

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, February 11, 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: Alan Janquart, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, February 11, 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 January 14, 2013 meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to approve minutes of January 14, 2013 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. Revolving loan fund concept. This project would make funding available through the county to help government entities/municipalities develop recreational facilities by providing low interest loans for this purpose. At the current time, no statutory authorization exists to allow counties to proceed with this project. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Vander Sanden to pursue the Revolving Loan Fund concept. Don Nelson will investigate how to have this added to state statutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Underdown trail head storage shelter. Kevin presented a diagram of the proposed storage shelter submitted by the Underdown Horse Club. This building would be used for storage of trail maintenance items and available for all user groups to utilize. Funding will be provided by grant dollars, and labor will be donated by the Club. Discussion followed. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to approve construction of Underdown trail head storage shelter as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Cross country ski trail grooming equipment. Kevin reported that a new trail groomer was purchased using funds donated in memory of Phil Schaefer, therefore honoring the wish of his family that the donations be used to upgrade X-C ski trail grooming equipment for the Underdown.

9. Pine Lake ATV trail. Kevin distributed a plan developed for establishing the Pine Lake ATV trail, and requested project approval to apply for ORV Grant dollars if required long-term private easements can be obtained. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Fox granting approval to pursue easements on private land and apply for ORV Grant dollars to fund the Pine Lake ATV trail. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported they are updating recon and working on timber sales.

11. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported that the Shop Foreman has been working on disposal of scrap metal at the shop. The Spring Administrator's Meeting will be held on

March 21-22 in Madison, and work on the Krueger Firelane is scheduled for this year. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

12. Close timber sales.

T032-10 Friske Logging Close and retain bond until completion of T036-10

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

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

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

Monday, April 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107

14. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Rankin, second by Nelson to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.