

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, May 13, 2013 @ 9:00 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center Conference Room 156
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, Bill Groth, Phil Rausch, Russ Werner, Greg Lukes, Bruce Dassow, Jake Dassow, Alfred Lemke, John Lemke, Rick Graap, Dean Bowe, Luke Nigon, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman and others.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, May 13, 2013 in Conference Room 156, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approve minutes of April 8, 2013 meeting. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to approve minutes of April 8, 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. Joan Giusto, Harrison Hills ATV Club, inquired as to when recreational trails will open. Kevin advised trails will open when wet conditions have improved.

5. Open and award any land sale bids. No bids were received. Kevin advised newly acquired tax delinquent parcels will be viewed and appraised at the next Forestry Committee meeting/field trip.

*Items on the agenda were changed to accommodate visitors and the timber sale.

10. County ATV Council. Phil Rausch appeared to present new ATV map and discuss promotion and county-wide coordination of ATV program. Discussion followed. Kevin will set a date and distribute agendas to local ATV Clubs. Russ Werner, representative for Ice Age Trail, inquired as to possibility of plowing the Highway B parking lot by the multi-use shelter to allow for parking. Discussion followed. Kevin will look into this.

*Dave Fox arrived at 9:27 a.m.

6. Approve 2014 preliminary budget. Kevin distributed and reviewed copies of the 2014 preliminary budget. Discussion followed. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to approve 2014 preliminary budget as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Approve 2014 Capital Outlay request. Kevin distributed and presented Capital Outlay request for 3 pieces of equipment along with equipment replacement schedule. Motion by Fox, second by Bailey to approve 2014 Capital Outlay request and replacement schedule as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

*The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m.

*The meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

9. Open timber sale bids – 10:00 a.m. Kevin welcomed those present, made introductions and explained the bidding procedure. Timber sale bids were opened and read. A total of 66 bids on 15 jobs were opened.

8. Approve attendance at WCFA Summer Tour – June 27-28, 2013. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to approve Committee attendance, authorizing mileage and per diem for members attending the WCFA Summer Tour. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported on tree delivery and planting.

12. Review Administrator’s written report. Kevin reported on the Krueger Firelane, upcoming tax delinquent appraisal and tour, new plat books, and goose nest and egg depredation. Discussion followed. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

13. Close timber sales.

T035-11	Smith Logging	Close and refund Bond
T026-11	Chuck Theiler Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T031-11	Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T014-12	Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T007-12	Graap Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit pending receipt of final payment

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

14. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows:
Monday, June 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107
Monday, July 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC, Conference Room 107

15. Award timber sale bids. The timber sale bids were discussed by the Committee. The total estimated value for the 15 jobs sold was \$689,316.55. Motion by Bailey, second by Fox to award sales to high bidders at Kevin’s discretion, pending any necessary reference checks. All ayes. Motion carried.

16. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Rankin to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.