

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, August 11, 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, Donald Nelson, Carl Vander Sanden and Ryan Schwartzman

Visitors: Bill Groth, Gary Hilgendorf, Kevin Kleinschmidt, and Deb Gerdes

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, August 11, 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 July 14, 2014 meeting. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to approve minutes of July 14, 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 Land Sale Bids. Three bids were received. Kevin opened and read bids.

Michael Post offered a bid of \$2,600.00 for Parcel #4. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nelson to accept the bid for Parcel #4. All ayes. Motion carried.

Gary Hilgendorf offered a bid of \$6,575.00 for Parcel #5 with a contingency added to the Bid and Purchase Agreement. Motion by Nelson, second by Vander Sanden to accept the bid and the contingency written into the Bid and Purchase Agreement for Parcel #5. All ayes. Motion carried.

Donald and Sharen Alsteen offered a bid of \$251.00 for Parcel #6. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to accept the bid for Parcel #6 contingent upon obtaining the bidder's signature on the Bid and Purchase Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. WPS Easement – Hiawatha Trail/Duck Point Resort Road. Kevin explained a request from WPS for an easement for a gas line to cross the Hiawatha Trail to Duck Point Resort Road. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to grant WPS an easement for the gas line. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Timber Sale T026-07. Kevin updated the committee on this timber sale and various recommendations were discussed. Motion by Nelson, second by Schwartzman to take all uncut portions of T026-07, add them to an upcoming sale, assess the contract holder a \$300.00 re-establishment fee, and follow normal policy for timber sale's in default. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill informed the committee on vacancies within the DNR offices in Lincoln County. Two LTE's will be hired; one of which will be working with Bill on Lincoln County Forest projects.

9. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reviewed the Harrison Dam inspection report and the recommendations made by Becher-Hoppe. Discussion followed. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

10. Close timber sales.

T007-12 Graap Logging Close and retain Irrevocable Letter of Credit

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

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

Monday, September 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

Monday, October 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

Don Nelson left at 9:45 a.m.

12. Field trip – picnic lunch provided – No action will be taken during field trip. The committee toured the following sites:

- a. Forestry Shop
- b. Pine Tree Lane pine planting site
- c. Pine Plantation Management – Pine Tree Lane/Honey Road
- d. Roadside brushing – Armstrong Creek Road
- e. Aspen Management – New Wood Road
- f. Krueger Firelane
- g. New Wood Park

Returned to Lincoln County Service Center at 1:25 p.m.

13. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Vander Sanden to adjourn at 1:25 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes