

**LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Monday, January 7, 2008 @ 9:00 AM**  
**Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center**

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

Members Absent: James Alber

Visitors: Joan Giusto, Bill Groth, Mark Baumann, Steve Baumann, Rick Weide, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, January 07, 2008 in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Graham Rankin. James Alber was excused.
2. Approve minutes of December 12, 2007 meeting. Motion by Short, second by Saal to approve the minutes of December 12, 2007 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review year to date budget report. Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.
4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. No comments.
5. Discuss Normal Park. No discussion was held.
6. Discuss policy for utilizing non-merchantable tops. Kevin explained this request to set a policy for utilizing non-merchantable tops and discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Short to authorize the Forest Administrator to sell non-merchantable tops for \$2.00/ton on a 1 year trial basis. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Property for sale adjacent to County Forest land. Kevin distributed maps indicating three-40 acre parcels offered for sale to Lincoln County. Mark and Steve Baumann, part-owners of these parcels, appeared and said that a new development occurred and all owners are not in favor of selling this property. No action necessary.
8. Approve attendance of WCFA spring meeting on February 28-29, 2008. Kevin reviewed several items on the agenda to be discussed at the WCFA spring meeting. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to approve mileage and per diem for Committee members attending WCFA spring meeting on February 28-29, 2008. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Discuss multi-use shelter. Kevin asked the Committee for permission to provide picnic tables for the multi-use shelter to be made by Forestry Shop employees. He is also checking with the State to see if donations offered for furnishing the shelter may be accepted. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to authorize the Forestry Department to assemble tables for the multi-use shelter. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding possibility of shelter reservations, the locks and shelving. Joan Giusto will present a shelving design.
10. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rick Weide. Rick Weide, Wildlife Biologist, presented a draft report on .10¢/acre projects and explained the budgeted items. Discussion followed regarding wild rice and dams. Rick discussed accomplishments to be presented on the 2007 Annual Report. Discussion was held regarding wolves, deer hunting and possible new hunting unit configurations.
11. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth, Forestry Liaison had nothing to report.
12. Review Administrator's Report. Kevin reported on current snowmobile trail conditions. Discussion was held regarding filling vacant job positions and the DNR timber sale audit. Kevin also urged Committee members to attend the Law Enforcement Committee meeting to offer support for the Recreation Officer's position if possible. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

13. Close Timber Sales.

T016-07	Smola Brothers, Inc.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T016-06	Smola Brothers, Inc.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T003-07	Smola Brothers, Inc.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T039-05	Rick Graap	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

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

14. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center.

15. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Rankin to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.