

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, December 8, 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: Carl Vander Sanden, Ryan Schwartzman and Curtis Powell

Members Excused: Graham Rankin and Kevin Koth

Visitors: Bill Groth, Jeff Lokemoen, Kortney Pike, Randy Scholz, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, December 8, 2014 in Conference Room 107, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Carl Vander Sanden at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approve minutes of November 10, 2014 meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Powell to approve minutes of November 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 Deer View property bids. Four bids were received and opened. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to award Deer View property bid to highest bidder, Paul Cegielski for \$26,100. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Open and award timber sale bids. No bids were received for two remaining jobs from November 10, 2014 timber sale.

8. Approve organized event – Endurance Horse Ride – Underdown – August 22-23, 2015. Kevin explained the request and advised the Underdown Horse Club supports this event. Discussion followed including insurance requirements. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to approve organized event – Endurance Horse Ride – Underdown – August 22-23, 2015 pending all requirements are met. All ayes. Motion carried.

The order of items on the agenda was changed to accommodate visitors.

11. Hiring of an LTE. Kevin advised of need for position on an ongoing basis and requested LTE be hired to fill this need. Position budgeted under contracted services. Discussion followed. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to approve request to hire an LTE. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported that he has finished the DNR's spring timber sale marking and spent a day doing timber sale administration last week.

13. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin advised Underdown ski trails are brushed and signed but remain closed due to lack of snow and cold weather. Supplemental maintenance was prorated at 67.2% for the 2013-14 snowmobile season and checks will go out to Snowmobile Clubs today. Recreation Officer's report was distributed. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

14. Close timber sales.

T004-12 Schenzel Logging Close and refund cash bond

Motion by Schwartzman, second by Powell to close sale per Kevin's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Closed Session. Convene into closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1) (c). Review job performance evaluation of the County Forest Administrator. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to convene into closed session authorizing Kevin Kleinschmidt and Randy Scholz to remain for closed session. Roll call vote taken. Powell-aye, Schwartzman-aye, Vander Sanden-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schwartzman, second by Powell to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote taken. Powell-aye, Schwartzman-aye, Vander Sanden-aye. Motion carried.

10. Open Session. Take any necessary action on items discussed during closed session. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Powell to approve an outstanding job performance evaluation of Kevin Kleinschmidt, Forestry Administrator. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

16. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Powell to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.