

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, January 13, 2014 @ 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: Nancy Bergstrom, Dean Johnson, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, January 13, 2014 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 December 9, 2013 meeting. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden, to approve minutes of December 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. No bids received.

6. Open and award any timber sale bids. Two bids were received for Timber Sale No. T020-13, which received no bids at December 2013 Timber Sale. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden to award sale to Johnson Brothers Forest Products pending any mathematical errors or necessary reference check. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Closed Session.

Convene into closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1) (g). Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

- a. River Valley Bank – Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden to convene into closed session authorizing Kevin Kleinschmidt and Nancy Bergstrom to remain for closed session. Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Fox-aye, Bailey-aye, Vander Sanden-aye, Nelson-aye. Motion carried.

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

8. Open Session. Take any necessary action on items discussed during closed session.

Motion by Nelson, second by Fox directing Corporation Counsel to notify River Valley Bank regarding our intention to collect possible shortfalls and costs associated with re-advertising six remaining sales. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. DNR three year audit report. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Bailey to place this item on February 2014 agenda to review DNR three year audit report. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. 2013 timber sale revenue. Kevin distributed spreadsheet and reviewed 2013 timber sale revenue. A total of \$1,289,049.48 was collected on County Forest Property with \$128,675.37 being distributed to towns with County Forest Land within their townships; \$257,350.69 to the County General Fund and \$903,023.42 to the County Forestry Fund. Any unused budgeted funds and surplus revenues from the County Forestry Fund will be transferred to the County CIP Fund after the annual audit. Discussion followed.

11. 2013 Annual Report. Kevin handed out copies of the Annual Report. The 2013 Annual Report will be reviewed at February 2014 Committee meeting.

12. Discuss the sale of Forward House – 1200 E. 3rd Street, Merrill. Kevin advised the Forward House is still occupied and may be sold with tax delinquent properties at the annual land sale.

13. View and appraise Forward House if necessary. Kevin advised this property will be viewed and appraised by Committee when vacated.

14. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth advised that the Lincoln County 2014 spring timber sales were received and will be reviewed.

15. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported all winter recreational trails are now open and in good shape, and distributed copies of the Recreational Officer's Report. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

16. Close timber sales.

T019-11 Mr. Ed's Excavating Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

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

17. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows:
Monday, February 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
Monday, March 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

18. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Rankin, to adjourn at 10:08 a.m. All ayes.
Motion carried.