

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, April 14, 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: Paul Kufahl, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, April 14, 2014 in Conference Room 107, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 9:00 a.m. Don Nelson arrived at 9:04 a.m.
2. Approve minutes of March 10, 2014 meeting. Motion by Fox, second by Vander Sanden to approve minutes of March 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. Approve organized event in Underdown – June 24, 2014. Kevin explained event permit procedure and liability insurance requirement. Paul Kufahl, associated with Pedal, Paddle, Pack, was present to give further details on the event. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Fox to approve and authorize event. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Harrison Dam Safety Inspection. Kevin reported that the Harrison Dam hazard rating is ranked as low and as such, inspections need to be completed every 10 years and the dam is scheduled for an inspection this year. Kevin contacted engineering firms for information and cost proposals for the safety inspection. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Vander Sanden to approve Becher-Hoppe proposal for Harrison Dam inspection due to their familiarity with the dam. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. 2014 Budget Modification. Kevin distributed and reviewed modification. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to approve budget modification. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. 2014 Carryover. Kevin explained the 2014 carryover is for the CCF 50/50 cost share grant monies which are used for boat landing improvements. Motion by Bailey, second by Fox to approve 2014 carryover. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Award purchase of ATV. One bid was received for purchase of new ATV. Kevin read specifications and pricing. Discussion followed. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to approve bid from Verne's Honda for \$6,665.00 with trade in and minus extra battery charge. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Award purchase of ditch mower. Six bids were received. Kevin distributed spreadsheet containing specifications and pricing for ditch mower. Kevin brought to the attention of the committee that the Highway Department may have an extra ditch mower that might meet our needs. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to table awarding the bid pending discussion with Highway Department. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. WCFA Discover Wisconsin Project. Kevin informed the committee that the WCFA would like to sponsor a Discover Wisconsin Program promoting the four seasons of recreation on all Wisconsin County Forests. Discussion followed regarding a monetary investment to the project. Motion by Nelson, second by Bailey to approve \$1000 for WCFA Discover Wisconsin Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported that the DNR is ready for fire season and also has been marking timber along Armstrong Creek Road.

14. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin distributed copies of the Recreational Officer's Report. During the 2013-2014 snowmobile season, the northern trails were open a total of 102 days and the southern trails were open a total of 80 days. The newly hired Forestry Worker started today. Tree seedlings will be delivered April 30th. The May 1st opening of summer recreational trails may be postponed due to wet ground conditions. Dave Fox was thanked for his years of service on the Forestry Committee. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close timber sales.

T003-13	Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T027-11	Wesley Bushor	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T015-12	Futurewood Corporation	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T014-11	Greg Schenzel	Cash bond was used to make final payment
T020-11	Mr. Ed's Excavating	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T028-10	Smola Brothers, Inc.	Close and refund cash bond
T022-12	Smola Brothers, Inc.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

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

16. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows:
Monday, May 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 156
Monday, June 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

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