

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of Monday, March 14, 2016 @ 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

**Members Absent:**

**Visitors:** Art Lersch, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, March 14, 2016 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 February 8, 2016 meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Reichelt to approve minutes of February 8, 2016 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. Timber Sale T022-15. Kevin explained issues regarding this sale and recommended that past policy be followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Powell to send a letter of non-compliance to high bidder, via registered or certified mail, and award job to second high bidder. If second high bidder declines, the sale will be advertised with the spring timber sales. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Lookout Mountain Firetower. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is decommissioning fire towers throughout the state and one of these towers is located on Lookout Mountain. Discussion followed. Motion by Powell, second by Schwartzman to decline transfer of ownership of tower to the county and have DNR remove the Lookout Mountain Firetower. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Lookout Mountain cell site lease. The County currently holds a cell site lease with AT&T on Lookout Mountain. Kevin distributed proposal received from Md7, a negotiating firm representing AT&T. He informed the committee on research he had done and gave Corporation Counsel's input on these proposals as well. Recommendation was made to decline the proposals from AT&T. Discussion followed. Art Lersch was present for discussion and to answer questions regarding broadband internet. Motion by Powell, second by Vander Sanden to consider negotiations for a longer term lease with AT&T but decline additional proposed lease terms. All ayes Motion carried.

8. Outdoor Recreation Plan survey questions. Committee had previewed the survey questions provided by North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Discussion followed. The survey will be advertised in both legal newspapers, letters will be sent to the various user groups and townships and a link will be placed on the Lincoln County website to the survey on NCWRP's website. Providing local radio stations with the survey information was also discussed. Information gathered from this survey will help give direction to the county when updating the Outdoor Recreation Plan. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Reichelt to approve the survey questions submitted by North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the methods of advertising the survey. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Set date and authorize advertising for 2016 Spring Timber Sale. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Schwartzman to set date of the Spring Timber Sale for May 9, 2016 and authorize advertising.

10. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill informed the committee that fire season will be here soon and their coverage area for the fire season has been expanded. Also, the Tomahawk Ranger has transferred to the Rhinelander station.

11. Review Administrator's written report. The recreation officer's report was distributed. Kevin reported that on March 1<sup>st</sup>, Zone 1 snowmobile trails closed. All snowmobile and winter ATV trails are closed for the season. The Forestry Department hosted a job shadow on February 17<sup>th</sup> with a Tomahawk student. The seasonal forestry worker applications are in and six applicants will be interviewing for that position. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

12. Close timber sales.

T024-13	Smola Brothers, Inc.	Close and refund cash bond
T027-12	Smola Brothers, Inc.	Close and refund cash bond
T030-10	Wiitala & Vozka Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Reichelt, second by Vander Sanden 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, April 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107  
Monday, May 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

14. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Schwartzman, second by Reichelt to adjourn at 9:32 a.m. All ayes.  
Motion carried.