

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Wednesday, December 10, 2008 @ 9:00 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 156**

Members Present: Graham Rankin, Richard Berndt, David Fox, Carl Short and Richard Eisenman

Visitors: Bill Groth, Mike Lietz, Rick Graap, Homer Van Meter, Ron Krueger, Todd Pond, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Dean Bowe, Jerrad Macholl, Lee Rahlf, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 in Conference Room 156, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Graham Rankin.

2. Approve minutes of November 4, 2008 meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Eisenman to approve minutes of November 4, 2008 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review year to date budget report. Discussion was held regarding the Recreation Officer position and forest land revenue. 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. Approve snowmobile trail – Wildwood Block. Kevin informed the Committee that he has been working together with Taylor County and Potlatch Corp. to reroute a snowmobile trail where an easement was lost in Price County. This trail will connect Price, Taylor and Lincoln County. Discussion followed. Motion by Short, second by Berndt to approve snowmobile trail on the Wildwood Block to connect Price, Taylor and Lincoln County. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Approve dog sled permit – New Wood Block. Kevin informed the Committee that an individual has requested a permit to run and exercise his sled dogs behind a gated area on the New Wood Block. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Eisenman to approve the dog sled permit and future dog sled permits at the discretion of the Forestry Administrator. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. LUV Program update. Kevin reported that the first of the 2-year LUV pilot program has concluded and leaves several issues to be addressed. Discussion followed regarding registration and safety programs.

9. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth, Forestry Liaison, reported that State budget cuts will not have an effect on forestry this fiscal year. Mike Sohasky's vacant position may not be filled in the near future due to a hiring freeze. Discussion was held regarding the budget.

10. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported that Graham is a member of the WCFA Board of Directors. Discussion was held regarding the sale of the Annex, the Harrison Dam and Garlic Mustard. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

11. Close timber sales.

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| T001-08 | Futurewood Corporation | Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit |
| T027-06 | Carpentier Forest Prod. | Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit |
| T006-07 | Bruce McKinney | Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit |
| T027-07 | Rick Graap | Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit |

Motion by Rankin, second by Short to close sales per Kevin's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Set next meeting dates. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting dates are set as follows:
Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 158
Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 158

A break was taken at 9:45 a.m.
Meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

8. Open Timber Sale Bids – 10:00 a.m. Timber Sale bids were opened and read. A total of 97 bids for 15 jobs offered were received. The total of bids received is \$508,376.10.

12. Award Timber Sale Bids. Motion by Berndt, second by Eisenman to accept high bids as presented pending reference checks. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Rankin to adjourn meeting at 10:33 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.