

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, December 14, 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, Bob Reichelt

Members Excused: Kevin Koth

Members Absent: Curtis Powell

Visitors: Bill Groth, Chuck McCullough, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, December 14, 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 November 9, 2015 meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Reichelt to approve minutes of November 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 land sale bids. No bids were received.
6. Open and award timber sale bids. Timber sale bids were opened and read. Two bids were received on timber sale T029-15 which was not sold at the November bid opening. Motion by Reichelt, second by Schwartzman to award sale to high bidder pending any necessary reference checks or mathematical errors. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Bids for the remaining unsold sale will be accepted at the January 11, 2016 committee meeting.
7. Todd Myszka timber sales. Kevin explained timber sale bond requirements. Contractor was not able to meet those requirements for jobs he was awarded at the November timber sale bid opening. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to send contractor a letter explaining the Committee's decision to offer jobs to the second highest bidder, as the Forestry Department cannot deviate from its policy regarding bond requirements. If second highest bidders are not interested, sales will be re-advertised. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. DNR wildlife issues – Chuck McCullough. Northern Region Area Supervisor, Chuck McCullough, presented and explained information on Chippewa tribal night hunting. He also distributed results of the 2015 Lincoln County deer harvest. Chuck spoke about the new deer registration system and the baiting ban in neighboring counties due to chronic wasting disease.

9. Approve sale of tax delinquent parcels at 600 E. 1st Street and 722 E. 2nd Street, Merrill to the City of Merrill. Kevin gave details on these two properties. Discussion followed. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Reichelt to forward resolution to County Board regarding sale of property located at 600 E. 1st Street to the City of Merrill and due to occupancy of property located at 722 E. 2nd Street, normal tax delinquent property procedures be followed before sale to City of Merrill can be completed. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill informed the committee they have finished work on county timber sales and are in the process of updating recon for county sales. Also, the fire towers located in Lincoln County have been shut down indefinitely as they currently do not meet certification requirements.

11. Review Administrator’s written report. The recreation officer’s report was distributed. Kevin informed the committee that the 2014-15 snowmobile maintenance grant received supplemental funding at 100% after the DNR audit. The Underdown cross country ski trails are being brushed and signed. Kevin explained the APHIS Beaver Program and the cost sharing of that program with the Highway Department. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

12. Close timber sales.

T035-14	Schreiner Forestry	Close and refund cash bond
T008-15	Tigerton Lumber Company	Close and refund cash bond
T001-14	Tigerton Lumber Company	Close and refund cash bond
T012-13	Tigerton Lumber Company	Close and refund cash bond
T021-14	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T023-13	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T004-15	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T014-14	Marth Wood Shaving Supply	Close and refund cash bond
T005-15	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T013-14	Wiitala & Vozka Logging	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.

13. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows:
Monday, January 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
Monday, February 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

14. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Reichelt to adjourn at 10:08 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.