

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Pinardi at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Nasi, Erickson, Ouimette, Roberts, Thompson, Kichak, Matson, Mullard, Pinardi, Prospero, Youngs, Thomas, Koski, Smith and Krall. Absent: None.

A moment of silence was held for former Mercer Supervisor Jim Lambert who recently passed away.

Clerk Michael Saari certified that the meeting was properly called and posted.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes of January 27, 2015 as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Kichak reported that the two new highway patrol trucks are in service with a few minor problems experienced.

Kichak reported that the Zoning Committee is working on Mining Ordinance and hope to have it ready by next month with a public hearing to be scheduled.

Thompson reported that the Governor wants the Division of Forestry headquarters to be located in Northern Wisconsin. Thompson would like to see Iron County draft a resolution asking the state to consider locating headquarters in Iron County. Clerk told county board that he believes resolution should come from Forestry Committee.

Thompson also told board that Eric Peterson, Forestry Administrator did a great job on new road access agreement.

Thompson reported that the Sheriff Department has hired two jailer/dispatchers and that the Mercer School had a lock down recently. Thompson also reported that a new road deputy will begin on March 2nd.

Ouimette reported that the Economic Development Committee will have a meeting this Thursday and finalize the final draft of the business plan contest.

Roberts reported that Finance has approved the purchase of a new recording system for the Sheriff's Department that will tie into the new enhanced 911 system. Finance also approved a pay increase for Eric Nasi, County Veterans Service Officer. Roberts also told board that Bill Nasi will get qualified to be the new building inspector for Iron County during 2015. The Finance Committee settled union contract with road deputies yesterday and should be ratified by county board on March 31st.

Roberts reported that the Aging Unit Board performed an evaluation on Executive Director at their last meeting and Roberts still contends that the Director has all the power and the Aging Board has none.

Erickson reported that he attended the Joint Mining Impact Meeting at Bad River with a nice feast, (meal) provided before the meeting. There was talk at the meeting about the duties of the joint committee and trying to find some common ground on the mining issue.

Thomas reported that the mobile food pantry was in town yesterday.

Thomas reported that the Memorial Building Committee will hold a fundraiser on March 22nd with food and music to help purchase new tables for the hall.

Mullard reported that the Fair Board is planning what summer work needs to be done and their next meeting will be held in Mercer on April 16th.

Mullard reported that bids are being called for on west taxiway with a \$1.6 million price tag estimated. A new hanger will also be bid out with an estimated price of \$250,000.00 and crack sealing will be done with an estimated price of \$15,000.00 this summer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eight individuals spoke during public comment with seven speaking on the pros and cons of mining and the lease agreement. Kelly Kohegyi, Mercer told board what a great choice Mike Swartz is as the new Highway Commissioner.

Chairman Pinardi told board that he has appointed Gerald Luke to sit on the Board of Adjustment to replace Tom Popko. Chairman Pinardi also thanked Tom Popko for all his years of service to Iron County on the board and many committees.

RESOLUTION 2861

APPROVING A ROAD USE PERMIT TO GRANT INNES

WHEREAS, Iron County owns certain lands located in the SW ¼ of Section 31, T47N, R1W, Town of Gurney, Iron County, Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Grant Innes is purchasing certain lands located in the NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 36, T47N, R2W, Town of Sanborn, Ashland County, Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Grant Innes is desirous of obtaining a road use permit from Iron County for road right of way, upon, across, and over the above described Iron County Lands, on an already established road, for purposed of obtaining access to the land to be purchased by Grant Innes; and

WHEREAS, the Iron County Forestry Committee has reviewed the request, and approved the issuance of a road use permit to Grant Innes that is not in conflict with the Iron County Forestry Department's 15 year plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Iron County , through its Forest Administrator, shall issue a road use permit to Grant Innes pursuant to which Iron County shall grant unto Grant Innes a temporary license over and upon the existing road in the SW ¼ of Section 31, T47N, R1W, Town of Gurney, Iron County, Wisconsin. The permit shall contain the standard provisions as approved by the Iron County Corporation Counsel. Said road shall be open to the public at all times. No gates or other means of restricting the public from access over and above said road will be allowed.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Krall to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2862

APPROVING A ROAD USE PERMIT TO GARY PELKOLA

WHEREAS, Iron County owns certain lands located in the NW ¼ of Section 6, T43N, R1E, Town of Knight, Iron County, Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Gary Pelkola owns certain lands located in the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 36, T44N, R1W, Town of Anderson, Iron County, Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Gary Pelkola is desirous of obtaining a road use permit from Iron County for road right of way, upon, across, and over the above described Iron County Lands, on an already established road, for purposes of obtaining access to the land owned by Gary Pelkola; and

WHEREAS, the Iron County Forestry Committee has reviewed the request and approved the issuance of a road use permit to Gary Pelkola that is not in conflict with the Iron County Forestry Department's 15 year plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Iron County, through its Forest Administrator, shall issue a road use permit to Gary Pelkola pursuant to which Iron County shall grant unto Gary Pelkola a temporary license over and upon the existing road in the NW ¼ of Section 6, T43N, R1E, Town of Knight, Iron County, Wisconsin. The permit shall contain the standard provisions as approved by the Iron County Corporation Counsel. Said road shall be open to the public at all times. No gates or other means of restricting the public from access over and above said road will be allowed.

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Ouimette to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2863

REQUESTING FUNDS FOR MINING IMPACT ANALYSIS FROM MINING INVESTMENT AND LOCAL IMPACT FUND

WHEREAS, Iron County is likely to be substantially affected by potential or proposed mining and has established a local impact committee pursuant to Wisconsin Statute s. 295.443, and

WHEREAS, Iron County believes it is imperative to analyze the implications of mining and develop solutions to mining-induced growth problems, and

WHEREAS, discretionary grants may be made through the investment and local impact fund per WI Administrative Code Chapter Tax 13.08 (g) for the preparation of area-wide community service plans which identify social, economic, educational, and environmental impacts associate with mining.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Iron County is requesting funds from the Mining Investment and Local Impact Fund to perform a regional or county impact analysis with the help of Northwest Regional Planning Commission personnel.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Youngs to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2864

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP GRANT FOR IRON COUNTY FOREST LAND ACQISTION, TOWN OF SAXON

WHEREAS, the Iron County Forestry Committee would like to purchase the below described lands consisting of 80 acres within Iron County: W ½ N ¼ of Section 33m T46N, R1E, Town of Saxon, Iron County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to ss. 28.10 Wis. Stats; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition policy and boundaries are outlined and defined in Chapter 400 of the Iron County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as approved for years 2006-2020 by the Iron County Board of Supervisors on November 27, 2006; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and improve property administration on the County Forest; and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible to apply for grant funding through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant program pursuant to ss. 23.0953 Wis. Stats; and

WHEREAS, said funding may provide funding for up to 50% of the acquisition price; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the County requests the grant funding available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition grant program; and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Iron County Forest Administrator to act on behalf of Iron County to: Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for land acquisition grant funding; sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete an approve land acquisition project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Iron County will comply with State rules for the program and meet the financial obligations under the grant.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Krall to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2865

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP GRANT
FOR IRON COUNTY FOREST LAND ACQUISITION**

WHEREAS, the Iron County Forestry Committee would like to purchase the below described lands consisting of 400 acres within Iron County: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T43N, R1E, Town of Knight, Iron County, Wisconsin; and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, T43N, R1E, Town of Knight, Iron County, Wisconsin; and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T43N, R4E, Town of Mercer, Iron County, Wisconsin; and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, T44N, R1W, Town of Anderson, Iron County, Wisconsin; and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, T44N, R1W, Town of Anderson, Iron County, Wisconsin; and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, T44N, R2E, Town of Pence, Iron County, Wisconsin; and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, T45N, R2E, Town of Pence, Iron County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to ss. 28.10 Wis. Stats; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition policy and boundaries are outlined and defined in Chapter 400 of the Iron County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as approved for years 2006-2020 by the Iron County Board of Supervisors on November 27, 2006; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public and improve property administration on the County Forest; and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible to apply for grant funding through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant program pursuant to ss. 23.0953 Wis. Stats; and

WHEREAS, said funding may provide funding for up to 50% of the acquisition price; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the County requests the grant funding available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition grant program; and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Iron County Forest Administrator to act on behalf of Iron County to: Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for land acquisition grant funding; sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved land acquisition project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Iron County will comply with State rules for the program and meet the financial obligations under the grant.

Motion by Ouimette, seconded by Nasi to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Ouimette, seconded by Matson to postpone amendment to option agreement indefinitely.

Discussion was held before roll call vote. Voting yes: Ouimette, Matson and Mullard. Voting no: Nasi, Erickson, Roberts, Thompson, Kichak, Pinardi, Prospero, Youngs, Thomas, Koski, Smith and Krall. Motion failed.

Motion by Ouimette, seconded by Matson to postpone amendment to option agreement not to exceed 6 months. Discussion was held before roll call vote. Voting yes: Ouimette, Roberts, Matson, Mullard and Smith. Voting No: Nasi, Erickson, Thompson, Kichak, Pinardi, Prospero, Youngs, Thomas, Koski and Krall. Motion failed.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Thomas to approve amendment to option agreement. Discussion was held before roll call vote. Voting Yes: Nasi, Erickson, Thompson, Kichak, Pinardi, Prospero, Thomas and Koski. Voting no: Ouimette, Roberts, Matson, Mullard, Youngs, Smith and Krall. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Nasi to adjourn at 7:15 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk