

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, March 10, 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: Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, March 10, 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 February 10, 2014 meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to approve minutes of February 10, 2014 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. No bids received for the remaining unsold job from the December, 2013 timber sale. This job will be offered at the 2014 Spring timber sale in May.
7. Timber sale interest policy. The Committee reviewed the current finance charge policy and the recommended policy resulting from the DNR Three Year Audit Report. Discussion followed. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to change the Timber Sale interest policy from 60 days to 30 days after invoice. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Shop staffing. Kevin advised of staffing issues at the forestry shop. Discussion followed. No action taken.
9. Approve invasive plant information for towns. Kevin presented information regarding invasive plants to be provided to townships, and requested approval to distribute. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to approve invasive plant information for towns as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Approve attendance at WCFA Spring Meeting – March 20-21, 2014. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to approve mileage and per diem for any Committee members attending the WCFA Spring Meeting in Marshfield on March 20-21, 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Set date and authorize advertising for Spring Timber Sale. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to set date of the Spring Timber Sale for May 12, 2014 and authorize advertising. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. Approve replacement of 1996 ATV. Motion by Fox, second by Nelson to approve replacement of 1996 ATV. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Approve purchase of ditch mower for tractor. Motion by Rankin, second by Fox to approve purchase of ditch mower for tractor. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported that he has been working on sale administration, and reviewed the Spring Timber Sales.

15. Review Administrator’s written report. Kevin distributed copies of the Recreational Officer’s Report, advised that he has been working with Corporation Counsel to remove liens on the Watergate property, and has contracted for tree planting services this spring. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

16. Close timber sales.

T018-11 Wiitala & Vozka Logging Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Rankin 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, April 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

Monday, May 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 156

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