

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of Monday, May 12, 2014 @ 9:00 A.M.**  
**Lincoln County Service Center Conference Room 156**  
**801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 \*\*715-539-1034**

**Members Present:** Graham Rankin, John Bailey, Donald Nelson, Carl Vander Sanden and Ryan Schwartzman

**Visitors:** Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Russ Werner, Dean Johnson, Greg Schenzel, Tim Jacobs, Lee Rahlf, Nick Behrens, Dean Bowe and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, May 12, 2014 in Conference Room 156, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Kevin Kleinschmidt at 9:00 a.m. Donald Nelson arrived at 9:03 a.m.

2. Elections.

a. Chair. Kevin Kleinschmidt requested nominations for Chair of the Forestry, Land and Parks Committee. Carl Vander Sanden nominated Graham Rankin. There were no other nominations. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Graham Rankin as Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Vice Chair. Graham Rankin requested nominations for Vice-Chair. John Bailey nominated Carl Vander Sanden. There were no other nominations. Motion by Bailey, second by Schwartzman that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Carl Vander Sanden as Vice-Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

c. Secretary. Graham Rankin requested nominations for Secretary. John Bailey nominated Ryan Schwartzman. There were no other nominations. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Ryan Schwartzman as Secretary. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approve minutes of April 14, 2014 meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Schwartzman to approve minutes of April 14, 2014 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Review year to date budget report. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

5. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. No comments.

6. Open and award any land sale bids. No bids received. Tax delinquent properties for sale will be reviewed next month.

7. Approve 2015 preliminary budget. Kevin distributed and reviewed copies of the 2015 preliminary budget. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to approve 2015 preliminary budget as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Approve 2015 Capital Outlay request. Kevin distributed and presented Capital Outlay request and Capital Improvement/Outlay equipment replacement schedule. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to approve 2015 Capital Outlay request and replacement schedule as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Approve UTV Budget Modification. Kevin explained modification. Motion by Bailey, second by Vander Sanden to approve UTV Budget Modification. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approve attendance to WCFA Summer Tour – June 26-27, 2014. Kevin advised that the WCFA Summer Tour will be held in Chippewa County. Motion by Bailey, second by Schwartzman to approve attendance, authorizing mileage and per diem for Committee members attending the WCFA Summer Tour. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Shop staffing. Kevin reported on staffing issues at the forestry shop. Discussion followed. No action taken.

\*Items on the agenda were changed to accommodate the timber sale.

13. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported on tree planting operations, and marking timber on the county forest. Also, two fires occurred so far this year.

14. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin distributed copies of the Recreational Officer's Report and advised that the May 1<sup>st</sup> opening of summer recreational trails is still postponed due to wet ground conditions. Kevin reported that he has been working with Corporation Counsel regarding liens on the Watergate property, and the contracted tree planting on the county forest has been completed. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close timber sales. No sales to close.

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

Monday, June 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

Monday, July 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

\*The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

\*The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

12. Open timber sale bids – 10:00 a.m. Kevin welcomed those present, made introductions and explained the bidding procedure. Kevin also advised of policy changes regarding Annosum Root Rot and finance charge assessment. Timber sale bids were opened and read. A total of 116 bids on 21 jobs were opened. Two jobs received no bids. Bids will be accepted on the two remaining sales at the June 9, 2014 Committee meeting.

16. Award timber sale bids. The timber sale bids were discussed by the Committee. The total estimated value for the 21 jobs sold was \$1,255,375.85. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to award sales to high bidders at Kevin's discretion, pending any necessary reference checks. Donald Nelson abstained. Roll call vote taken to abstain. Rankin-aye, Vander Sanden-aye, Schwartzman-aye, Bailey-aye. Four ayes. Motion carried.

18. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.