

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of Monday, May 11, 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, Curtis Powell, Ryan Schwartzman, Loretta Baughan

**Members Excused:** Kevin Koth

**Visitors:** Ken Kraklow, Heidi Fink, Lee Rahlf, Dean Bowe, Bruce Dassow, John Lemke, Nick Behrens, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Deb Gerdes, and several other visitors.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, May 11, 2015 in Conference Room 107, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Carl Vander Sanden at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approve minutes of April 13, 2015 meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Powell to approve minutes of April 13, 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 timber sale bids. Kevin welcomed those present, made introductions and explained the bid opening procedure. Timber sale bids were opened and read. Eighty-two bids were received on sixteen jobs. One job received no bids. The committee will accept bids on the remaining sale at the June 8, 2015 Forestry Committee meeting.

6. Award Pine Lake boardwalk/bridge. Kevin distributed bid results. Five bids were received. Discussion followed. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to accept the low bid as being compliant and award the contract to McMullen & Pitz Construction, Corp. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Award Harrison Dam stoplog replacement. Kevin distributed bid results. Three bids were received. Motion by Baughan, second by Vander Sanden to accept the low bid as being compliant and award the contract to Norcon Corporation. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Award Krueger Firelane gravel.

Kevin distributed bid results. Five bids were received. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Baughan to accept the low bid as being compliant and award the contract to Ladick Road Materials. All ayes. Motion carried.

Curtis Powell was excused at 9:45 a.m.

9. Approve 2016 preliminary budget. Kevin distributed and reviewed copies of the 2016 preliminary budget and answered questions. Discussion followed. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Baughan to approve 2016 preliminary budget as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approve 2016 Capital Outlay request. Kevin distributed and presented Capital Outlay request and long-range Capital Improvement/Outlay equipment replacement schedule. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to approve 2016 Capital Outlay request and replacement schedule as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Approve sale of tax delinquent properties to the City of Merrill.

- a. 310 Blaine Street
- b. 1008 E. Seventh Street

Kevin informed the committee that the City of Merrill has expressed interest in purchasing these properties. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Baughan to approve the sale of these properties as described. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Approve Eagle Scout project. Kevin advised a youth has requested permission to construct a shelter along the new Pine Lake ATV trail for his Eagle Scout project. Discussion followed regarding funding and maintenance. The Harrison Hills ATV Club will take care of the maintenance of the shelter after it is constructed. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Vander Sanden to approve Nick Oslage to move forward with his Eagle Scout project. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Award timber sale bids. The total estimated value for the 16 jobs sold was \$913,972.69. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to award sales to high bidders at Kevin's discretion, pending any necessary reference checks or mathematical errors. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported on recent fire activity, working on county forest timber sales, and tree planting on state, county and private lands.

15. Review Administrator's written report. Copies of the Recreational Officer's Report were distributed. Kevin informed committee that tree planting has been completed and spraying for garlic mustard has begun. Also, will be starting work on the new Pine Lake segment of the ATV trail system shortly. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

16. Close timber sales.

T016-12	Smola Brothers, Inc.	Close and refund cash bond
T020-12	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T026-13	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman 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, June 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
- Monday, July 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

15. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Vander Sanden to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.