

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of Monday, July 13, 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, Kevin Koth, Bob Reichelt

**Visitors:** Travis Watruba-Recreation Officer, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, July 13, 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 June 8, 2015 meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Koth to approve minutes of June 8, 2015 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review year to date budget report. Kevin explained the transfer of funds from 2014 Forestry Department Revenue to CIP and General Fund accounts. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Kevin introduced new committee member, Bob Reichelt.

5. Open and award land sale bids. One bid was received for Parcel #3. Motion by Powell, second by Koth to accept the bid from Michael and Becky Rick for \$27,002.00 for Parcel #3. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Open and award timber sale bids. One bid was received for timber sale T013-15. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to reject bid received as it was below the minimum bid requirement. All ayes. Motion carried. Forestry Department will accept bids on timber sale T013-15 until 9:00 a.m. at the August 10, 2015 committee meeting. If no bids are received at this time the sale will be placed on the Fall Timber Sale listing.

7. Recreation Officer Report. Officer Watruba gave a report on his activities on and off the county forest including monitoring campgrounds, timber theft, garbage dumping, boat, ATV, and snowmobile patrol and illegal tree stands; as well as appearing at town meetings, recreational clubs and various group meetings to educate the public and maintain a positive law enforcement presence. He also fielded questions from committee members. The committee thanked him for his continued positive impact throughout the county.

8. Timber harvest goals. Kevin explained the process of setting timber harvest goals. The desired end result of setting and achieving these goals is to cut the most allowable acres for maximum revenue today while still maintaining sustainability for maximum revenue in the future.

9. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported they continue working on timber sales; 80 acres on County Forest Land and 100 acres on DNR forest.

10. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin informed the committee that the Krueger Firelane Gravel Project has been completed. Harrison Dam water level was dropped two feet to enable work to begin on the Stoplog Replacement Project. Work continues on the Pine Lake segment of the ATV trail system and site prep for the Underdown Shelter is complete. Copies of the Recreational Officer's Report were distributed. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

11. Close timber sales.

T021-11	Wiitala & Vozka Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T006-13	Smola Brothers Logging	Close and refund cash bond
T032-13	Lincoln County Forestry	Close

Motion by Schwartzman, second by Vander Sanden 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, August 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107  
Monday, September 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

13. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Koth to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes