

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of Wednesday, May 14, 2008 @ 9:00 A.M.**  
**Land Resource Center Meeting Room**

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

**Visitors:** Bill Groth, Joan Giusto, Tom Vahl, Ron Smugala, Susan Smugala, David Brandenburg, Lois Brandenburg, Todd Pond, Rick Graap, Greg Schenzel, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Dean Bowe, Lee Rahlf, Jerrad Macholl, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Kevin Kleinschmidt at 9:00 a.m.
2. Election of Committee Chair. Kevin Kleinschmidt requested nominations for Chair of the Forestry, Land and Parks Committee. Carl Short nominated Graham Rankin. There were no other nominations. Motion by Short, second by Eisenman 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. Graham Rankin nominated Carl Short. There were no other nominations. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Carl Short as Vice-Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Election of Committee Secretary. Graham Rankin requested nominations for Secretary. Carl Short nominated Richard Berndt. There were no other nominations. Motion by Short, second by Eisenman that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Richard Berndt as Secretary. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Approve minutes of April 7, 2008 meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Short to approve minutes of April 7, 2008 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Review year to date budget report. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.
7. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Joan Giusto, representing the Harrison Hills ATV Club, informed the Committee that the club will be on hand May 24<sup>th</sup> at the multi-use shelter to register light utility vehicles. This information will be put on the County website. Kevin gave a brief description of the LUV Pilot Program for the new Committee members.
8. Department overview for new Committee members. New Committee members were provided with information pertaining to department operations and Kevin reviewed the responsibilities and programs of the Forestry Department.
9. Approval of 2009 CIP schedule. Kevin distributed copies of the CIP schedule and discussion was held. Motion by Fox, second by Berndt to approve the CIP schedule. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Approval of 2009 Capital Outlay projects. Copies of Forestry Equipment schedule were distributed to the Committee and discussion followed. Motion by Eisenman, second by Short to approve purchase of a tractor, mower and back hoe attachment. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to approve schedule of equipment replacement for Capital Outlay in 2009. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Update on Forestry Department positions. Kevin informed the Committee that the Office Coordinator's position was included in the courthouse union prior to any notification or involvement with Sherrie or himself. Discussion followed. Kevin reported that Jerrad Macholl was hired for the forester position and began employment on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and Joshua Spiegel has been hired as a summer intern. Kevin also reported that Jerry Zastrow is the new shop foreman and took over this position on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

12. Request to fill vacancy of forestry worker. Kevin reported that the Administrative and Legislative Committee approved filling the forestry worker vacancy pending approval by the Forestry Committee. Motion by Short, second by Berndt to approve the request to fill vacancy of forestry worker. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Sustainable Forestry Conference. Carl attended the conference in Florence and reported on several topics discussed including heating with woody bio mass, wood fuel pellets, renewable energy, bio-energy projects in the future and National Forest issues.

A brief break was taken at 9:50 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

14. Open timber sale bids – 10:00 a.m. Kevin welcomed those present and made introductions. Graham explained the bidding procedure. Timber sale bids were opened and read. A total of 119 bids on 9 jobs were opened.

15. Hiawatha Trail Permit. Kevin explained that the Hiawatha Trail Permit for Clear Lake Condominiums must be updated to bring it in compliance with the County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Discussion followed. Motion by Short, second by Eisenman to approve changes to Hiawatha Trail Permit for Clear Lake Condominiums. All ayes. Motion carried.

16. Approve attendance for WCFA Summer Tour – June 26-27. Agendas for the WCFA Summer Tour were distributed. Motion by Short, second by Berndt to approve Committee attendance, authorizing mileage and per diem for members attending the WCFA Summer Tour hosted by Marathon County. All ayes. Motion carried.

17. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rick Weide. Rick was not in attendance at today's meeting.

18. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported on the new ranger station and noted that the FSC/SFI Certification audit will be held next week. Discussion followed.

19. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported that the summer ATV trails opened May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the LUV Pilot Program is underway. Topics of discussion included garlic mustard, sign for multi-use shelter and duties of the Recreation Officer. Richard suggested that information regarding garlic mustard be sent to contractors working on the county forest. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

20. Close timber sales.

T018-06	Schenzel Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
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T013-03	Richard Sosnovske	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T007-07	Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill	Close and refund Bond
T037-05	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to close sales per Kevin'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 9 jobs was \$496,659.40. Motion by Berndt, second by Short to award sales to high bidders, pending reference checks. All ayes. Motion carried.

22. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting will take place on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center.

23. Adjourn meeting: Motion by Berndt, second by Short to adjourn at 11:35a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.