

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of
Monday, September 12, 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, Corey Nowak

Members Excused: Robert Reichelt

Members Absent: William Bialecki

Visitors: Heather Berklund, Janet Brehm, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, September 12, 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 August 8, 2016 meeting. Motion by Nowak, second by Koth to approve minutes of August 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. Open land sale bids. No bids were received.

6. Open timber sale bids. No bids were received for sale T022-15. This sale will be advertised on our upcoming fall sale.

7. Public comment for 5-Year Recreation Plan. No comments.

8. Approve 5-Year Recreation Plan. Kevin advised that the 5-Year Recreation Plan has been completed. After review, the committee agreed that the public survey was well advertised and the survey response was good so an open house was not necessary. Motion by Nowak, second by Koth to approve the final version of the 5-Year Recreation Plan without open house and send to County Board for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Underdown winter daily pass. Kevin explained reasons for requesting reduction of the Underdown winter daily pass fee from \$8 to \$5 for snowshoeing and fat biking; but leave the daily fee for cross-country skiing and the seasonal winter pass at its current price. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Koth to reduce the Underdown winter daily pass fee for snowshoeing and fat biking but leave the daily fee for cross-country skiing and the winter seasonal at its current rate. Motion carried 2-1 with Nowak voting nay.

10. Knights Lake boat landing. Kevin gave background information on a parcel of land donated to Lincoln County in 1988 for public access to Knights Lake. It was brought to the attention of the Forestry Department that the property line that was accepted when this parcel was donated is incorrect and the description on the deed is incorrect. This was confirmed by the County Surveyor. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nowak to deed the original property with the incorrect description back to the former owner, then to accept in Lincoln County's name, the property where the boatlanding is located with the correct description. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. WCFA Fall Meeting – September 30, 2016. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Nowak to approve attendance and authorize mileage and per diem for any committee members attending the WCFA Fall Meeting on September 30, 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Set date and authorize advertising for fall timber sale. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Koth to authorize advertising and set date for the fall timber sale for November 14, 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill introduced the new DNR Woodruff Area Leader, Heather Berklund, and also announced that Doug Brown will be the new DNR County Forest Specialist. The DNR continues to mark timber on county forest. Janet Brehm, Lincoln and Langlade County Wildlife Biologist, reported continued work on mowing wildlife openings in the Newwood area.

14. Review Administrator’s written report. Kevin distributed the Recreation Officer’s report. He updated the committee on the status of the forming of the Tug Lake Association. The Harrison Hills ATV Club will be helping to fund some maintenance work on a portion of the Harrison Hills ATV trails. The Administrator’s report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close timber sales.

T002-15	Smola Brothers, Inc.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T014-15	Smola Brothers, Inc.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T015-15	Futurewood Corp.	Close and refund bond
T017-12	NewPage/Verso	Close and refund bond
T013-15	Marth Wood Shaving Supply	Close and refund bond
T004-14	Tigerton Lumber	Close and refund bond
T024-15	Roberts Logging	Close and refund bond

Motion by Koth, second by Nowak to close sales per Kevin’s recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

16. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows:
Monday, October 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107
Monday, November 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

17. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Nowak, second by Koth to adjourn meeting at 9:40 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes