

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Tuesday, October 10, 2006 @ 9:00 A.M.
Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Alber

VISITORS: Fred Heider, NCWRPC, Bill Groth, Jane Severt and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 9:00 a.m. James Alber was excused.

2. Approve minutes of September 5, 2006 meeting. Motion by Saal, second by Short to approve minutes of September 5, 2006 as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review vouchers. Carl Short had questions regarding snowmobile grants and payments to clubs, which are funded through snowmobile registrations and gas tax dollars. The Committee reviewed vouchers as previously paid and placed on file.

4. Review year to date budget report. Jane explained the Munis budget report for the Forestry Department and asked the Committee for suggestions regarding presentation of this report. Discussion followed regarding report uniformity for all departments. Jane will place this item on the next Department Heads agenda.

5. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. No comments.

6. Lincoln County 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan – Fred Heider, NCWRPC.

- a. Report on Plan progress – Fred explained that surveys were sent out, the Plan advertised and 2 Open Houses were held.
- b. Establish goals and priorities – Jane presented a list of goals and 5 year capital improvement plans for trail development/maintenance, park amenities and improvements, and signage. Discussion followed. Fred will present the draft plan for approval at the December meeting.

7. Town of Birch – request for land to build town hall. Discussion was held regarding this request. Motion by Saal, second by Short to layover request from Town of Birch for land to build town hall until next month when representation for Town of Birch can be present at meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Mike Waring – rezone request. Jane explained Mr. Waring's request to rezone from Forestry to Rural Lands 2 to allow for a year-round home. Jane indicated that the Forestry Department was not in favor of granting this request because surrounding uses are seasonal and recreational, with the only access to the property provided by a snowmobile trail through the Lincoln County Forest. This trail is not suitable for emergency services or year-round use, and access is granted with a revocable, non-transferable access permit. Jane will attend the Zoning Committee Meeting on Thursday. Frank Saal and Carl Short abstained from voting on the motion. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to recommend that the Zoning Committee deny Mike Waring's rezoning request. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Land Use Agreement with WPSC – Oskar Werner property. This agreement was not ready to move forward, so Jane will place this item on next month's agenda.

10. Property for sale within County Forest Blocking Boundaries.

- a. Laverne Lemke property – 40 acres located in NE1/4 NW1/4, Section 9, T33N-R08E. Discussion followed. Motion by Short, second by Rankin to pursue purchase of Laverne Lemke property at an agreeable price. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b. Don Liebelt property – 37 acres located north of railroad in NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 3, T35N-R05E. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to oppose purchase of Don Liebelt property. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rich Wissink. Rich could not attend today's Committee meeting.

12. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported that the Emerald Ash Borer is presenting problems in Illinois and Michigan. Bill also noted that trees and shrubs may now be ordered from state nurseries.

13. Administrator's Report. Discussion followed including Buteau Lake Park, the shooting range, temporary access agreements, and computer software. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

14. Close Timber Sales.

T038-02	DeBoth Bros. Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T004-06	Rick Graap	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T014-04	Stora Enso North America	Close and refund Bond
T010-05	Stora Enso North America	Close and refund Bond

Discussion was held regarding sale volumes and cruising methods. Motion by Saal, second by Rankin to close sales per Jane's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. WCFA Annual Meeting. The WCFA Annual Meeting will be held in Wausau on Friday, October 27, 2006. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to approve Committee attendance, authorizing mileage and per diem for members attending the WCFA Annual Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

16. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meetings will be held as follows:
Monday, November 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center.
Monday, December 4, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room.

17. Adjourn Meeting. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.