

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, November 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, Carl Vander Sanden, Ryan Schwartzman and Curtis Powell

Visitors: Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Dean Bowe, Lee Rahlf, Nick Behrens and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, November 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 October 6, 2014 meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Vander Sanden to approve minutes of October 6, 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 timber sale bids. Timber sale bids were opened and read. A total of 37 bids on 9 jobs were opened. Two jobs received no bids.

7. Underdown trail head shelter house. Kevin advised this has been a long-term goal, but garlic mustard found at the trail head has postponed the project for several years. The garlic mustard at this site now appears to be under control. Work would include site prep taking place in 2015 with construction being done in 2016. A Horse Council grant and donated cash and supplies along with volunteer labor will be used to help fund the project. Discussion followed. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to approve construction of Underdown trail head shelter house as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Emerald Ash Borer. Kevin advised that the Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Oneida County, and provided information. Discussion followed.

9. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported that they are continuing to mark a timber sale in Harrison.

10. Review Administrator's written report. Recreation Officer's report was distributed, final land sale payments were received, and trail work continues. Discussion followed. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

11. Close timber sales.

T016-13	Jeff Hartwig	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T003-14	Jeff Hartwig	Close and refund cash bond
T011-14	Tigerton Lumber	Close and refund cash bond
T025-14	Randy McKee Trucking	Close and refund cash bond

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

12. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows:
Monday, December 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
Monday, January 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

13. Award timber sale bids. The timber sale bids were discussed by the Committee. Nine out of eleven jobs were sold with a total estimated value of \$722,708.25. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to award sales to high bidders at Kevin's discretion, pending any necessary reference checks. All ayes. Motion carried. The committee will accept bids on the remaining two sales at the December meeting.

14. Leave to view and establish minimum bid at Deer View Property – W5029 Doering Drive, Merrill. The committee viewed the property and discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Powell to place minimum bid on property at \$12,000.00, following normal land sale bidding procedures along with using addendum to bid and purchase agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Adjourn meeting. The committee returned to the Service Center. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Vander Sanden to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.