardship funds)
- By October 1 apply to DNR for County Conservation Aids
- Review county code for annual updating
- Monitor and report to committee on seventh year for free skiing at Tower Ridge on Monday nights in January and February 2017 for continuation
- Spot check CVDGO disc golf tournaments at Tower Ridge to assure all vendors are paying fees to county
- Assess/initiate opportunities for energy conservation and reducing costs relating to electricity use, vehicle use, heating, cooling, and other energy uses at all locations and operations
- Review old files and put them in compliance with County Code regarding record retention
- Develop and facilitate Coon Gut/Pinter Pines management plan

B. ONGOING ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS (for Director and Administrative Specialist positions):

Administration of recreation area entrance fees including sales, receipting revenues, compliance checks, issuance and handling of violation notices, notice to Sheriff's Dept. for suspension of vehicle registration for unpaid fines; purchase equipment/supplies per budget (writing specifications, pricing, bidding); drafting and sending of news releases; spring and fall timber sales and fall firewood brochures and advertisements; contracted service bids/quotes for garbage pickup, campground firewood, septic pumping, ice vending; timber stand improvement work; recruit for seasonal positions; encourage park attendants to get hepatitis B shots from Health Department; timber sales record keeping, extensions, marketing, supervision; schedule and conduct quarterly staff meetings; coordination of staff training opportunities; apply for and process reimbursement claims for state/federal funding including park development, snowmobile trails maintenance (#S-4721/\$45,125), ATV/UTV trails maintenance (#ATV-3409-summer/\$16,270; #ATV-3457-winter/\$2,380; ATV Channey Trail Rehab(#ATV-3361 -\$26,476 and S-4489- \$26,476); ATV Corkscrew Trail Rehab (#ATV-3513 \$13,422 and #S-4906 \$13,422) and County Conservation Aids (#CCW-8253/\$3,037); Tower Ridge Maintenance Recreation Trails (RTA-668-14/\$44,013) conduct summer park user surveys at Coon Fork, Lake Altoona, and Lake Eau Claire parks; develop 2018 budget and work plan; recruit for Advisory Committee members (April); tally camping statistics and park user surveys (November); land acquisition contacts and negotiations as directed by Committee on Parks & Forest; consider alternative ATV route in Fairchild to try to get out from payment to

Union Pacific Railroad for ATV trail lease (November); coordinate random drug testing for employees; update ski and snowmobile trail conditions on phone message, Facebook and Travel Wisconsin website regularly; train staff regarding locations of survey markers near county forest roads to ensure monuments are not disturbed when doing road maintenance or other projects on the forest.

C. CONTRACTUAL ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED/BID/NEGOTIATED/AGREED WITH OTHER PARTIES:

- Firewood from processor for resale at campgrounds
- Construction of new shed at Lake Eau Claire maintenance headquarters
- Blacktop sweeping/bridge inspections/snow plowing by Highway Department (as needed)
- Refuse and recyclable collection at parks
- Rental of portable toilet at Lake Altoona Park (April 1 – May 15 and October 15 – November 15)
- Ice vending machine at Coon Fork
- Pumping of vault/pit toilets and septic tanks
- Fire extinguisher checks
- Asphalt sealing for various parking lots
- Nature Programs at Coon Fork Park by Beaver Creek Reserve staff and volunteers
- Plant seedlings in prepared sites
- Timber stand improvement tracts
- Gravel overlays for forest roads
- Parks and Forest equipment and vehicles

II. FIELD STAFF WORK PLAN

(Skilled laborers, forester, park rangers, seasonal laborers, and park attendants)

A. ONGOING TASKS:

Remove hazard trees in all parks and intensive recreation areas and grind or pull stumps as needed; vehicle/equipment/building maintenance and repair; timber sales establishment, compliance checks, monitoring, scaling of forest products, forest reconnaissance updating; brush and maintain signs; forest regeneration planning/implementation; park supervision & maintenance; groom ski trails; maintenance of all recreation trails; culvert installations; grading and snowplowing 18 miles of forest roads, winter recreation parking areas including Guettinger Woods and Wildlife Area, Coon Fork, Tower Ridge, Evergreen, and Lowes Creek.

B. Parks General:

- Refurbish picnic tables and upright grills
- Install replacement shop door
- Maintain deposit boxes as needed
- Survey for Karner Blue Butterflies in planned park development
- Treat park and other intensive use areas for poison ivy including canoe landings
- Grass seed bare spots
- Grind stumps as needed
- Seasonally open/close building water lines
- Repair and maintain ATV and snowmobile trail signs including ATV junctions
- Replace sign posts as needed
- Fertilize turf areas
- Seasonally install/remove swim buoys and boat docks
- Replace seals and gaskets on hand pumps as needed
- Cut and haul logs for sign material as needed
- Utilize Huber Program and Community Service Program as much as possible on maintenance projects
- Repaint park entrance and other signs as needed; re-establish/sign park boundaries
- Add wood chips as needed to playground areas
- Maintenance at all boat landings, including sweeping sand and gravel from ramps, putting rubber bumper guards around docks, and filling in pot holes with gravel or blacktop and parking lot striping.

C. Big Falls Park

- Pruning along north and south entrance trails as needed

- D. Coon Fork Park/Dam:
- Add base course and level campsite pads as needed
 - Printing of reservation forms, handouts, revenue records, rental agreements, etc.
 - Special attention to maintaining Judge Peplau memorial plantings
 - Raise fire rings in campsites to avoid “flooding of fire rings” as needed
 - Prune branches along campground roads
 - Develop canoe access below dam and develop take out and access off NE spur of Shepherd’s Crook, check to see if outside State Natural Area
 - Plant trees in D Loop
 - Provide direct access to rental watercraft by opening up shoreline
 - Add rock rip-rap and concrete work to rehabilitate the walk bridge area
 - Repaint C shower building
 - Provide dock on south boat landing
- E. Harstad Park:
- Recruit for campground host
 - Replace traffic signs as needed
 - Level and repair campsite pads with base course as necessary
 - Develop group campsite
- F. Lake Altoona Park/Dam:
- Replace 2 picnic grills
 - Repair beach parking lot potholes as needed
 - Concrete ADA picnic areas, sidewalks as needed
 - Replace timbers around playground areas as needed
 - Lime beach to reduce bacteria levels as needed
 - Replenish beach sand as needed
 - Test the Emergency Action Plan for Lake Altoona Dam
 - Plan for beach parking lot replacement
 - Repaint change house
- G. Lake Eau Claire Park/Dam:
- Replace turf, trees, topsoil, under oak wilt areas
 - Repair boat landings with Highway excavator/or rent other for department use
 - Swing sets improvements and replacement items as needed
 - Repaint interior/exterior of two toilets
 - Install new dock at North Boat Landing
 - Develop horse hitching post near park entrance
 - Brush canoe portage
 - Test the Emergency Action Plan for Lake Eau Claire Dam
 - Removal of oak wilt trees and landscaping stump holes as needed.
 - Sidewalk repairs
- H. L.L. Phillips Park:
- Replace boards for repair of picnic shelter, bridges and evaluate overall stability and condition of shelter for replacement
- I. Lowes Creek Park:
- Mow trails for WORS “Firecracker” bike race within two weeks prior to race
 - Repair/replace signs, posts, picnic tables, and shelter boards as needed
 - Treat invasive species with a herbicide
- J. County Forest Area:
- GIS recon updates
 - Purchase and install culverts as needed
 - Pick up dump sites on county forest as discovered/reported
 - Survey for Karner Blue Butterflies prior to any development in county forest areas
 - Maintain the forest access plan, reberm and repair gates as needed, install control measures

- immediately after completion of timber sales on new timber access trails
- Spray poison ivy areas as needed
- Brush around information signs on the forest
- Relocation of canoe landing further downstream on Eau Claire River at Eisberner Memorial; add chips for access downbank
- Install signs at Coon Fork and Southfork Barrens (if signage is approved by DNR)
- Maintain rock ford crossing on ATV and forest access trails
- 20 hours assistance from DNR dozer
- Oak scarification of sites where appropriate
- Assistance from DNR Wildlife management on various projects as time allows
- Annual updates to the 15-year plan to provide needed revisions to stay current with the management of the forest. If the county determines WisFIRS reports will be useful. DNR will provide them
- Review for sale approximately 1,250 acres of timber (annual allowable cut) in the following timber types:

2017 Schedule of Harvest Treatments		
Forest Cover Type Offered For Sale	Total Acreage on The County Forest	Establishment Acres
Aspen	9029	168
Red Maple	1,862	49
Oak	16,828	1486
Red Pine	3,948	292
Jack Pine	4,968	94
White Pine	4,286	162
Non-Forested/Not scheduled for management	11,813	
Total Eau Claire County Forest Land	52,734	2251

- Develop a kiosk at horseback trailhead on CTH "G"
- Brush, mow, and reconstruct Pea Creek Flowage dike
- Finalize long range plan for Coon Gut/Pinter Pines buildings

K. Guettinger Woods and Wildlife Area:

- Coordinate with educational institutions for inventorying of various biological species and soil types
- Work with Adventurers 4-H Club on adoption of area

L. Shop Area:

- Refurbish county forest and park signs
- Construct educational signs on forest management practices

M. County Forest Roads (18 miles):

- Monitor improvement needs and document grading and repairs to the county forest roads per certification requirements
- Grade and sand/salt to qualify for state aid
- Construct small parking areas along county forest roads
- Gravel roads and replace culverts
- Replace signs as needed

N. Wildlife Projects:

- Mow all/part of 36 acres of wildlife trails and openings with 4x4 tractor/disc & drag
- Seed and gate/berm closed logging access trails and fertilize seeded areas
- Karner Blue Butterfly inventory and monitoring
- Beaver control in problem areas

O. Tower Ridge Recreation Area:

- Install "glass prohibited" signs at Trailheads
- Install erosion control measures on hills
- Sign for no disc golf tournaments allowed without prior county approval, include county contact information
- Maintain maintenance agreement with Ski Striders Cross-Country Ski Club
- Plant seedlings along recreation rails with donated funds and volunteers
- Continue removing the trail edge stumps east of the lighted trail

P. Public Outlots:

- Acquired through Federal Floodplain buyout – designate county boundaries, especially on Porterville Road and sign county land to prohibit vehicles and dumping
- Work with Rock Falls Sportsman's Club for club to do maintenance of Porterville Road Chippewa River Access

4 -ADOPTING THE 2017 ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR THE PARKS AND FOREST
5 DEPARTMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATION GRANT
6 PROGRAM-

7 WHEREAS, each year the county is eligible to receive 50% of the actual salary and up to
8 50% of the fringe benefit costs of a county-employed professional forester in the position of
9 county forest administrator or assistant county forest administrator, except that the fringe
10 benefits may not exceed 40% of the position's annual salary; and

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12 WHEREAS, the parks and forest director, in his position, qualifies for this funding; and

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14 WHEREAS, per Wisconsin Statutes 28.11 (5) (b) and Chapter NR 47.75 of the
15 Wisconsin Administrative Rules for the county forest administration grant program, the county
16 board must approve an annual county forest work plan which must also be approved by the
17 department of natural resources to comply; and

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19 WHEREAS, the 2017 Annual Work Plan implements projects included in the adopted
20 2017 budget and other projects involving only staff time with no other budget expenditures; and

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22 WHEREAS, a copy of the approved 2017 Annual Work Plan and a copy of this adopted
23 resolution must be received by the department of natural resources prior to January 31, 2017.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of
26 Supervisors hereby adopts the attached 2017 Annual Work Plan for the parks and forest
27 department.

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40 Committee on Parks and Forest

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42 Dated this ____ day of _____, 2017.
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