

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of Monday, April 8, 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:** Joan Giusto, Mike Willman, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, April 8, 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 March 11, 2013 meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to approve minutes of March 11, 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. Merrill River Bend Trail – Mike Willman. Mike Willman appeared on behalf of the River District Development Foundation of Merrill, conducted a presentation, and provided information/maps regarding the Merrill River Bend Trail Project. Discussion followed regarding funding, trail use, and maintenance.

7. ATV Maps. Kevin reported on the ATV Map inventory, stating that there are enough maps for the upcoming season only. Deadline for funding applications to the ORV Council is April 15<sup>th</sup>, but if those grant dollars are acquired, no business advertising is permitted on the maps. Clubs have been taking care of maps by obtaining advertising. Discussion followed. Consensus was for clubs to continue to fund maps by selling business ads. No action taken.

8. Eagle Scout project – ATV shelter. Kevin advised a youth has requested permission to construct an ATV shelter by Jack Knife Lake for his Eagle Scout project, and distributed proposal. Preliminary approval is requested so paperwork may be submitted to his council. Discussion followed regarding funding, maintenance, and vandalism. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to provide preliminary approval to Joshua Schmidt to move forward with Eagle Scout project. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Sale of JD350 & backhoe. Kevin requested approval to sell JD350 & backhoe. Discussion followed. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to authorize Kevin to contact equipment broker Tony Trola to handle the sale of 1973 JD350 & backhoe. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approve auction to dispose of personal items left in tax delinquent property. Kevin advised the previous owner of a tax delinquent property acquired by Lincoln County left personal items behind after eviction, and requested approval to auction these items off so house could be sold. Corporation Counsel was consulted and proper notification was given to the previous owner. Motion by Rankin, second by Fox to approve hiring an auction firm to dispose of personal items left in tax delinquent property. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

(Carl Vander Sanden left at approximately 10:00 a.m.)

11. Approve Tug Lake goose roundup. Kevin reported that nest and egg depredation to control the Tug Lake goose population will be conducted this spring, but a goose roundup may ultimately be required to control population. A public scoping meeting will be necessary if a roundup is conducted, along with soliciting donations to help cover costs. Motion by Nelson, second by Bailey to authorize Kevin to carry out any necessary means for goose eradication. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported that the WDNR is reviewing the Lincoln County Spring Timber Sales.

13. Review Administrator’s written report. Kevin advised the agenda is available for the Summer Tour to be held in Oconto County on June 27-28, 2013. Kevin reported on the WCFA administrator’s meeting and advised that spring trail openings may be postponed this year due to weather conditions. Discussion was held regarding a Committee tour of the county forest and restitution received for vandalism at Otter Lake. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

14. Close timber sales.

T024-10	Smith Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T023-10	Wiitala & Vozka	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T023-12	Smola Brothers	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T037-10	Schreiner Forestry	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T038-10	Schreiner Forestry	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T022-11	Graap Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T030-11	Graap Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T017-09	Graap Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T023-09	Graap Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T033-11	Graap Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T032-12	Graap Logging	Close Sale

Motion by Fox, second by Rankin to close sales per Kevin’s recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Monday, May 13, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 156

Monday, June 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107

16. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Rankin to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.