

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of
Monday, November 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, Kevin Koth, Robert Reichelt, William Bialecki

Members Excused: Corey Nowak

Members Absent:

Visitors: Nick Behrens, Lee Rahlf, Dean Bowe, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, November 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 October 10, 2016 meeting. Motion by Reichelt, second by Bialecki to approve minutes of October 10, 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 and award land sale bids. No bids were received.
6. Open timber sale bids. Timber sale bids were opened and read.
7. Capacity Grant Meeting. Kevin informed the committee on a possible meeting that he will attend with Mary Czaja to discuss re-instating the \$50,000 capacity grant that is used to reimburse WCFA member dues. This item was eliminated in the 2016-17 state budget. Discussion followed. Motion by Koth, second by Bialecki to approve mileage and per diem for Carl Vander Sanden to attend meeting to reinstate \$50,000 capacity grant to WCFA. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Hiawatha Trail Bridge. Kevin met with an engineer from Ayres Associates on Nov. 4 to assess damage and condition of the bridge. Discussion followed.
9. Approve sale of tax delinquent properties to City of Merrill and City of Tomahawk. Motion by Koth, second by Reichelt, with Bialecki abstaining, to approve sale of properties listed to City of Merrill and City of Tomahawk. All ayes. Motion carried. The 802 Lake Street property was removed from the list prior to the vote.
10. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported the DNR is currently marking timber for state sales.
11. Review Administrator’s written report. The Administrator’s report was reviewed and placed on file.

12. Close timber sales.

T030-14	Futurewood Corporation	Close and refund bond
T018-14	Weyers Timber Transport	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Reichelt 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, December 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

Monday, January 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

14. Closed Session. Convene into closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1) (c). Review job performance evaluation of the County Forest Administrator.

This item will be addressed at the December 12, 2016 committee meeting.

15. Open Session. No action taken.

16. Award timber sale bids. Fifty-seven bids were received on sixteen jobs totaling \$721,273.70. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Koth to award sales to high bidders pending any necessary reference checks or mathematical errors. All ayes. Motion carried. Five jobs received no bids. The committee will accept bids on the remaining sales at the December 12, 2016 Forestry Committee meeting.

17. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Koth, second by Bialecki to adjourn meeting at 10:05 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes