

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, November 12, 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, Richard Geiss, Phil Hill, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, November 12, 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 October 8, 2012 meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Bailey to approve minutes of October 8, 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. Tug Lake. Kevin advised a title search was conducted on Tug Lake Dam and all research indicates that Lincoln County has no legal title to the dam. Discussion followed. Motion by Nelson to forward letter written by Corporation Counsel stating Lincoln County's position to the WDNR and keep Tug Lake property owners apprised of Tug Lake Dam status. Discussion followed. Motion seconded by Vander Sanden. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Policy for user group requests. Kevin distributed proposed policy regarding building construction on County owned lands. Discussion followed. This policy will be revisited at a later date. No action taken.

8. Timber sale extension policy. Kevin distributed and explained policy revisions. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Rankin to adopt Timber Sale extension policy as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Approve direct sale for wind damaged spruce – Section 24-T33N-R5E. Kevin explained that approximately 5 acres of spruce was wind damaged, and requested authorization to direct sell. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Bailey to approve direct sale for wind damaged spruce in Section 24-T33N-R5E. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. 2012 Fall Timber Sale. Kevin advised there are 13 jobs to be sold on 861 acres for the upcoming timber sale, and maps/prospectus' are available.

11. Property for sale - Sections 16 and 21 T33N-R5E. Kevin reported that this subject was brought up last month, and that he spoke with the landowner regarding sale of 320 acres of land adjacent to the County Forest. Discussion followed. No action taken.

12. WPS easement on Hiawatha Trail. Kevin advised that the easement with Wisconsin Public Service was updated on the Hiawatha Trail in order to provide gas service to new landowners, as discussed at last month's meeting. Several errors on the original easement description were found and corrected.

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

14. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported on easement/ownership issues regarding the Pine Lake ATV trail, advised fall ATV trail maintenance is completed, and our Forestry Worker will again be going to the Highway Department for the winter after the deer gun season. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close timber sales.

T027-10	Wiitala & Vozka Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T036-11	Graap Logging	Close and refund Cash Bond
T006-12	Graap Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T003-12	Graap Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T016-10	Smith Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden 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, December 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 156
Monday, January 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107

17. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Rankin to adjourn at 9:52 a.m. All ayes.
Motion carried.