

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, October 8, 2012 @ 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, Randy Scholz, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, October 8, 2012 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 September 10, 2012 meeting. Motion by Fox, second by Vander Sanden to approve minutes of September 10, 2012 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 were received.

6. Request to repurchase tax delinquent property – W4988 Pinewood Lane. Kevin advised that the County took a tax deed located at W4988 Pinewood Lane, and the previous owner expressed interest in repurchasing this property. Discussion followed. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to approve request by previous landowner to repurchase tax delinquent property, following proper procedures, and consulting with Corporation Counsel regarding date full payment of tax and interest is due by. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Landfill timber sale. Kevin advised that the timber sale administered by the Forestry Department for the Solid Waste Department has been completed. This sale generated \$127,286.23 in revenue which has been transferred to the Solid Waste Dept.

8. Budget modifications. Kevin explained budget modifications regarding ATV rehab project and ATV/Snowmobile Rehab. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to approve budget modifications. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. WCFA annual meeting – November 2, 2012 – Chippewa Falls. Kevin distributed copy of agenda for the WCFA Annual Meeting to be held in Chippewa Falls on November 2, 2012. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden to approve mileage and per diem for Committee members attending WCFA Annual Meeting on November 2, 2012. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Closed Session. Convene into closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1) (c). Review job performance of the County Forest Administrator. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to convene into closed session authorizing Kevin Kleinschmidt and Randy Scholz to remain for closed session. Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Fox-aye, Vander Sanden-aye, Nelson-aye, Bailey-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Fox to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Vander Sanden-aye, Fox-aye, Nelson-aye, Bailey-aye. Motion carried.

11. Open Session. Take any necessary action on items discussed during closed session. Motion by Fox, second by Nelson to approve an outstanding job performance evaluation of Kevin Kleinschmidt, Forestry Administrator. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Underdown storage shed. Kevin advised the Underdown Horse Club requested permission to construct a 10' x 12' building to be used for storage of items used for the maintenance of the trails. The proposed structure would be available for all user groups to utilize. Funding will be provided by grant dollars and construction and maintenance will be done by the Club. Discussion followed. Motion by Nelson to review the Underdown Horse Club's proposed building plan, review building options, create a future policy regarding building construction on County owned lands and approve Club to move forward in applying for grant dollars. Discussion followed. Second by Rankin. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Public Service easement on Hiawatha Trail. Kevin advised Wisconsin Public Service requested to extend the current easement so service can be provided to two new landowners along the Trail. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to approve Public Service request to update easement on Hiawatha Trail in order to provide gas service to new landowners. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. 2013 Budget. Kevin reviewed 2013 budget and answered questions.

15. Property for sale next to County Forest Land – Sections 16 and 21 T33N-R5E. Kevin advised a landowner offered to sell 320 acres of land adjacent to the County Forest to the County. This land meets the county's blocking standards. Discussion followed. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to layover this item for further discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

16. Set date and authorize advertising for fall timber sale. The fall timber sale will be held on Monday, December 10, 2012. Motion by Rankin, second by Vander Sanden to authorize advertising for the fall timber sale. All ayes. Motion carried.

17. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported on marking timber sales in the county.

18. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported that after meeting all conditions, Horn Lake Road is now open to ATV travel. Kevin advised he met with Gary Bartz, DNR, on Dudley Road Snowmobile Trail Re-route, and reported on Tug Lake issues. A copy of the Recreation Officer's report was distributed, and John Bailey commented on the good job being done by Travis Watruba. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

19. Close timber sales.

T010-11 Futurewood Corp. Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

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

20. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meeting is set as follows: Monday, November 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107

21. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Rankin to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.