

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, October 11, 2010@ 8:30 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center Conference Room 107
801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 **715-539-1034

Members Present: Graham Rankin, Richard Berndt, David Fox, Richard Eisenman and John Bailey

Visitors: Joan Giusto, Kevin Kleinschmidt, and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, October 11, 2010 in Conference Room 107, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 8:30 a.m.
2. Approve minutes of September 14, 2010 meeting. Motion by Eisenman, second by Fox to approve minutes of September 14, 2010 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review year to date budget report. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.
4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Joan Giusto advised she was interviewed by the Wausau Daily Herald promoting Lincoln County ATV trails as a tourist destination. Joan also advised that the club has finished route signing. Kevin spoke of upcoming improvement projects planned for the ATV trail.
5. Open and award bids from land sale. One bid was received for Parcel #2. The bid received was below the advertised minimum bid price. Discussion was held. The bid was rejected and a letter will be sent to the bidder explaining the committee's action. Motion by Bailey, second by Eisenman to continue advertising parcels for sale on the Lincoln County webpage, and if not sold by the next land sale, the minimum bid rates set by the Committee may be reviewed. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Confirm date and authorize advertising for fall timber sale. The fall timber sale will be held on Monday, December 13, 2010. Motion by Berndt, second by Rankin to authorize advertising for the fall timber sale. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Approve attendance at WCFA fall meeting – November 5, 2010. Kevin reported on items to be discussed at the meeting, including BMP changes and DNR water permit issues. Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to approve Committee attendance, authorizing mileage and per diem for members attending the WCFA fall meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Krueger Firelane. Kevin advised that the Krueger Firelane, a non-gas tax road running through the county forest, is in a state of disrepair. This road provides access to a ruffed grouse management area, county timber sales and several private landowners and a request has been made to repair this road. Discussion followed regarding access permits and obtaining grant dollars to make the needed repairs. Motion by Rankin, second by Eisenman to direct Kevin to apply for grant dollars to make repairs on Krueger Firelane and if grant dollars cannot be obtained, this issue will be revisited. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill was not present. Kevin reported that the DNR has been marking on a county timber sale by Otter Lake.

10. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported on the Otter Lake boardwalk Eagle Scout project and employee sharing with the Highway Department for park maintenance. Discussion was held regarding snowmobile trail grooming, the UTV Program and State audit. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

11. Close timber sales.

T019-10	Rick Graap	Close; no bond
T005-09	Rick Graap	Close and retain cash bond to apply to Rick Graap's acct.

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

12. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meetings are set as follows:
Monday, November 8, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 107
Monday, December 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 107

13. Closed Session. Convene into closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1) (c). Review job performance of the County Forest Administrator. Motion by Berndt, second by Bailey to convene into closed session authorizing Kevin to remain for closed session. Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Berndt-aye, Fox-aye, Eisenman-aye, Bailey-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bailey, second by Eisenman to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Berndt-aye, Fox-aye, Eisenman-aye, Bailey-aye. Motion carried.

14. Open Session. Take any necessary action on items discussed during closed session. Motion by Bailey, second by Eisenman to approve favorable evaluation of Kevin Kleinschmidt, Forestry Administrator. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.