

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, March 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: Bill Groth, Mike Lietz, Sam Blake, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, March 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. Approve minutes of February 9, 2015 meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Koth to approve minutes of February 9, 2015 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. Award lawn tractor purchase. Two bids were received from Riesterer & Schnell for a 2015 model tractor/mower. Kevin distributed a bid comparison spreadsheet and options were discussed. Motion by Koth, second by Powell to accept Kevin's recommendation to award the bid to Riesterer & Schnell for a 2015 John Deere X530. Trade in allowance and installation of a 48 inch mower deck with conversion kit is included in the bid price. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Confirm attendance at WCFA Spring Meeting – March 19-20, 2015. Attendance confirmed for those committee members planning to attend the WCFA Spring Meeting.
8. Set date and authorize advertising for 2015 spring timber sale. Motion by Koth, second by Powell to set date of the spring timber sale for May 11, 2015 and authorize advertising.
9. Authorize advertising to obtain quotes to construct Pine Lake ATV boardwalk. Kevin explained the new process for RFP's. Discussion followed. Completion date for this project was set for October 31, 2015. This project is funded through an ATV Development Grant. Items 9, 10 and 11 will be considered together.
10. Authorize advertising to obtain quotes to replace stoplogs at the Harrison Dam. Kevin explained items to be included in this RFP. A water level drop of two feet will be tolerated during stoplog replacement and completion date for this project was set for August 31, 2015. This project is funded through our Parks Improvement Fund.

11. Authorize advertising to obtain quotes to haul and spread crushed gravel/granite on Krueger Firelane. Sustainable Forestry Grant and Access Plan monies will be used for this project. The completion date was set for August 31, 2015. Motion by Powell, second by Koth to authorize advertising to obtain quotes for the three projects described in items 9, 10 and 11. All ayes. Motion carried.

Items were addressed out of order to allow set up time for item 12.

13. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill introduced the new Forestry Technician, Sam Blake. Sam was hired by lateral transfer to fill the Merrill vacancy created with Gary Osness retiring. Mike Lietz spoke on remaining open positions in our area within the DNR.

12. View Wisconsin’s County Forests video. Committee viewed Wisconsin’s County Forests video. The committee thought the program was very informative and that it highlighted the economic value county forests bring to their community through jobs in the forest industry as well as the many recreational opportunities they provide.

14. Review Administrator’s written report. Kevin informed the committee that the deed for the donated Prairie Dells parcel has been recorded. The County Forest Administration Grant will be affected by the current proposed state budget and is a concern. Recreation Officer’s report was distributed. Possible snowmobile trail closings were discussed. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close timber sales.

T010-13 Jacobs Enterprises Close and refund cash bond

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

16. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows:
Monday, April 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
Monday, May 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

17. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Koth to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.