

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Tuesday, September 5, 2006 @ 9:00 A.M.
Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Rich Wissink, Norman Heckendorf, Bill Groth, Keith Woller, Amanda Woller, Jane Severt, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Jennifer Blaubach, Sherrie Zortman

1. Meeting called to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approve minutes of August 2, 2006 meeting. Motion by Alber, second by Short to approve minutes of August 2, 2006 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review vouchers. Carl Short inquired about 20% severance share payments made to the State of Wisconsin. Jane explained that severance payments were made for an interest free project loan that is now paid in full. The Committee reviewed vouchers as previously paid and placed on file.

(The order of items on the agenda was changed to accommodate visitors.)

10. Extension on sale of parcel #4 – tax delinquent land sale. Keith and Amanda Woller, recipients of parcel #4 at the tax delinquent land sale, appeared to request an extension of time to pay the balance due on that parcel. Mr. Woller explained that his attorney recommended that several judgments issued to the previous owner of the parcel be taken care of before final payment is made. Motion by Alber, second by Saal to offer a 120 day extension to Keith and Amanda Woller to make the final payment for parcel #4 of the 2006 Land Sale and offer updates to the Forestry Committee. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Norman Heckendorf inquired about an ATV grant, and Kevin Kleinschmidt said he will be explaining it in agenda item # 5.

5. Snowmobile and ORV Project Grant Awards – Kevin Kleinschmidt. Kevin appeared to inform the Committee about the grants that the Governor's Snowmobile Council and ORV Council awarded to Lincoln County. The Snowmobile Council approved a grant for construction of 8.5 miles of trail connecting the Hwy. 51 corridor. The Off-Road Vehicle Council approved the grant request for an enclosed shelter. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Alber that the Forestry Committee accepts the ORV Project Grant Award, and the award for the Harrison Hills Shelter be accepted with the condition that the shelter be accessible to all user groups with no preference given to any one group. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP) Grant Award – Tug Lake. Jane informed the Committee about the 50% cost share grant the department received for constructing new bathrooms/changing rooms, gravel work and a new shelter roof at Tug Lake Recreation Area.

7. Criteria for Sustainable Forestry Grant applications. Jane distributed a list of criteria for Sustainable Forestry Grant applications to the Committee.

8. Update on computer software. Jane explained that the MAPLE software developed by Joel Lang for the Forestry Department is not finished and therefore not being used. Mike Zamzow, who developed the program currently in use, expressed interest in updating that program, and will set up a meeting. Discussion followed.

9. Koenig access permit. Jane explained the request for Frederick Koenig to obtain a permit for access to his property across County Forest land. Discussion followed. Motion by Alber, second by Short to grant an access permit to Frederick Koenig. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Progress/update on 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan. Jane informed the Committee that open house dates have been set for the 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan as follows: Sept. 19 at Sara Park, Tomahawk and Sept. 21 at the Land Resource Center, Merrill from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Draft Plans will be available at that time. Motion by Alber, second by Saal to authorize mileage and per diem for Committee members attending a 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan open house. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Approval of proposed 2007 budget. Jane presented the 2007 draft budget to the Committee, and answered questions along with Jennifer Blaubach, Accountant/Bookkeeper. Discussion followed. Motion by Alber, second by Berndt to approve 2007 proposed draft budget and present to Finance. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rich Wissink. Rich introduced himself to new Committee members and reported on DNR mowing of wildlife openings/trails. Rich also talked about planting rice beds, small game species and new deer hunting regulations. Jane added that next year the department would like to hire a summer intern to conduct GPS work on wildlife openings/trails so a data layer can be developed for future openings work.

14. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported that the DNR recently held a timber sale bid opening on State lands. One sale was located on Menard Island. Jane informed the Committee that the annual Partnership Meeting between the DNR and County was held last week. The work plan developed at this meeting must be done in order to fund 50% of the Forest Administrator's salary.

15. Review Administrator's report. Firewood and bough permits were discussed. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

16. Close timber sales.

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| T043-04 | Rick Graap | Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit |
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| T001-04 | Greg Schenzel | Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit |
| T008-03 | Greg Schenzel | Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit |
| T039-03 | Bruce Broeking | Close and refund Bond |

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

17. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center.

18. Committee tour of recreation projects and timber sales on Lincoln County Forest – picnic lunch at New Wood Park approximately 12:30 p.m. (James Alber did not attend the tour)

19. Return to Forestry Department approximately 4:00 p.m.

20. Adjourn meeting: Motion by Saal, second by Short to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.