

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Marquette County Forestry Commission held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 1980, at the Road Commission Office, North Second Street, Ishpeming, Michigan.

Present: Mr. Ivan Fende, Mr. John T. Mohr and Mr. A. Bruce Spike

Absent: None

In Attendance: Wesley Wentela, Secretary.

Public notice of this special meeting was given pursuant to provisions of Act No. 267, P. A. of 1976, by having a notice posted on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the Road Commission Office Building at 11:00 a.m., December 2, 1980.

No persons were present to offer any public comments during time allocated for public comments.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss a report entitled "Formulating a Forest Management Study" as pertaining to establishing By-Laws for the Marquette County Forestry Commission, and to consider any other business that may be presented.

Prior to beginning this work session, letters of resignation from Clark A. Lebo, County Consulting Forester, and Wesley Wentela, Secretary of the Forestry Commission, were read. Following a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried, that the Chair-person of the Forestry Commission notify the County Controller of these resignations and seek his advice as to the procedure that should be used in seeking replacements for these two positions.

Considerable time was spent in discussing the report on "Formulating a Forest Management Study" as prepared by Mr. Spike. It was the concensus of the Commission that an up-to-date inventory providing the following information about the County Forest is needed prior to establishing By-Laws as the last inventory was compiled in 1955:

- a) Total area in Jack Pine timber as well as other species.
- b) Age class distribution of timber.
- c) Stocking of each age class.
- d) A map of the forest showing location by type, age class and stocking.

Other information that would be useful to setting policy by the Commission should include the dates and type of regeneration, method of past harvesting within the Forest and if any of the present stand is damaged from insects, ice and snow, wind, etc.

It was the conclusion of the Commission that no decisions should be made on harvesting or re-stocking until a Consulting Forester has been selected and an up-to-date inventory completed.

No public comments were offered during the second portion of the meeting allocated to public comment so the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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John T. Mohr, Chair-person

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Wesley Wentela, Secretary

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Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Marquette County Forestry Commission held at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 27, 1980, at the Road Commission Office, North Second Street, Ishpeming, Michigan.

Present: Mr. Ivan Fende, Mr. John T. Mohr and Mr. A. Bruce Spike

Absent: None

In Attendance: Wesley Wentela, Secretary.

Public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to provisions of Act No. 267, P. A. of 1976, by having a notice posted on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the Road Commission Office Building.

1. On a motion by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried, the minutes of the August 18, 1980 meeting were approved as mailed to each Commissioner.

The cash balance of \$80,711.90 in the Forestry Fund as of October 1, 1980 was discussed. The Secretary reported that this balance includes an advance deposit of \$4,726.80 for timber stumpage received from Mead Paper and \$1,119.60 from Thilmany Pulp and Paper Company for a total of \$5,846.40. The jackpine timber for these advance deposits will be harvested during 1981.

2. The vouchers and schedule of bills were presented and on a motion by Mr. Spike, supported by Mr. Fende and carried, they were approved and the signatures of the Commission members were affixed thereto. (Schedule of bills attached.)

3. No comments were offered during the first public comment portion of the meeting.

4. A copy of H. B. #4706 as provided by the Executive Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners was presented for discussion. The Forestry Commission was requested to review the proposed legislation and report back to the Executive Committee. According to a recent article appearing in The Mining Journal, the Governor has signed this bill into law, but he also indicated that the bill has technical flaws that may stall its implementation. This bill authorizes forest owners to organize forest management districts to encourage optimum use and conservation of timber resources. The bill includes incentives for long term management, provisions for linking forest improvement districts with state forest lands and encourages, through bonding, development of integrated forest industries. Inasmuch as this bill has been enacted into law, the Commission members did not take any action. The Commission does feel that there are other areas in which the Legislature could help, such as reducing the cost and abuse of workers compensation, improve marketing procedures for timber products and provide added assistance in further developing the timber industry.

5. The Secretary reported that the County Clerk had sent a questionnaire to all of Michigan's 83 counties requesting information as to whether they have an established County Forestry Commission and obtaining a copy of their by-laws. Of the 71 counties responding, only 2 (Gogebic and Ontonagon) had County Forestry

Commissions. Neither county provided a copy of their by-laws, although Gogebic County did provide a copy of Municipal Forest Act 217 of 1931, as amended, under which they operate along with a history of their operations.

Mr. Spike presented the Commission with a report he compiled and entitled "Formulating a Forest Management Policy". Following a discussion on the report, it was moved by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Spike and carried to schedule a work session for Tuesday, December 9, 1980, at 7:00 p.m., at which time Mr. Spike's report could be discussed more fully, and the Commission could consider initial steps that should be taken towards adopting by-laws for the Forestry Commission.

6. On a motion by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried, the following dates were selected as regular meetings of the Forestry Commission during 1981:

May 11, 1981	4:00 p.m.	Road Commission Office
July 13, 1981	2:00 p.m.	Field Meeting
August 10, 1981	4:00 p.m.	Road Commission Office
October 26, 1981	4.00 p.m.	Road Commission Office

7. The County Forester was unable to attend today's meeting because of a conflict in meeting dates. He did report by telephone that there has been no harvesting activities taking place in the County Forest.

In regard to a request from Forsyth Township to use and designate a parcel of county owned property in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 11, T45N-R25W, as a rifle range, the County Forester advised that there would be no objection from a forestry stand-point as the area would be suited for such a purpose. This information has been forwarded to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners who make the final decision on Forsyth Township's request.

8. Under the public comment portion of the meeting, Mr. Fende requested the Secretary to check with Mr. Duane Beard, County Controller, if youth groups will be available for forestry activities during 1981 so that the Forestry Commission could make plans for the use of such labor.

Mr. Spike reported that the matter of a County Forester is still under consideration by the Soil and Water Conservation District which has proposed funding for the position by having the Soil Conservation District, the State and County each pay one-third of the costs.

There being no further business presented, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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John T. Mohr, Chairman

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Wesley Wentela, Secretary

MARQUETTE COUNTY FORESTRY COMMISSION  
BILLS AUDITED AND ORDERED PAID ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1980

VOUCHER NUMBER	CLAIMANT	AMOUNT TO PAY
417	Clark A. Lebo	498.50
418	Ivan J. Fende	45.78
419	John T. Mohr	45.10
420	A. Bruce Spike	43.40

Approved:

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John T. Mohr, Chairman

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Ivan J. Fende, Member

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A. Bruce Spike, Member

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Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Marquette County Forestry Commission held at 4:00 p.m., Monday, August 18, 1980, at the Road Commission Office, North Second Street, Ishpeming, Michigan.

Present: Mr. Ivan Fende, Mr. John T. Mohr and Mr. A. Bruce Spike.

Absent: None

In Attendance: Wesley Wentela, Secretary; and Clark Lebo, County Forester.

Public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to provisions of Act No. 267, P. A. of 1976, by having a notice posted on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the Road Commission Office Building.

1. On a motion by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Spike and carried, the minutes of the July 14, 1980 Field Meeting were approved as read by the Secretary.  

The cash balance of \$80,452.58 in the Forestry Fund as of August 1, 1980 was discussed.
2. The vouchers and schedule of bills were presented and on a motion by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried, they were approved and the signatures of the Commission members were affixed thereto. (Schedule of bills attached).
3. No comments were offered during the first public comment portion of the meeting.
4. The Secretary read a portion of the minutes of the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee meeting held on August 4, 1980 that was attended by Mr. Mohr and pertained to the Forestry Commission. This Committee has requested the Forestry Commission to develop a draft of by-laws that would be appropriate for forestry operations and submit the same for review. Following a lengthy discussion, the Secretary was requested to work with the County Controller in obtaining copies of by-laws from other counties through-out the state that utilize the services of a County Forester, or have established Forestry Commissions. In addition, the County Forester indicated that he will provide the Commission with a draft of by-laws that have been prepared for the State of Wisconsin.
5. The County Forester reported that there is no cutting activities taking place at the present time. The two successful bidders for the 1980 Sale Areas have executed their cutting agreements and paid the 20% timber deposit for the jackpine stumpage. It is expected that these Sale Areas will be harvested during 1981, but if wet weather conditions prevail this fall, this could change the plans of the successful bidders.
6. Under the second portion of the meeting allocated to public comments, Mr. Lebo, County Forester, responded to several inquiries by Mr. Spike on the Forestry Commission's operations on forestry activities.

There being no further business presented, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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John T. Mohr, Chairman

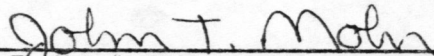
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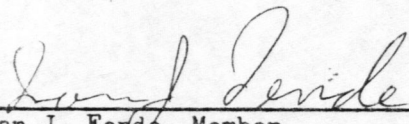
Wesley Wentela, Secretary

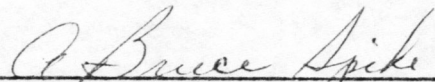
MARQUETTE COUNTY FORESTRY COMMISSION  
BILLS AUDITED AND ORDERED PAID ON THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 1980

VOUCHER NUMBER	CLAIMANT	AMOUNT TO PAY
413	Ivan J. Fende	45.78
414	John T. Mohr	85.10
415	A. Bruce Spike	43.40
416	Marquette County Road Commission	187.50

APPROVED:

  
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John T. Mohr, Chairman

  
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Ivan J. Fende, Member

  
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A. Bruce Spike, Member

Proceedings of a Field Meeting of the Marquette County Forestry Commission held on July 14, 1980, at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. John T. Mohr and Mr. Ivan Fende (A replacement for Mr. Kurt Prond who has resigned has not been appointed as of this date)

Absent: None

In Attendance: Wesley Wentela, Secretary, and Clark Lebo, County Forester.

The Commission began their tour by visiting several previous cutting areas in Sections 21 and 22, T46N-R25W, that had been harvested under different cutting methods; namely - clear-cut and strip cutting. Some of these cutting areas had been disked after harvesting. An area that was harvested approximately 6 years ago by the U.S. Forest Service and then disked showed very good re-generation. The Sale Areas that jackpine bids were taken on this past May were also visited. A 1978 Sale Area that had good soil scarification during the harvesting operations did not show any evidence of re-generation at this time as it takes approximately 2 to 3 years before the seedlings become visible. It was the concensus of the Commission that any of type of soil scarification, whether it is achieved through the use of machinery while harvesting the trees, or disking, definitely improves the natural reforestration of jack pine.

The cash balance of \$75,857.34 in the Forestry Fund as of July 1, 1980 was discussed.

On a motion by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried, the vouchers and bills as presented were approved and the signatures of the Commission members were affixed thereto. (See attached schedule of bills).

Bids received for the sale of jackpine pulpwood in the 1980 Sale Areas and opened on May 28, 1980 were reviewed by the Commission. Following is a tabulation of the bids received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>SALE AREA #1-80</u>	<u>SALE AREA #2-80</u>	<u>SALE AREA #3-80</u>
Mead Paper	\$20.20/cord	\$20.20/cord	\$18.60/cord
Thilmany Pulp & Paper Co.	19.82/cord	19.37/cord	18.66/cord

On the recommendation of the County Forester, it was moved by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried to accept the high bids of Mead Paper for 1980 Sale Areas #1 and #2, and the high bid of Thilmany Pulp & Paper Co. for 1980 Sale Area #3.

Minutes of the June 2, 1980 Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee which was attended by Mr. Mohr and pertaining to the establishing of a county forester position were reviewed. The minutes indicated that Jerry Devine, DNR, stated that their office in Ishpeming had received 92 requests from private forest land owners for management assistance and their Gwinn office has received a similar amount. On a motion by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried, the Secretary was

requested to contact Mr. Devine for a breakdown on the type of requests their office had received if such information is available.

No persons were present at the site of the origination of the tour to make any public comments or visit the County Forest with the Commission.

The tour and meeting terminated at 3:30 p.m.

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John T. Mohr, Chairman

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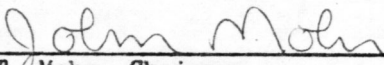
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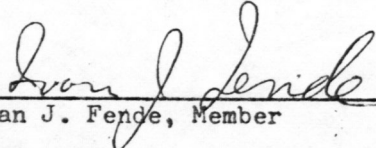


MARQUETTE COUNTY FORESTRY COMMISSION  
BILLS AUDITED AND ORDERED PAID ON THE 14th DAY OF JULY, 1980

VOUCHER NUMBER	CLAIMANT	AMOUNT TO PAY
410	Clark A. Lebo	558.50
411	Ivan J. Fende	45.78
412	John T. Mohr	85.78

APPROVED:

  
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John T. Mohr, Chairman

  
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Ivan J. Fende, Member

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Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Marquette County Forestry Commission held at 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 12, 1980, at the Road Commission Office, North Second Street, Ishpeming, Michigan.

Present: Mr. Ivan Fende and Mr. John T. Mohr

Absent: Mr. Kurt Prond

In Attendance: Wesley Wentela, Secretary

Public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to provisions of Act No. 267, P. A. of 1976, by having a notice posted on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the Road Commission Office Building.

1. The reading of the minutes of the February 14, 1980 special meeting was waived and the minutes were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Mohr, supported by Mr. Fende and carried.  
The cash balance of the Forestry Fund in the amount of \$77,325.44 as of May 1, 1980 was discussed.
2. The vouchers and bills were presented and on a motion by Mr. Mohr, supported by Mr. Fende and carried, they were approved and the signatures of the Commission members were affixed thereto. (See attached schedule of bills).
3. No comments were offered during the first public comment session of the meeting.
4. A letter of resignation was read from Forestry Commission member Kurt Prond. Mr. Prond stated that because of the nature of his employment he has not been able to maintain a permanent residency within Marquette County and would be uncertain as to the number of Commission meetings he would be able to attend. It was pointed out that the Board of County Commissioners must take the official action to accept the resignation as well as appoint a replacement for Mr. Prond to the Forestry Commission.
5. The Secretary declared that nominations for election of officers were in order and on a motion by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried, Mr. Mohr was elected to serve as Chairman of the Forestry Commission for the calendar year of 1980. On motion by Mr. Mohr, supported by Mr. Fende and carried, Mr. Fende was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
6. The three (3) sale areas providing for the harvesting of approximately 1,470 cords of jackpine timber for which bids will be opened on May 28, 1980 was discussed. The County Forester reported that he had requests from several interested bidders to have the November 14, 1980 completion date extended because of present market conditions. Following a discussion and on the recommendation of the County Forester, it was moved by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried that providing satisfactory bids are received, a contract extension of twelve (12) months would be granted to the successful bidder (s) with the stipulation that no

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jackpine timber will be cut or harvested between the dates of November 15, 1980 and April 15, 1981, unless otherwise authorized by the Marquette County Forester. The Secretary was requested to notify all the prospective bidders of this change in the contract completion date.

7. A portion of the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee meeting held on May 5, 1980 pertaining to a draft budget/cost analysis for a county forester position was discussed. The minutes indicated that the Forestry Commission would be invited to attend the next Committee's meeting when this issue will be discussed, and the Committee also tabled the budget for the county forester position. It was agreed that the Forestry Commission would be represented when notification is received that this matter is to be discussed.
8. The County Forester, Mr. Clark Lebo, presented the following verbal report:
  - a) Things have been quite normal in the County Forest and no activity will take place until harvesting begins from the present jackpine sale areas. Boundary lines are nearly completed for the three (3) sale areas. Bids are expected to be considerably lower this year as compared with 1979 because of present market and economic conditions.
  - b) To date, the Marquette County Forest has not had any forest fires despite the dry spring.

9. Under the second portion of meeting allocated to public comment, it was moved by Mr. Mohr, supported by Mr. Fende and carried to change the date of Forestry Commission's August 11, 1980 regular meeting to August 18, 1980.

The matter of clarifying attendance at meetings other than regular or special meetings of the Forestry Commission was discussed. It was the consensus that per diem should be paid to members when business that directly pertains to the Forestry Commission is discussed at the meeting being attended.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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John T. Mohr, Chairman

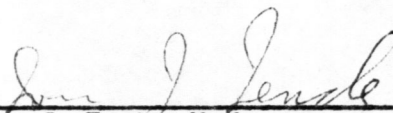
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Wesley Wentela, Secretary

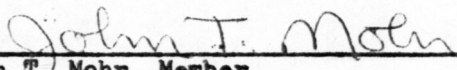
MARQUETTE COUNTY FORESTRY COMMISSION  
BILLS AUDITED AND ORDERED PAID ON THE 12th DAY OF MAY, 1980

VOUCHER NUMBER	CLAIMANT	AMOUNT TO PAY
406	Clark A. Lebo	704.00
407	Ivan J. Fende	45.78
408	John T. Mohr	45.44
409	Marquette County Road Commission	114.38

APPROVED:

  
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Ivan J. Fende, Member

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Kurt Prond, Member

  
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John T. Mohr, Member

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Marquette County Forestry Commission held at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 1980, at the Road Commission Office, North Second Street, Ishpeming, Michigan.

Present: Mr. Ivan Fende, Mr. Kurt Prond and Mr. John T. Mohr

Absent: None

In Attendance: Wesley Wentela, Secretary.

Public notice of this special meeting was given pursuant to provisions of Act No. 267, P. A. of 1976, by having a notice posted on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the Road Commission Office Building at 10:20 a.m., February 6, 1980.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the position of County Forester, which has been discussed by various committees of the Board of Marquette County Commissioners, and to consider any other business that may be presented.

1 On motion by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Prond and carried, the minutes of the October 29, 1979 meeting was approved as mailed to the Commission members. The cash balance of \$77,458.70 for the Forestry Fund, as of February 1, 1980, was reviewed.

2 The election of officers for the ensuing year was deferred until the next regular meeting of the Forestry Commission which is scheduled for May 12, 1980.

3 During this portion of time allocated to public comment, the Secretary informed the Commission that Mr. Clark Lebo, Consulting Forester, had a previous commitment in Rhinelander, Wisconsin and was unable to attend today's special meeting.

4 The Chairman addressed the Commission on a meeting he attended where the position of a County Forester was discussed. Mr. Fende pointed out that the Commission, at its meeting of March 19, 1979, took the position that the best interests of the public have been served by utilizing the services of a Registered Forester on a consulting basis, while at the same time complying with provisions of the Municipal or Community Forest Act. Following a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Mr. Prond, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried that a letter be drafted and sent to the Board of Marquette County Commissioners stating the Forestry Commission's position that they do not recommend establishing a County Forester's position for the following reasons:

1. The duties of a County Forester would duplicate services that are presently available through other agencies.
2. Only a limited number of County residents would benefit from the services of a County Forester.
3. The present method of utilizing a consulting Registered Forester is good and the most economical way of managing the Marquette County Forest.

4. There would be no additional benefits to the County Forest as a result of hiring a County Forester. The objectives in managing and maintaining the County Forest has been very adequately handled by utilizing a Forester on a consulting basis.
5. The uncertainty of continued funding for a full-time Forester by other agencies should be questioned.
6. The full-time Forester would require a four-wheel drive vehicle because of roads and trails that would have to be traveled in the County Forest and probably other areas.
7. Considerable additional expense would be incurred by the County in providing office space, supplies, equipment, as well as employee benefits that are not presently provided to the Consulting Forester. The benefits that may be available would not outweigh the additional expense for a full-time Forester when compared with the cost of a Consulting Forester.
8. Investigate the possibility of having private companies provide funds for a County Forester under a pilot program, or have their Foresters available for rendering services to County residents.

5           A Management Plan for the County-owned Brookridge property, prepared by Dave Otteson, of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, was discussed. This matter was referred to the Forestry Commission as a result of a resolution adopted by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners delegating authority for County Forest management to the Forestry Commission. The Secretary was requested to advise the Board of County Commissioners that the County Forester will check the property as soon as the snow is gone, and then the Forestry Commission will submit its recommendation on the Brookridge Property Management Plan.

6           A letter from the Board of County Commissioners requesting information on the number of acres of County-owned forest land that requires work such as planting seedlings, pruning, etc., which could be performed by youth during the summer months was discussed. The Secretary was requested to send a copy of this letter to the County's Consulting Forester for information pertaining to the County Forest. It was pointed out that the Commission will not be able to provide this information on other County-owned lands as the County Planning Commission has not provided a copy of the County-Owned Lands Inventory as requested by the Secretary on October 1, 1979.

No additional comments were made during the second portion of the meeting allocated to public comment.

7           The vouchers and bills were presented and on a motion by Mr. Prond, supported by Mr. Mohr and carried, they were approved and the signatures of the Commission members were affixed thereto. (See attached schedule of bills).

There was no further business presented so the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Iyan J. Fende, Chairman

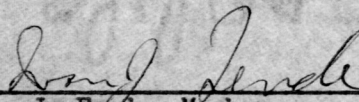
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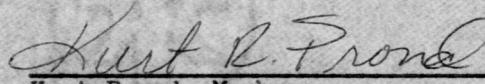
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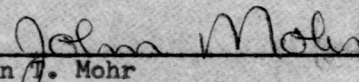
MARQUETTE COUNTY FORESTRY COMMISSION  
BILLS AUDITED AND ORDERED PAID ON THE 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1980

VOUCHER NUMBER	CLAIMANT	AMOUNT TO PAY
401	Clark A. Lebo	478.50
402	Marquette County Road Commission	111.38
403	Ivan J. Fende	45.78
404	Kurt Prond	42.04
405	John T. Mohr	45.44

APPROVED:

  
Ivan J. Fende, Member

  
Kurt Prond, Member

  
John T. Mohr

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Marquette County Forestry Commission held at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 29, 1979, at the Road Commission Office, North Second Street, Ishpeming, Michigan.

Present: Mr. Ivan Fende and Mr. Peter Nurmela

Absent: Mr. Kurt Prond

In Attendance: Wesley Wentela, Secretary, and Clark Lebo, County Forester

Public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to provisions of Act No. 267, P. A. of 1976, by having a notice posted on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the Road Commission Office Building.

- 1 The reading of the minutes of the August 13, 1979 regular meeting was waived and the minutes were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Fende and carried.

The cash balance of the Forestry Fund in the amount of \$78,134.87 as of October 1, 1979 was discussed.

- 2 The vouchers and bills were presented and on a motion by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Fende and carried they were approved and the signatures of the Commission members were affixed thereto. (See attached schedule of bills).

- 3 No comments were offered during the first public comment portion of the meeting.

- 4 The County Forester reported that all the cutting has been completed on the 1979 Sale Areas and a total of \$43,183.82 in stumpage was paid.

He also reported that Mead Paper has submitted a verbal proposal wherein they would be willing to plant approximately 600 jackpine seedlings per acre at a cost of \$85.00 per acre for a possible trade-off on future jackpine timber stumpage. It is estimated that there is approximately 200 acres in the County Forest that could be utilized for such type of planting. After a length discussion, it was the opinion of the Commission that the concept of such a proposal could be acceptable providing the selling of jackpine timber would not conflict with the present policy of taking bids for stumpage. The Forester indicated that he would discuss this proposal further with Mead Paper as well as contact other firms with such a proposal before any definite action is taken by the Commission.

The Forester recommended that approximately 1,600 cords of jackpine should again be harvested in 1980 as it appears that the market will be favorable.

- 5 On a motion by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Fende and carried, the following dates were selected as regular meetings of the Forestry Commission during 1980:

May 12, 1980	4:00 p.m.	Road Commission Office
July 14, 1980	2:00 p.m.	Field Meeting
August 11, 1980	4:00 p.m.	Road Commission Office
October 27, 1980	4:00 p.m.	Road Commission Office



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No persons were present for the second portion of the meeting allocated for public comment so the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Ivan J. Fende, Chairman

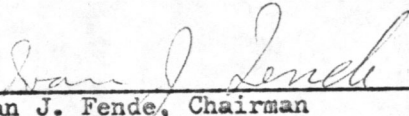
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Wesley Wentela, Secretary

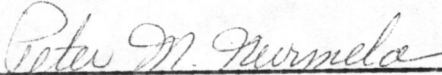
MARQUETTE COUNTY FORESTRY COMMISSION  
BILLS AUDITED AND ORDERED PAID ON THE 29th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1979

VOUCHER NUMBER	CLAIMANT	AMOUNT TO PAY
397	Clark A. Lebo	760.00
398	Marquette County Road Commission	337.06
399	Peter M. Nurmela	40.51
400	Ivan J. Fende	45.78

APPROVED:

  
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Ivan J. Fende, Chairman

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Kurt Prond, Vice-Chairman

  
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Peter M. Nurmela, Member

Proceedings of a Field Meeting of the Marquette County Forestry Commission held on July 16, 1979, at 2:00 PM.

Present: Mr. Ivan Fende, Mr. Kurt Prond and Mr. Peter Nurmela

Absent: None

In Attendance: Wesley Wentela, Secretary, and Clark Lebo, County Forester.

Public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to provisions of Act No. 267, P. A. of 1976, by having a notice posted on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the Road Commission Office Building at Ishpeming, Michigan.

On a motion by Mr. Prond, supported by Mr. Nurmela and carried, the Commission took official action in awarding the bids for the sale and cutting of jackpine timber in Sale Area #1-79 to Thilmany Pulp & Paper Co. and Sale Areas #2-79 and #3-79 to Mead Paper. Prior telephone approval had been granted to the Secretary on June 4, 1979 to execute a contract with Mead Paper, high bidder for Sale Areas #2-79 and #3-79, and approval had been granted on June 21, 1979 to accept the proposal of Thilmany Pulp & Paper Co. for Sale Area #1-79. The bid of Neuens Timber Products who submitted the high bid for Sale Area #1-79 was rejected because it did not meet specifications as they were unable to furnish a certificate of insurance for Workmen's Compensation. Following is a tabulation of the bids received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>SALE AREA #1-79</u>	<u>SALE AREA #2-79</u>	<u>SALE AREA #3-79</u>
Neuens Timber Products	\$ 26.59	\$ 26.59	\$ 26.59
Thilmany Pulp & Paper Co.	22.01	25.02	24.01
Mead Paper	21.03	29.11	31.07

The Commission began their tour by visiting the sites of Cutting Areas #2-79 and #3-79. The skidding and sawing of the jackpine trees into pulpwood lengths was observed and the Commission was well pleased with the good soil scarification that was occurring with this type of operation. It was also observed that many of the jackpine cones were beginning to open and it appears that these areas should have good natural reforestation.

Cutting operations have not been started in Sale Area #1-79. It was noted that this area had been previously harvested by the thinning method years ago and this was probably the reason that the stumpage rate was considerably less for this sale area than the other two sale areas.

Several of the cutting areas previously harvested under the strip cutting method were inspected. Natural reforestation does not appear to be as good under this type of harvesting when compared with the block type of cutting. It was the opinion of the Forester and the Commission members that some of these cutting areas should be selected for future harvesting so that the areas will have the affect of a block type cutting area which promotes a better natural reforestation because of the larger area being exposed to the sun and the soil scarification that occurs by the tree length cutting and skidding operation.

The matter of re-imbursing the County Forester for the use of his private automobile in performing forestry activities was presented. The Forester has been paid at the rate of 10¢ per mile since May 13, 1974. Since that time, the cost of operating a vehicle has nearly doubled and it was moved by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Prond and carried that the mileage rate for the County Forester be increased to 17¢ per mile.

The Forester suggested that the Commission should consider acquiring the latest aerial photos of the Marquette County Forest that are available. On a motion by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Prond and carried, the purchase of the aerial photos was approved. The Forester estimated the cost of the aerial photos to be less than \$100 and he would provide the numbers of the photos to be acquired.

On a motion by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Prond and carried, the vouchers and bills as presented were approved and the signatures of the Commission members were affixed thereto. (See attached schedule of bills).

The Secretary informed the Commission that a quit-claim deed for the undivided 1/10th interest to the N½ of the SW¼ of Section 12, T45N-R25W, Forsyth Township has been received from Mr. John E. Rahilly and recorded at the Register of Deeds Office. With this acquisition, the County of Marquette now holds the entire interest to this parcel.

No persons were present at the site of the origination of the tour to make any public comments or visit the County Forest with the Commission.

The tour and meeting terminated at 3:25 PM.

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Ivan J. Fende, Chairman

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Wesley Wentela, Secretary

AGENDA  
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Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Marquette County Forestry Commission held at 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 21, 1979 at the Road Commission Office, North Second Street, Ishpeming, Michigan.

Present: Mr. Ivan Fende, Mr. Kurt Prond and Mr. Peter Nurmela

Absent: None

In Attendance: Wesley Wentela, Secretary, and Clark Lebo, County Forester

Public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to provisions of Act No. 267, P. A. of 1976, by having a notice posted on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the Road Commission Office Building.

- 1 The reading of the minutes of the March 19, 1979 special meeting was waived as the minutes were approved as mailed to each Commissioner on a motion by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Prond and carried. The cash balance and interest bearing investments of the Forestry Fund as of May 1, 1979 were reviewed.
- 2 On a motion by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Prond and carried, the vouchers and bills as presented were approved and the signatures of the Commission members were affixed thereto. (See attached schedule of bills).
- 3 No remarks or comments were made during the time allocated for the first public comment portion of the meeting.
- 4 The Commission discussed a letter received from the County Controller and the proposed written draft investment policy that is being considered by the Finance Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. This draft investment policy was prepared by the County Controller, Chief Accountant and County Treasurer and is as follows:

"The intent of this policy is to provide for investment of County cash balances and receipts in such a manner as to allow for maximization of interest earnings while also allowing for the timely and orderly payment of claims against the County ordered paid by the County Board.

Investing of the various funds and bank accounts under the direct control of the Board of Commissioners will be conducted by the County Treasurer, in conjunction with the Governmental Support Division.

Investments will be made in Savings Accounts and Certificates of Deposit. Investments will be made only in accordance with the County Board's designation of depositories. Other types of investments may be made, upon approval of the Finance Committee.

Investment of moneys available in the following funds are hereby authorized to be made by the Treasurer and Governmental Support Division:

Jail Bond Debt Retirement Fund, Annex Bond Debt Retirement Fund, Annex Construction Fund, Trust and Agency Fund, 100% Tax Payment Fund #1, Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, Public Improvement Fund, General Fund, All Other Funds within the Regular Bank Account, except the Airport and Forestry which are invested by the County Road Commission

Additions to and/or deletions from this listing may be made with approval of the Finance Committee."

This policy as interpreted by the Commission provides for continuation of the

past practice of investing surplus forestry funds. The Commission does not have any objection to the proposed draft investment policy as it is written at the present time.

- 5 The Secretary reported that he wrote to Mr. John E. Rahilly on March 28, 1979 submitting the Commission's offer of \$2,300 for his 1/10<sup>th</sup> interest to the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 12, T45N-R25W, Forsyth Township. As of this date, Mr. Rahilly has not responded to the offer and it was the opinion of the Commission that no action be taken on this matter until the next regular meeting.

- 6 Eleven (11) invitations to bid on the sale of jackpine timber on a unit price per cord basis in three (3) sale areas were mailed on May 10, 1979. These sale areas are as follows:

- 1) Sale Area #1-79 consisting of approximately 550 cords located in the SE 1/4 of of the SE 1/4 of Section 13, T45N-R25W, Forsyth Township.
- 2) Sale Area #2-79 consisting of approximately 600 cords located in the NE 1/4 of Section 13, T45N-R25W, Forsyth Township.
- 3) Sale Area #3-79 consisting of approximately 400 cords located in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 13, T45N-R25W, Forsyth Township.

On a motion by Mr. Prond, supported by Mr. Nurmela and carried, sale of the above jackpine and solicitation of bids was approved.

- 7 Mr. Clark Lebo, County Forester, reported that all the field work and painting of lines have been completed on the above sale areas. The Commission was in unanimous agreement with the Forester that a good look be taken on the progress of reforestration in cutting areas from previous years' harvesting to evaluate the type of cutting that promotes the best natural reforestration.

- 8 No persons were present nor any comments made during the second portion of the meeting allocated to public comment, and with no other business being presented, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Ivan J. Fende, Chairman

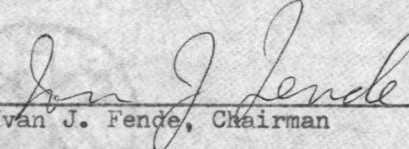
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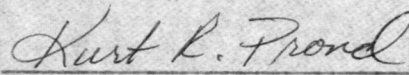
Wesley Wentela, Secretary

MARQUETTE COUNTY FORESTRY COMMISSION  
BILLS AUDITED AND ORDERED PAID ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, 1979

VOUCHER NUMBER	CLAIMANT	AMOUNT TO PAY
384	Marquette County Road Commission	263.93
385	Clark A. Lebo	670.00
386	Peter M. Nurmela	40.48
387	Ivan J. Fende	45.44
388	Kurt Prond	41.92

APPROVED:

  
Ivan J. Fende, Chairman

  
Kurt Prond, Vice-Chairman

  
Peter M. Nurmela, Member

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Marquette County Forestry Commission held at 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 19, 1979, at the Road Commission Office, North Second Street, Ishpeming, Michigan.

Present: Mr. Peter Nurmela, Mr. Ivan Fende and Mr. Kurt Prond

Absent: None

In Attendance: Wesley Wentela, Secretary, and Clark Lebo, County Forester

Public notice of this special meeting was given pursuant to provisions of Act No. 267, P.A. of 1976, by having a notice posted on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the Road Commission Office Building at 2:30 p.m., March 14, 1979.

- 1 On motion by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Nurmela and carried, the minutes of the October 30, 1978 and November 13, 1978 meetings were approved as mailed to the Commission members. The cash balance and interest bearing investments of the Forestry Fund as of March 1, 1979 were reviewed.
- 2 The Secretary declared that nominations for election of officers were in order and on a motion by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Prond and carried Mr. Fende was elected to serve as Chairman for the calendar year 1979. On motion by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Fende and carried, Mr. Prond was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 3 No persons were present to speak during the time allocated for the first public comment portion of the meeting.
- 4 On motion by Mr. Fende, supported by Mr. Nurmela and carried, the vouchers and bills as presented were approved and the signatures of the Commission members were affixed thereto. (See attached schedule of bills).
- 5 The Secretary reviewed The Municipal or Community Forest Act--Act 217, Public Acts of 1931, that the then Board of Supervisors followed on February 18, 1948 in establishing a Forestry Commission for Marquette County. The Act states that it shall be the duty of the Forestry Commission to supervise and manage all lands of the municipality devoted to forestry and to provide for the performance of such labor therein by foresters and others as may be necessary for the proper care and maintenance of such lands as forest producing areas, to make reasonable rules and regulations concerning such lands, and to expend such moneys as may be appropriated or received for such purposes.

It has now come to the attention of the Commission that the Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District is proposing that the County hire a County Forester. In view of the fact that the Commission does not have much information on this proposal at this time, the Secretary was directed to contact the Chairperson of the Environmental Lands and Buildings Committee and the County Controller's office on the schedule of further meetings when this subject is on the agenda for



future discussion so that the Forestry Commission may provide some input on this matter as well as be informed on the status of this proposal. The Commission is of the opinion that the best interests of the public have been served by utilizing the services of a registered forester on a consulting basis and at the same time complying with provisions of the Municipal or Community Forest Act.

- 6 The Secretary read a letter received from Mr. John E. Rahilly in response to an inquiry on the Commission's interest in acquiring the final 1/10 interest in the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, T45N-R25W, Forsyth Township. The County owns the remaining 9/10 interest. Mr. Rahilly advised that he is interested in selling at a reasonable price and was awaiting an offer. Following a discussion, it was moved by Mr. Nurmela, supported by Mr. Prond and carried that an offer of \$2,300 be submitted for his rights and interest to the land and timber. This offer is based on a remaining timber value of \$8,000 and a land value of \$15,000 ( $\$8,000 + \$15,000 = \$23,000 \div 1/10 = \$2,300$ ).
- 7 Clark Lebo, Consulting Forester, reported there has been no forestry activities during the winter months as all cutting operations in the 1978 sale areas have been completed, and the scheduling of a spring jack pine sale will be a little later than normal due to the amount of snow still in the woods and the late spring break up. Approximately 1,500 cords of jackpine will be placed on sale as previously authorized by the Commission and the timber will be clear cut in blocks not exceeding 20-acre parcels.
- 8 No persons were present for the second portion of the meeting allocated to public comment, and with no other business being presented, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Ivan J. Fende, Chairman

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Wesley Wentela, Secretary