

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, November 06, 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: Mike Lietz, DNR Forester, Jim Wendt, John Koshnick, Aring Equipment, Herb Schotz, Theresa Schmeltzer, Norman Heckendorf, Jane Severt and Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, November 06, 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 October 10, 2006 meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Short to approve minutes of October 10, 2006 as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review vouchers. The Committee reviewed vouchers as previously paid and placed on file.

4. Review year to date budget report. Discussion was held regarding how the Forestry budget report should be presented. The Munis budget report will be used monthly with notations made to explain items such as grants and carryover funds making it easier to understand.

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

6. Access to Linda Krueger property. Jane distributed maps and explained the access request, made by Theresa Schmeltzer, Realtor, on behalf of her client, Linda Krueger, for a road to be constructed on County Forest land. Ms. Schmeltzer explained that Linda Krueger is having trouble selling her property because of access issues. All costs for constructing a road would be paid by the owner of the property. Discussion followed regarding wetland issues, setting precedence and long term effects on the County Forest. Motion by Berndt, second by Rankin to grant access across County Forest land in Section 6-33-05 to Linda Krueger property at owner's expense for permits and road construction, following existing road, contingent on recommendation by Army Corp. of Engineers. Discussion followed. Berndt-aye, Rankin-aye, Saal-nay, Short-nay. Motion defeated.

7. Oskar Werner utility access agreement. Jane indicated that Nancy Bergstrom, Corp. Counsel, will have the agreements between Lincoln County and Verizon and Lincoln County and WPSC ready for the next County Board meeting. Motion by Saal, second by Short to approve access agreement for Oskar Werner and forward to County Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Town of Birch request. Herb Schotz, representative of the building committee for a new Birch Town Hall, appeared to request purchase of County land for a new building. Discussion followed including placement of building and soil testing. Mr. Schotz noted that the purchase of property is contingent on referendum. Motion by Saal, second by Short to authorize Jane to move forward with Town of Birch representative to explore possible site for town hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

A brief break was taken at 10:45 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

9. Set date for fall timber sale bid opening and advertise for bids. The fall timber sale will be held on Monday, December 4, 2006, with bid opening to begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room.

10. Award purchase of 4 wheel drive truck. Jane informed the Committee that 1 bid was received from Brickner's Park City to replace the 2001 Ford truck. Bob Reichelt, Solid Waste Manager has expressed interest in purchasing the 2001 Ford truck. Motion by Berndt, second by Saal to award bid to Brickner's Park City to replace 2001 Ford ½ ton with 2007 Dodge RAM with automatic transmission. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Award purchase of front end loader. Jane informed the Committee that 5 bids were received to replace the 1973 MF33 wheel loader. Jim Wendt, Shop Foreman, said that he didn't have a chance to drive the Komatsu offered by Roland Machinery Co. and requested that a decision not be made before he can do so. John Koshnick, Aring Equipment Co., appeared and said that a price increase will go into effect at the end of November on the 2007 Volvo bid offered by Aring Equipment Co. Discussion followed. Motion by Graham, second by Short to authorize Jim to drive the Komatsu and make his recommendation, and Jane will present Jim's recommendation to the Committee before the end of November 2006. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Report on WCFA Annual Meeting. Jane reported on the Executive Director's position, forest certification, acreage payments, request to increase funding for ATV law enforcement, BMP's for Invasives, APHIS presentation, oak wilt and annosum root rot.

13. County Conservation Aids Allocations for 2007. Jane explained the 50/50 grant that benefits fish and game. Plans are being made for 2007 to hire a summer intern to collect data to create a GIS layer to improve wildlife openings, records and maintenance.

14. Update on computer software. The Forestry Dept. is purchasing TimberBase program to replace their outdated software, which 8 other counties are also using.

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

16. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill could not attend today's Committee meeting, but Mike Lietz reported on a recent meeting attended by the foresters where northern hardwood management was discussed. Bill will be updating the recon and will also be involved in improvement of wildlife openings. New oak wilt/invasive species guidelines are being set.

17. Administrator's Report. Discussion was held regarding correspondence Jane received and the Recreation Officer position. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

18. Close Timber Sales.

T016-04	Dale Krueger	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T021-02	Jeff Hanson	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T039-04	Smola Brothers	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T027-05	Hunt Forest Products, Inc.	Close and refund Bond

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

19. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room.

20. Adjourn Meeting. Motion by Short, second by Berndt to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.