

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Tuesday, October 7, 2008 @ 8:00 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 158**

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

Members Absent: Carl Short, excused

Visitors: Robert Lussow, Joel Wendt, Bill Groth, Robert Weaver, Joan Giusto, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 in Conference Room 158, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Graham Rankin. Carl Short was excused.

2. Approve minutes of September 9, 2008 meeting. Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to approve minutes of September 9, 2008 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review year to date budget report. Discussion was held regarding state funding for the Recreation Officer managed by the Sheriff's Department. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

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

5. Closed Session.

Motion by Berndt, second by Eisenman to convene into closed session authorizing Robert Lussow, Joel Wendt, Robert Weaver and Kevin Kleinschmidt to remain for closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1) (e) Wis. Stats. Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. *Sale of Annex

Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Berndt-aye, Fox-aye, Eisenman-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Berndt, second by Eisenman to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Berndt-aye, Fox-aye, Eisenman-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee did not convene into closed session to review job performance evaluation of the County Forest Administrator. This will be done at next month's meeting.

6. Open Session.

Take any necessary action on items discussed during closed session.

*Sale of Annex – Motion by Berndt, second by Eisenman to forward an amended resolution to the County Board of Supervisors offering the Annex building for sale, lease or rent and allowing the Maintenance Department to use the Annex after all other options have been explored until building is sold, leased or rented. Building is to be kept in a clean condition. Motion carried. All ayes.

7. Approve attendance at WCFA annual meeting November 6-7, 2008. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to approve attendance at WCFA annual meeting November 6-7, 2008 authorizing mileage and per diem for Committee members attending. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. National Forest Resolution. Kevin explained the National Forest Resolution opposing road closures on Federal Forests. Discussion followed. Motion by Eisenman, second by Fox to approve National Forest Resolution and forward to County Board of Supervisors. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Set date and authorize advertising for fall timber sale. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to authorize advertising and set Timber Sale date for Wednesday, December 10, 2008. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Harrison Dam Hazard Rating. Kevin informed the Committee that he is working with the DNR, Zoning and Highway Departments on issues relating to the Harrison Dam. Discussion followed.

11. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth, Forestry Liaison, reported that Mike Sohasky has accepted a promotion in Forest Tax Law, leaving his position vacant. Lincoln County Fall timber sales are being reviewed, and MFL's are now FSC certified. Discussion was held regarding bio-mass and MFL's.

12. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported that he will attend the Law Enforcement Committee Meeting October 8. Reimbursements from State DNR Office for the Recreation Officer is an item on the agenda. Joan Giusto added that the Harrison Hills ATV Club supports the Recreation Officer position. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

13. Close timber sales.

T029-07	DeBoth Brothers Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T013-07	Futurewood Corporation	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T031-07	Rick Graap	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T017-07	Greg Schenzel	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T005-05	Kleinschmidt Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T036-06	Wiitala-Vozka Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

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

14. Set next meeting dates. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting dates are set as follows:
Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 158
Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. with Timber Sale bid opening starting at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to adjourn meeting at 9:20 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.