

LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE
Minutes of Monday, December 4, 2006 @ 9:00 AM
Land Resource Center Meeting Room

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

Members Absent: James Alber

Visitors: Jeff Jaeger, Thomas Tylenda, Fred Heider, Greg Schenzel, Bill Millis, Charlie Webster, Greg Lukes, Pamela Krueger, Brian Smola, Bill Groth, Mike Lietz, Rich Wissink, Diana Smith, Norman Heckendorf, Jane Severt, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Dean Bowe, Lee Rahlf, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, December 4, 2006 in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Graham Rankin. James Alber was excused.

2. Approve minutes of November 6, 2006 meeting. Motion by Saal, second by Short to approve the minutes of November 6, 2006 as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

(The order of items on the agenda was changed to accommodate visitors.)

6. Recreation Officer Candidate – Jeff Jaeger/Mike Soucy. Jeff Jaeger appeared to inform the Committee that a candidate has been chosen to assume the Recreation Officer position. Discussion followed regarding duties, schedule and union contract of Recreation Officer. Jane assured the Committee that they will be kept informed.

12. Purchase of Laverne Lemke property. Thomas Tylenda, representing Laverne Lemke, appeared to discuss a sale price for Mr. Lemke's property. Jane said the 40 acre parcel located in NE1/4 NW1/4, Section 9, T33N-R08E would be a good investment for the County, and funds to purchase the property are available. Discussion followed. Motion by Graham, second by Short to approve purchase of Laverne Lemke property and prepare resolution to present to County Board of Supervisors at December 2006 meeting. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Adoption of Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2007-2011. Fred Heider, NCWRPC, provided the Committee with final copies of the Plan prior to the meeting, 2 revisions were distributed and Fred indicated that he is waiting for final word from the City of Merrill regarding their input into the County's Plan. Any further revisions will be brought to the Committee in January. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Short to approve the Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2007-2011, and present it to the County Board of Supervisors in January 2007. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rich Wissink. Rich reported that the gun deer season harvest was good and no hunting accidents occurred. Rich said that he has resigned his position from the DNR and offered thanks to the Forestry Committee and staff for their good work.

14. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported that the forest reconnaissance program is being redesigned and a computerized prototype is available for review. He reported on a group marking day on the County Forest and that there is a back log of forestry management on state properties that is listed as priority for state employees.

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

4. Review year to date budget report. Discussion followed. Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

5. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Diana Smith requested a copy of the year to date budget report.

8. Approval of 2007 Annual Work Plan. The Plan was reviewed by the Committee. Discussion followed. Motion by Berndt, second by Rankin, to approve 2007 Annual Work Plan and forward for approval to County Board of Supervisors at December 2006 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

A brief break was taken at 9:55 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

9. Timber Sale Bid Opening – 10:00 a.m. Timber Sale bids were opened and read in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room. A total of 160 bids for 21 jobs offered were received. One job did not receive a bid and will be readvertised for sale at a future date.

19. Award Timber Sales – approximately 3:00 p.m. Bids for the Timber Sale were reviewed by the Committee. The total of all bids is \$583,993.50. Motion by Rankin, second by Saal to accept high bids as presented pending reference checks. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Landfill request for 2001 pickup. Discussion followed regarding the 2001 pickup that was replaced with a new truck. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to give 2001 pickup to Landfill to use as is. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Contract extension T040-02 – Stora Enso. Jane discussed Stora Enso's request to extend Contract T040-02 without a rate increase due to the inability to freeze down a swamp last winter. The majority of the sale has been cut with approximately 10 acres of black spruce clear cut strips remaining. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Short to extend Contract T040-02 one more year for Stora Enso without a rate increase on stumpage. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Review Administrator's Report. Discussion followed. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

16. Close Timber Sales.

T043-01	M & W Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T001-06	Dennis Guenther	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
C002-04	Stora Enso North America	Close and refund Bond
T003-04	Stora Enso North America	Close and refund Bond
T030-00	Greg Schenzel	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

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

17. Closed Session.

Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to convene into closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1) (c) Wis. Stat. to review job performance evaluation of the County Forest Administrator, authorizing Jane to remain for closed session. Roll call vote taken. Short-aye, Saal-aye, Berndt-aye, Rankin-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

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

18. Open Session.

Take any necessary action on items discussed during closed session. Motion by Saal, second by Short to approve a favorable evaluation for Jane Severt, Forestry Administrator, authorizing movement to Step 2, Grade 16 and extend appreciation for her exceptional job performance. All ayes. Motion carried.

20. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center.

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