

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, September 9, 2013 @ 10:00 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, and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, September 9, 2013 in Conference Room 107, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approve minutes of August 12, 2013 meeting. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden to approve minutes of August 12, 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. Approve attendance at WCFA annual meeting – September 27, 2013. Kevin provided a copy of the agenda for the WCFA annual meeting to be held at the Stoney Creek Inn, Rothschild. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden to approve attendance, authorizing mileage and per diem for any committee members attending the WCFA annual meeting on September 27, 2013. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Annosum Policy. Kevin reviewed the current policy and presented an update. Discussion followed. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to change Annosum Policy as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Campground fees. Kevin advised that the last camping fee increase took place in 2004, and requested fee be increased from \$10 to \$15 per day starting next year. Discussion followed. Motion by Nelson, second by Bailey to authorize campground fee increase to \$15 per day beginning in 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Underdown user fees. Kevin requested fees be increased for the Underdown Recreational Area. Discussion followed. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to increase Summer/Fall Season passes from \$10.00 to \$15.00, Summer/Fall daily passes from \$3.00 to \$5.00, Winter Season passes from \$20 to \$25, and Winter daily passes from \$5 to \$8 beginning this Winter Season. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported they are marking the third job for the county this year, and DNR forestry staff is helping with mowing wildlife openings. A new wildlife biologist for the Merrill Station should be hired by October.

11. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported Luke Nigon's last day was September 6, and the deadline for forester applications is this Friday. The sale of scrap metal from the shop brought in over \$11,000 and was used to purchase new engineered wood chips for the Tug Lake Playground and to purchase new campfire rings for the campgrounds. Copies of the Recreational Officer's report were distributed. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

12. Close timber sales.

T009-13	Central Wisconsin Lumber	Close and refund bond
T008-12	Timberline Logging	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.

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

Monday, October 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
Monday, November 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

14. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden, to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All ayes.
Motion carried.