

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, June 11, 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 & Carl Vander Sanden

Visitors: Garth Heckendorf, Carrie Heckendorf, Joan Giusto, Mark Mehlos, Chris Schotz, Jerry Kall, Jay Wicke, Maureen Johnson, Mike Lietz, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Deb Gerdes and others

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, June 11, 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 May 14, 2012 meeting. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to approve minutes of May 14, 2012 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review year to date budget report. Kevin informed the Committee that all state funding for 2012 has been received. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. No comments.

Items were discussed out of order.

16. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth could not attend today's meeting. Mike Lietz reported that starting July 1, 2012 they will be reporting to the Green Bay District Forester due to department reorganization. Also, the position left vacant by Jeff Barkley's retirement, County Forest/Public Lands Specialist, has been filled.

5. Open and award any land sale bids. No bids were received.

6. Request to open Horn Lake Road to ATV traffic. Members from the Harrison Hills ATV Club, Underdown Horse Club, Wisconsin Off-Road Bike Association and Ice Age Trail representatives, and a local business owner were present. A letter from a concerned citizen was distributed. Discussion followed. Motion by Bailey, second by Fox to layover action on this item until the Committee views Horn Lake Road. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Approve ATV Club maintenance on funded trail. Kevin explained that he has been working with the Harrison Hills ATV Club on this matter. The Forestry Department would do the initial signing in the spring and the club would be responsible for replacing damaged/missing signs and adding new signs when necessary throughout the remainder of the summer ATV season in addition to trail brushing. Motion by Nelson, second by Fox to involve the Harrison Hills ATV Club in signing and brushing funded ATV trails. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Approve continuing UTV Program. Kevin updated committee on trail issues that have been resolved to accommodate UTV's. John Bailey stated he would like to recuse himself from discussion and voting on this item. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to recuse Bailey from discussing and voting on this item. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to formally approve continuing the UTV Program on the Lincoln County summer ATV trail system. Four ayes. Bailey abstained. Motion carried.

9. Highway Department timber sale. The Highway Department timber sale that the Forestry Department established and administered has been completed. The total revenue from that sale is \$142,046.69 which will be transferred to the Lincoln County Highway Department.

10. Chapter 16 revisions. Kevin explained the changes and additions made to Chapter 16, Forest and Recreational Trails Ordinance. Motion by Baily, second by Vander Sanden to approve update to Chapter 16. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Contractor request to use Hiawatha Trail. The Forestry Department would issue a temporary access permit for contractor to access private property along trail to complete improvement work. We also have an access permit with these private property owners. Contractor will provide proof of liability insurance and a monetary bond against any damages. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to issue temporary permit to allow contractor use of a portion of Hiawatha trail for ingress and egress to private property with Kevin's provisions. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Stewardship Memorandum of Agreement. Kevin asked that this be approved to forward to the Lincoln County Board. This will allow Lincoln County to participate in the Stewardship Land Acquisition Program thereby allowing the Forestry Department to apply for 50% cost sharing funds for new property purchases. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to approve and forward agreement to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Set date for tax delinquent land sale. Motion by Fox, second by Bailey to hold the Lincoln County Land Sale on August 13, 2012 with the bid opening at 10:00 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Appraise tax delinquent parcels. The committee reviewed and established minimum bids for all tax delinquent parcels to be offered for the Lincoln County Land Sale. Motion by Nelson, second by Baily to approve minimum bids discussed for Lincoln County Land Sale. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Tug Lake Dam. Kevin explained the situation regarding the Tug Lake Dam. Discussion followed.

17. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin informed committee members attending the WCFA Summer Tour of their accommodations for the tour. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

18. Close timber sales.

C001-10 Timberline Logging

Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

C002-10 Greg Lukes

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.

19. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows: Monday, July 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107 with county tour to follow and Monday, August 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107 with land sale bid opening at 10 a.m.

20. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.