

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of
Monday, August 8, 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, Kevin Koth, Robert Reichelt, William Bialecki, Corey Nowak

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Visitors: Robert Lee, Fred Heider, Angela Fisher, Janet Brehm, Larry Schubring, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, August 8, 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 June 22, 2016 meeting. Motion by Koth, second by Reichelt to approve minutes of June 22, 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. Open Land Sale bids. Five bids were received for Parcel #4, Town of Skanawan. Motion by Bialecki, second by Nowak to accept the bid received for Parcel #4 from Grant and Kayleigh Daigle in the amount of \$65,001.10. All ayes. Motion carried. No bids were received for the remaining parcels.

6. Open timber sale bids. No bids were received.

Agenda items were addressed out of order to accommodate visitors.

8. Five-Year Rec Plan. Fred Heider, NCWRPC, presented a draft of the 5-Year Rec Plan. He explained various items in the plan and made recommendations. The Forestry Committee will review the plan draft and bring any changes to the September committee meeting. An open house for public comment will be held after any changes to the draft plan are completed.

7. Departmental Ten-Year Long Range Plan. Kevin informed the committee that all county departments were to prepare a Ten-Year Long Range Plan and present the plan to their respective committees for approval. Discussion on plan items followed. Motion by Nowak, second by Vander Sanden to approve the Forestry, Land & Parks Department Ten-Year Long Range Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Lake Association – Tug Lake. Tug Lake residents have expressed an interest in forming a Lake Association and inquired if the Forestry Department would like to be included in that Association. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Reichelt for the Forestry Department to assist the Lake Association whenever possible, but to decline becoming a member of the Tug Lake Association. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Hiawatha Trail Bridge. Kevin gave background information on the Hiawatha Trail Bridge; then explained that two of the bridge pilings were damaged and in need of repair. The Lincoln County Highway Department Bridge Program Manager viewed bridge and submitted a design to address the

needs for bridge stabilization. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Koth to approve design submitted and authorize Kevin to work with Highway Dept. to complete this project when the time is available. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Approve direct timber sale – Section 27-35-4. Kevin explained the need for this direct sale and possibly others to salvage timber damaged by wind in the northwestern portion of the County Forest. Motion by Reichelt, second by Bialecki authorizing Kevin to establish and sell this direct sale and any further direct sales due to timber blowdown. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Reappraise tax delinquent properties if necessary. Discussion was held regarding unsold properties. Motion by Nowak, second by Bialecki to reduce minimum bid on Parcel #1, Town of Pine River property, to \$18,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Koth to reduce minimum bid on Parcel #2, Town of Pine River property, to \$23,500. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Bialecki to reduce minimum bid on Parcel #3, Town of Rock Falls property, to \$42,500. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bialecki, second by Nowak to reduce minimum bid on Parcel #5, City of Merrill property, to \$12,500. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Koth, second by Bialecki to reduce minimum bid on Parcel #6, City of Tomahawk property, to \$9,500. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Set date and authorize advertising for land sale if necessary. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nowak to authorize advertising and set date for land sale for October 10, 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill was not present. Janet Brehm, Lincoln and Langlade County Wildlife Biologist, introduced herself. She reported that they have been working on wildlife openings and have mowed 30 of the 96 wildlife openings in the Newwood area. Mowing will continue into the fall until complete. They will also be working on issues with the Trapper Morrison dike. The Forestry Department will help fund these two projects with Wildlife Habitat grant monies. Janet also explained the purpose of Operation Deer Watch is to calculate the doe to fawn ratio.

15. Review Administrator’s written report. Kevin distributed the Recreation Officer’s report and updated the committee on the WFCFA Fall Meeting and the wildlife issue at Tug Lake. The Administrator’s report was reviewed and placed on file.

16. Close timber sales.

T007-15	Futurewood Corporation	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T021-13	DeBoth Brothers Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T018-15	Roberts Logging	Close and refund bond

Motion by Bialecki, second by Nowak 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 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
Monday, October 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

18. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Bialecki, second by Nowak to adjourn meeting at 10:15 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.