

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, February 9, 2015 @ 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, Curtis Powell and Kevin Koth

Members Excused:

Visitors: Chris Marlow, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, February 9, 2015 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. Minute of silence for Graham Rankin. Graham Rankin, County Board Supervisor and Chairman of the Forestry, Land and Parks Committee passed away on January 22, 2015. A minute of silence was observed in Graham's honor and members spoke of his accomplishments and service to the county.
3. Approve minutes of January 12, 2015 meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Koth to approve minutes of January 12, 2015 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.
7. Open and award any timber sale bids. One bid was received from Frank Weyers for each of the two sales that did not receive bids at the November, 2014 timber sale. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to accept Kevin's recommendation to award both sales to Frank Weyers, Weyers Timber Transport, LLC. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. City of Merrill tax delinquent lot – 900 E. 1st Street. Kevin distributed information on the property at 900 E. 1st Street and informed the committee of the City of Merrill's interest in purchasing this property. Chris Marlowe, County Clerk, presented tax information on this parcel. Discussion followed. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to approve sale of this property to the City of Merrill for \$14,297.96. All ayes. Motion carried. Kevin to forward resolution to County Board.
9. Accept donation of Prairie Dells property. Kevin advised he had a title search done on this property to ensure there was no outstanding debt and physically inspected the site. Kevin recommended accepting this donation of property to enhance the recreational opportunities at the Prairie Dells Scenic Area. Discussion followed. Motion by Koth, second by Schwartzman to accept the donation of Prairie Dells property. All ayes. Motion carried. Kevin to forward resolution to County Board for approval.
10. Annual Report. Kevin explained the purpose of the Annual Report and reviewed various items. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to approve the 2014 Annual Report and forward a copy to each township clerk. All ayes. Motion carried. The report will be placed on the Forestry Departments website and added to chapter 3000 of the Lincoln County Forest Fifteen Year Land Use Plan.

11. Approve attendance at WCFA Spring Meeting – March 19-20, 2015. Motion by Powell, second by Koth, to approve mileage and per diem for any Committee members attending the WCFA Spring Meeting in Minocqua on March 19-20, 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Authorize advertising for quotes to replace 2010 lawn tractor/mower. Kevin informed committee on age and usage of the currently owned tractor/mower and that the purchase is approved as a capital outlay in the 2015 budget. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to authorized advertising for quotes to replace lawn tractor/mower. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Authorize replacement of shop welder. Motion by Koth, second by Powell to authorize replacement of shop welder. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill spoke on the proposed state budget. He also reported they are marking three sales on WDNR land and one on City Forest.

15. Review Administrator’s written report. “Wisconsin’s County Forests” produced in partnership with Discover Wisconsin and Wisconsin County Forests Association aired on Saturday, February 7th. Site prep work for the Underdown Shelter has begun. Kevin informed the committee on items included in the proposed state budget that may affect the Forestry Department. Recreation Officer’s report was distributed. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

16. Close timber sales.

T036-14	Schreiner Forestry	Close and refund cash bond
T008-13	Jason Malchow	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Koth, second by Powell to close sales per Kevin’s recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

17. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows:
Monday, March 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
Monday, April 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

18. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Koth to adjourn at 9:32 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.