

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, February 10, 2014 @ 9:00 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center Conference Room 107
801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 **715-539-1034**

Members Present: Graham Rankin, David Fox, John Bailey, Donald Nelson and Carl Vander Sanden

Visitors: Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, February 10, 2014 in Conference Room 107, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 9:00 a.m.
2. Approve minutes of January 13, 2014 meeting. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Rankin to approve minutes of January 13, 2014 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review year to date budget report. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.
4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. No comments.
5. Open and award any land sale bids. No bids received.
6. Open and award any timber sale bids. No bids received.
7. DNR Three Year Audit Report. The Committee received copies, and Kevin expanded on findings of DNR Three Year Audit Report. Discussion included finance charge policy, cruising accuracy, forest certification and DNR commendations. The consensus of the report was that Lincoln County has an outstanding forestry program. The Committee will further review finance charge policy at next month's meeting.
8. 2013 Annual Report. Kevin distributed and reviewed 2013 Annual Report. Discussion followed including invasive species control. Kevin will make information regarding invasive species available to townships to post in their Town Halls. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden to approve 2013 Annual Report and include a copy in the County Board members packets. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Pine Lake ATV trail. Kevin advised easements have been acquired, permits have been applied for and funding will be submitted by the April 15 deadline. Discussion followed.
10. Request to fill vacancy of Forestry Worker. Kevin reviewed job description and advised that the Personnel Committee approved refilling this position. Discussion followed. Sharing Forestry Worker employees with Highway Dept. will be discussed at next meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Rankin to approve request to fill vacancy of Forestry Worker. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Discuss property for sale adjacent to county land – Section 8 T35N-R8E. Kevin distributed map and gave an explanation of property for sale. Discussion followed. The committee did not have an interest in acquiring this parcel. No action taken.

12. Contract tree planting. Kevin obtained quotes from contract tree planting companies and recommended hiring one to plant this spring's 40 acre site due to decreased staff and a greater number of spring/summer projects to work on. Contracting the planting on this site would be done at a cost savings compared to county staff completing this task. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to contract tree planting with Superior Forest Services. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported that they are working on recon and updating inventory.

14. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin distributed copies of the Recreational Officer's Report and reported that a Sustainable Forestry Grant in the amount of \$35,000 has been awarded to the Forestry Dept. to complete the final phase of work on the Krueger Firelane. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close timber sales.

T025-12	Smola Brothers	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T013-11	Kleinschmidt Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T024-11	Marth Wood Shavings	Close and refund cash bond
T003-09	Steven Dassow	Close and refund cash bond

Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Fox to close sales per Kevin's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

16. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows:

Monday, March 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

Monday, April 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

17. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Rankin, second by Vander Sanden to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.