

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee  
Minutes of Monday, October 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 and Donald Nelson

**Members Absent:** Carl Vander Sanden, excused

**Visitors:** Randy Scholz, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt, and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, October 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. Carl Vander Sanden was excused.

2. Approve minutes of September 9, 2013 meeting. Motion by Fox, second by Bailey to approve minutes of September 9, 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. One bid was received for Parcel #4 but was below the minimum bid established by the Committee. Discussion followed. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to reject the bid received for Parcel #4. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Closed Session. Convene into closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1) (c). Review job performance of the County Forest Administrator. Motion by Rankin, second by Fox to convene into closed session authorizing Kevin Kleinschmidt and Randy Scholz to remain for closed session. Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Fox-aye, Nelson-aye, Bailey-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rankin, second by Fox to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Fox-aye, Nelson-aye, Bailey-aye. Motion carried.

7. Open Session. Take any necessary action on items discussed during closed session. Motion by Fox, second by Nelson to approve a favorable job performance evaluation of Kevin Kleinschmidt, Forestry Administrator, and authorize step increase. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Approve 2014 Annual Work Plan. Kevin presented and explained the Annual Work Plan. Discussion followed regarding wild rice planting in flowages and delays with development of Pine Lake ATV Trail. Motion by Nelson, second by Fox to approve 2014 Annual Work Plan as presented, and forward for approval to County Board of Supervisors. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Approve 2014 Sustainable Forestry Grant. Kevin requested authorization to apply for Sustainable Forestry Grant dollars to be used to purchase crushed gravel for the Krueger Firelane. This would complete the reconstruction project of the firelane. Motion by Nelson, second by Bailey to approve 2014 Sustainable Forestry Grant. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Set date and authorize advertising for fall timber sale. The fall timber sale will be held on Monday, December 9, 2013. Motion by Fox, second by Bailey to authorize advertising for the fall timber sale. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported the Annual Partnership Meeting was held, and all county timber sales for the fall sale were reviewed and approved.

12. Review Administrator’s written report. Kevin reported on the upcoming DNR Audit to be held on November 6 & 7, provided information on the county’s snowmobile supplemental claim and advised a new forester was hired. Copies of the Recreational Officer’s report were distributed. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

13. Close timber sales.

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Motion by Bailey, second by Rankin to close sale 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, November 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

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

15. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Fox, to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.