

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, January 14, 2013 @ 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, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, January 14, 2013 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 December 10, 2012 meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Fox to approve minutes of December 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. Timber sale contract additions. Kevin distributed and reviewed proposed timber sale contract additions for biomass harvesting and selling timber by weight. Discussion followed. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden to approve proposed timber sale contract additions as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Platform truck. Kevin requested authorization to advertise for quotes for a new platform truck and platform to replace the 1993 model currently used. This request has gone through CIP process and was approved with the 2013 budget. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to authorize adverting for quotes to replace 1993 platform truck and platform. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Backhoe and sub frame. Kevin requested authorization to advertise for quotes to replace 1973 crawler and backhoe with new backhoe and sub frame for John Deere 5100. This request has gone through CIP process and was approved with the 2013 budget. Current equipment is outdated and parts can no longer be acquired. Discussion followed. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden to authorize advertising for quotes for a new backhoe and sub frame for John Deere 5100 M tractor. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. 2012 timber sale revenue. Kevin reported on 2012 timber sale revenue and distributions of those funds. A total of \$1,676,040.53 was collected with \$134,718.65 being transferred to the Highway Dept. and \$127,286.23 being transferred to the Landfill for timber sales conducted on their property; \$140,954.94 will be distributed to towns with County Forest Land within their township, \$281,909.89 to the County General Fund and \$991,170.82 to the County Forestry Fund. Any unused budgeted funds and surplus revenues from the County Forestry Fund will be transferred to the County CIP Fund after the annual audit. Discussion followed.
10. Annual Report. Kevin distributed a copy of Annual Report to the Committee, and explained that approving and posting on website was necessary for forestry certification requirements. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to approve the Annual Report and include a copy in the County Board members February packets. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Underdown trail head storage shelter. Kevin had nothing new to report.

12. Cross country ski trail grooming equipment. Kevin advised that donations totaling over \$6,400 were received in 2011 in memory of Phil Schaefer, an advocate for cross country skiing, and it is the wish of his family that the donations be used to upgrade X-C ski trail grooming equipment for the Underdown. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Vander Sanden to approve purchase of cross country ski trail grooming equipment using funds donated for that purpose. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth had nothing to report.

14. Review Administrator’s written report. Kevin reported on snowmobile trails, advised foresters are working on spring timber sales, and the snowmobile groomer/drag was sold. Kevin advised the Harrison Hills ATV trail system was voted one of the best ATV trails in Wisconsin for 2012 through the Trail Riders Experience Award of the Year program. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close timber sales.

T025-11	Graap Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
C001-12	Graap Logging	Close
T011-12	Bruce Broeking	Close and apply bond to sale T001-12

Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Bailey 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, February 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107
Monday, March 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107

17. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.