

**LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Wednesday, January 4, 2006 @ 8:30 AM**  
**Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elroy Schmidt, R. Wayne Plant, Frank Saal, Graham Rankin, David Fox

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

VISITORS PRESENT: Bill Groth, Mike Lietz, Rich Wissink, John M. Henning, Thomas Rick, Jo Rick, Norman Heckendorf, Nancy Bergstrom, Bob Kunkel, Thomas Hayden, Jane Severt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Elroy Schmidt.

2. Approve minutes of December 14, 2005 meeting. Frank requested that the phrase “necessary procedures” in item #13 be more specific for awarding bids in future timber sales. Motion by Rankin, second by Plant to approve the minutes of December 14, 2005 as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

5. Tax deed property in the City of Merrill. City of Merrill Atty. Thomas Hayden appeared to express interest in some County owned tax deed property. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Saal to conduct research regarding the tax deed property and present findings at a future Committee meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests.

A. Tom Rick – Otter Lake Campground host request. Mr. Rick, a retired Deputy Sheriff, offered his services as a campground host at Otter Lake, to keep an eye on the campground and provide information to campers. In return, Mr. Rick requested camping at no charge with no payment required for his services. Discussion followed regarding the County’s liability and other legalities. Jane and Nancy Bergstrom, Corporation Counsel, will research the subject and inform the Committee of their findings. The Committee thanked Mr. Rick for his offer.

B. Friends of Clear Lake. John Henning appeared to present his concerns regarding Eurasian Water Milfoil, trespass on his property, boat landing access, a snow fence and several other issues. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Rankin that the Forestry Committee conduct a field trip to view area by the Clear Lake Condos to get a better understanding of John Henning’s concerns. Discussion followed. The snow fence will be removed, and Henning’s request for “no parking” signs by the boat landing will be considered. Chair called the question. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Discuss deed restriction fee. Jane brought several resolutions regarding deed restriction fees to the Committee’s attention. Resolution #47, drafted in 1954 stated that tax deed lands acquired by the County have a provision inserted stating that said lands cannot be posted to prevent hunting by the general public unless used for agricultural purposes and in the immediate area of a dwelling. In 1972, Resolution #62 established a procedure to release that provision by imposing a fee of \$10.00 for each parcel of land of 40 acres or less. Jane asked the Committee if removing this restriction is worth more to the County than the fee of \$10.00 per 40 acres. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Schmidt to layover the matter of deed restriction fees and revisit at the next Committee meeting and instructed Jane to research the matter of deed restriction fees. Discussion followed. Chair called the question. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rich Wissink. Rich referred to discussion on agenda item #6, and spoke about leaving restrictions on deeds to allow hunting access in areas where hunting land is limited. Discussion followed.

10. Close Timber Sales.

T031-03	Schreiner Trucking	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T019-04	Stora Enso North America	Close and refund Bond

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

9. Review Administrator's report. The Administrator's Report was typed and distributed prior to the meeting.

11. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meetings are scheduled as follows:  
Friday, January 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. for field trip  
Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center

8. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill helped research deed restrictions as discussed in agenda item #6 and had nothing further to report.

3. Review vouchers. Committee reviewed vouchers as previously paid.

12. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Saal, second by Plant to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.