

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, December 10, 2012 @ 9:00 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center Conference Room 156
801 N. Sales St., Suite 156, Merrill, WI 54452 **715-539-1034**

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

Visitors: Bill Groth, Mike Lietz, Luke Nigon, Lee Rahlf, Dean Bowe, Rick Graap, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, December 10, 2012 in Conference Room 156, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 9:00 a.m. (Donald Nelson arrived at 9:04 a.m.)

2. Approve minutes of November 12, 2012 meeting. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Bailey to approve minutes of November 12, 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. Policy for user group requests. Kevin distributed updated proposed policy for user group requests regarding structures constructed on County Forest lands. Policy was reviewed and discussion followed. Motion by Fox second by Bailey to approve Policy for user group requests as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Approve direct sale – Section 30-T34N-R6E. Kevin explained his request to direct sell timber on county property in this location. Discussion followed. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden to approve direct sale in Section 30-T34N-R6E. All ayes. Motion carried.

Items were discussed out of order to accommodate timber sale.

9. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth had nothing to report. Mike Lietz, WDNR, reported on DNR employee vacancies.

10. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported on easement/ownership issues regarding the proposed Pine Lake ATV trail, and goose population control at Tug Lake. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

11. Close timber sales.

T003-11	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T005-11	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T012-11	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T011-10	Smith Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T002-12	Biewer WI Sawmill	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

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

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

Monday, January 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107

Monday, February 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

8. Open timber sale bids – 10:00 a.m. Kevin welcomed those present, and explained the bidding procedure. Timber sale bids were opened and read. A total of 36 bids on 13 jobs were opened.

13. Award timber sale bids. The timber sale bids were discussed by the Committee. The total estimated value for the 13 jobs sold was \$549,317.40. Motion by Fox, second by Bailey to award sales to apparent high bidders at Kevin's discretion, pending any mathematical errors or necessary reference checks. Four ayes. Nelson abstained. Motion carried.

14. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.