

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, November 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, Curtis Powell, Ryan Schwartzman, Bob Reichelt

Members Excused: Kevin Koth

Visitors: Ken Kraklow, Paul Roberts, Heidi Fink, Lance Meier, Dean Johnson, Bill Groth, Dean Bowe, Nick Behrens, Mike Lietz, Ricky Keller, Lee Rahlf, Lance Meier, Randy Scholz, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, November 9, 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 October 5, 2015 meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Powell to approve minutes of October 5, 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 timber sale bids. Kevin welcomed those present, made introductions and explained the bid opening procedure. Timber sale bids were opened and read. Fifty-three bids were received on fourteen jobs. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to award sales to high bidders pending any necessary reference checks or mathematical errors. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Two jobs received no bids. The committee will accept bids on the remaining sales at the December 14, 2015 Forestry Committee meeting.

6. Ninth Street, Merrill – Our Way property. Decision was made to view the property, set minimum bid price and advertise to sell.

Agenda items were addressed out of order to accommodate closed session.

9. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill introduced new Tomahawk Ranger, Ricky Keller. Bill also reported the filling of two Antigo positions. The Merrill Forestry Technician position is open and will attempt filling by lateral transfer.

10. Review Administrator’s written report. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

11. Close timber sales.

T007-14	Central Wisconsin Lumber	Close and refund cash bond
T009-14	Northwest Hardwoods	Close and refund cash bond
T004-13	Tigerton Lumber Company	Close and refund cash bond

Motion by Schwartzman, second by Reichelt 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, December 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
Monday, January 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

7. Closed Session. Convene into closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1) (c). Review job performance of the County Forest Administrator. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to convene into closed session authorizing Kevin Kleinschmidt and Randy Scholz to remain for closed session. Roll call vote taken. Vander Sanden-aye, Reichelt-aye Powell-aye, Schwartzman-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schwartzman, second by Vander Sanden to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote taken. Vander Sanden-aye, Reichelt-aye, Powell-aye, Schwartzman-aye. Motion carried.

8. Open Session. Take any necessary action on items discussed during closed session. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Powell to approve a favorable job performance evaluation of Kevin Kleinschmidt, Forestry Administrator, and authorize step increase. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Leave to appraise Ninth Street, Merrill, - Our Way property – if necessary. Viewed property. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to establish minimum bid for Ninth Street property at \$4,700.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Field trip – picnic lunch provided – No action will be taken during field trip. The committee toured the following sites:

- a. Underdown Trail Head
- b. Timber sale recreational considerations – Underdown
- c. Harrison Dam
- d. Pine Lake ATV Trail
- e. Krueger Firelane

Returned to Lincoln County Service Center at 2:10 p.m.

15. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Powell to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.