

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, August 10, 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: Bill Groth, Mike Lietz, Chris Schotz, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, August 10, 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 July 13, 2015 meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Koth to approve minutes of July 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 and award land sale bids. No land sale bids were received.
6. Open and award timber sale bid. One bid was received for timber sale T013-15. Motion by Powell, second by Koth to accept bid from Marth Wood Shaving Supply, Inc. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Approve attendance at WCFA Annual Meeting – September 25, 2015. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to approve attendance, and authorize mileage and per diem for any committee members attending the WCFA Annual Meeting on September 25, 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Ice Age Trail shelter. Kevin distributed the department's policy for User Groups Requesting Facilities on County Land along with packets provided by Chris Schotz, Ice Age Trail Alliance member, detailing shelter building plans and location. Chris answered questions from the committee. The shelter is to be built with donated funds and Ice Age Trail members will be responsible for any maintenance and upkeep required. Motion by Reichelt, second by Koth to approve Ice Age Trail shelter. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Tug Lake Lake Association. Kevin attended an informational meeting on Saturday, Aug. 1 hosted by land owners on Tug Lake. Their concern regarding the severe blue-green algae bloom on the lake has prompted them to consider forming a Lake Association. As Lincoln County is a riparian land owner, Kevin asked the Committee for direction on how involved the Forestry Department should be. The Committee encouraged Kevin to attend any future meetings of the Tug Lake landowners and give input at his discretion.
10. Harrison Dam Stoplog Project. Kevin informed the committee that the project has been completed and he distributed photos of the stoplog replacement process. Discussion was held on water levels on the Harrison Flowage. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Powell for Kevin to ask to be put on the agenda for an upcoming meeting of the Harrison Town Board to discuss water levels on the Harrison Flowage. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Pat Weber Home – 1108 E. 9th Street, Merrill. The committee was informed that the City of Merrill will be issuing an order to raze this property. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to turn this property back over to the Public Property Committee, Maintenance Department to comply with the order to raze. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Our Way Home – 427 N. 5th Street, Tomahawk. Kevin explained the issues with this property. He reported considerable public interest but not at the advertised price and asked if the committee would consider reducing the minimum bid price. Motion by Koth, second by Reichelt to reduce the minimum bid price from \$59,900.00 to \$49,900.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Approve expenses for tax delinquent property at W4988 Pinewood Lane, Merrill. The committee reviewed an expense report for the property at W4988 Pinewood Lane, Merrill. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Koth to approve the expense report and to move forward with the sale of this property, subject to final payment. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported they continue working on marking timber sales in Harrison and wildlife personnel are mowing trails. Mike Lietz, DNR Forestry Team Leader, was present and spoke on position openings, lateral transfers and positions yet to be filled in the northern region.

15. Review Administrator's written report. Copies of the Recreational Officer's Report were distributed. Kevin informed the committee that the Krueger Firelane Project was done in two phases and has now been completed. Work continues on the Pine Lake segment of the ATV trail system and the site prep is complete and concrete slab poured for the Underdown Shelter. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

16. Close timber sales.

T005-12	Northwest Hardwoods	Close and refund cash bond
T021-12	Smola Brothers Logging	Close and refund cash bond
T012-15	Great North Timber Services	Close and refund cash bond
T009-12	Futurewood Corporation	Close and refund cash bond

Motion by Schwartzman, 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, September 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
Monday, October 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

18. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Koth to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.