

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee  
Minutes of Wednesday, July 5, 2006 @ 8:30 A.M.  
Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Graham Rankin, Frank Saal, Richard Berndt and Carl Short

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** James Alber

**VISITORS:** Tom Hayden, Norman Heckendorf, Bill Groth, Curt Garrison, Jr. Dan Gryskiewicz, Jane Severt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Meeting called to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, July 5, 2006 in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 8:30 a.m. James Alber was excused.

2. Approve minutes of June 7, 2006 meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Short to approve minutes of June 7, 2006 meeting as printed. Discussion followed. Motion will include an amendment to reflect that Frank Saal was excused from the June 7, 2006 meeting due to illness. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review vouchers. Bond payments for shelter rental and ATV Club map reimbursement were discussed. The Committee reviewed vouchers as previously paid and placed on file.

4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Norman Heckendorf told the Committee that the Harrison Hills ATV Club paid for a good portion of the new ATV maps and that others should contribute also.

5. City of Merrill Tax Delinquent Property. City of Merrill Atty. Tom Hayden informed the Committee that the Board of Public Works will be meeting soon, and at that time he will not recommend the purchase of a tax delinquent strip of land adjacent to the water tower from Lincoln County. Several reasons include encroachment issues and location of the property. Discussion followed. Research will be conducted regarding this property for possible land sale.

6. Land Use Permit on Hiawatha Trail. Curt Garrison appeared to request a Land Use Permit along the Hiawatha Trail right-of-way. The previous owner had obtained a permit for a septic drain field. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to grant Land Use Permit to Curt Garrison for septic drain field along Hiawatha Trail right-of-way for a fee and recording costs. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Staff requisition. Request for a Recreational Officer was presented. Discussion followed including equipment costs, grant dollars, and necessity of the position.

8. Report on WCFA Summer Tour. Jane reported on items of discussion at the WCFA Summer Tour including forest certification, invasive species training, ORV issues and progress on 15-Year County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plans.

9. Review of County Board goals. Jane requested clarification regarding a goal set for the Forestry Department to increase revenues and how this goal should be met. Discussion followed. Carl Short explained that the goal is a result of brainstorming and no specific ideas were looked at.

10. CIP request – Spirit Falls. The Finance Committee asked that CIP requests be re-evaluated to determine if those listed as high priorities are necessary. The development of Spirit Falls was listed as a high priority. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt that CIP request for Spirit Falls be withdrawn from high priority in light of County budget restraints. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Update on Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Plan. Jane informed the Committee that surveys have been sent out by the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

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

13. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported that prescribed burns will be conducted on DNR sites near the Prairie River in the Gleason area.

14. Review Administrator's report. Frank Saal inquired about the property donation request. Jane explained that an individual wishes to donate approximately 2 acres to the County. Corporation Counsel is reviewing this request and Jane will inspect the property. Frank asked that Jane publicize this donation to increase public awareness. Frank also inquired about the Maple software program. Sherrie Zortman stated that Joel Lang said he would install the rest of the program this afternoon so Maple can be utilized. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close timber sales.

T021-05	Kleinschmidt Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T006-03	Fink Forest Products	Close and refund Bond

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

16. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meetings are set as follows: Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center.

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