

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Thursday, May 18, 2006 @ 8:30 A.M.
Land Resource Center Meeting Room

Members Present: Graham Rankin, Frank Saal, James Alber, Richard Berndt and Carl Short

Visitors: Curtis Powell, Joel Lang, Oskar Werner, Jane Severt, Marge Johnson, Kelly Alber, Mike Lietz, Bill Groth, Nancy Bergstrom, John Mootz, Tylor Hartwig, Brian Smola, Dennis Zupon, Greg Schenzel, Bruce McKinney, Dennis Guenther, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Dean Bowe, Lee Rahlf, Sherrie Zortman

1. Meeting called to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Thursday, May 18, 2006 in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Jane Severt at 8:35 a.m.
2. Election of Committee Chair. Jane Severt requested nominations for Chair of the Forestry, Land and Parks Committee. James Alber nominated Graham Rankin. There were no other nominations. Motion by Alber, second by Short that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Graham Rankin as Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Election of Committee Vice-Chair. Graham Rankin requested nominations for Vice-Chair. Richard Berndt nominated Frank Saal. There were no other nominations. Motion by Berndt, second by Short that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Frank Saal as Vice-Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Election of Committee Secretary. Graham Rankin requested nominations for Secretary. Graham Rankin nominated Carl Short. Short declined the nomination. Jane and Frank explained the duties of Secretary. Frank Saal nominated Richard Berndt. There were no other nominations. Motion by Alber, second by Saal that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Richard Berndt as Secretary. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Approve minutes of April 3, 2006 meeting. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to approve minutes of April 3, 2006 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Review vouchers. The Committee reviewed vouchers as previously paid.
7. Department overview for new Committee members. New Committee members were provided with department operations information, the 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and maps. Alber suggested that if a member of the Committee has a question for the Forest Administrator, that question be placed as a specific item on the agenda so all Committee members have the benefit of knowledge. Committee members agreed.
8. Comments from members of the public or invited guests.
 - A) Allan Miner – Jane informed the Committee that Mr. Miner purchased a tax delinquent parcel in the Town of Bradley at the 2005 Land Sale. Mr. Miner had a survey conducted and found that the acreage is actually less than was advertised. He is seeking compensation for this discrepancy. Marge Johnson, Real Property Lister, appeared to explain the procedures taken when taking tax deeds based on the best available information provided to her. Motion by Alber, second by Berndt that claims be filed with the County and reviewed by the Department Head and Corporation Counsel before being brought to the Committee. Discussion followed. Chair called the motion and roll call vote taken. Berndt-aye, Alber-aye, Saal-aye, Short-aye, Rankin-aye. Motion carried 5-0.
 - B) Oskar Werner – request for utility easement across County Forest and approval of access agreement. Mr. Werner appeared to explain his request. Jane explained that to her knowledge, private utility easements have not been issued in Lincoln County, and therefore information from other counties regarding their procedures was distributed. Discussion followed. Motion by Alber, second by Short to grant access permit and utility agreement to Mr. Werner based on no adverse opinion by Corporation Counsel. Further discussion followed. Motion was read back and carried. All ayes. Jane requested that the Committee set a fee for the utility agreement.

Discussion followed. Motion by Alber, second by Saal to charge Oskar Werner a fee of \$1.00 per lineal foot for utility agreement with Lincoln County. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. MAPLE software – Joel Lang. Joel Lang, Computer Services Administrator, appeared to discuss the new MAPLE software he developed for the Forestry Department. Discussion followed. After all forms and reports become available to the department, testing will be done and adjustments will be made. The program will replace the outdated TICS program.

10. Public access deed restriction removal policy. Jane distributed information and made the new Committee members aware of past policy on public access deed restrictions/removal. Discussion followed. Alber expressed concerns that no public hearing has taken place. Rankin explained that Jane will be speaking with the Town Board members. Jane recommended that a plan be developed before presenting it to the public.

11. Award contract for construction of Prairie Dells Scenic Area Viewing Platforms. Jane explained plans for the construction of viewing platforms at Prairie Dells Scenic Area. Two bids were received for construction of 2 platforms. Motion by Saal, second by Alber to accept the bid of \$7,900.00 from Performance Concrete to construct Prairie Dells Scenic Area viewing platforms. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Approval of CIP schedule. Jane distributed copies of the CIP schedule. Motion by Alber, second by Short to approve the CIP schedule. 4-ayes, 1-nay (Saal). Motion carried. Frank stated he would've appreciated discussion before voting.

A brief break was taken at 10:00 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:05 a.m.

14. Open timber sale bids – 10:00 a.m. Jane welcomed those present and explained the bidding procedure. Timber sale bids were opened and read. A total of 165 bids on 16 jobs were opened.

13. Approval of Capital Outlay projections. Copies of Forestry Equipment schedule was distributed to the Committee. Motion by Alber, second by Rankin to approve schedule of equipment replacement for Capital Outlay in 2007. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Permit for 4-H horse clinic in Underdown – May 20, 2006. Motion by Saal, second by Short to grant a permit to the 4-H horse clinic in the Underdown on May 20, 2006. All ayes. Motion carried.

16. WCFA Summer Tour. Agendas for the WCFA Summer Tour were distributed. Motion by Alber, second by Berndt to approve Committee attendance, authorizing mileage and per diem for members attending the WCFA Summer Tour to be held in Hayward. All ayes. Motion carried.

17. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rich Wissink. Rich was not in attendance at today's meeting.

18. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported on a recon update for GIS that is underway in the DNR.

19. Review Administrator's report. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

20. Close timber sales.

T029-03	Blomberg Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
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T036-00	Albrecht Trucking	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T030-99	Ralph Wille	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T011-03	Greg Schenzel	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T012-01	Jake Sturm	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Saal, second by Alber to close sales per Jane's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

21. Award timber sale bids. The timber sale bids were reviewed by the Committee. The total of bids for 16 jobs was \$562,988.60. Motion by Alber, second by Saal to award sales to high bidders, pending Jane's reference checks. All ayes. Motion carried.

22. Set date for viewing of 2006 tax delinquent parcels. The Committee will view 2006 tax delinquent parcels on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

23. Set next regular meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center.

24. Adjourn meeting: Motion by Alber, second by Rankin to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Jane Severt and Sherrie Zortman