

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Tuesday, February 3, 2009 @ 8:00 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 158**

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

Visitors: Kevin Kleinschmidt, Judy Woller, Donna Eckerle, Jody Renaud, Donna Simik, Ann Wittman, Nancy Bergstrom, Bob Kunkel, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 in Conference Room 158, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Graham Rankin.

2. Approve minutes of January 6, 2009 meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Eisenman to approve minutes of January 6, 2009 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. Judy Woller, Director of Haven, appeared to express Haven's interest in purchasing the Annex. Ms. Woller introduced her staff, explained the purpose of Haven and answered questions.

5. Closed Session.

Motion by Fox, second by Short to convene into closed session authorizing Kevin Kleinschmidt and Nancy Bergstrom 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, Short-aye, Eisenman-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Berndt-aye, Fox-aye, Short-aye, Eisenman-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Open Session.

Take any necessary action on items discussed during closed session.

Motion by Fox, second by Berndt to forward resolution to County Board for consideration of Haven's offer to purchase the Annex. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Conveyance of real estate – Town of Birch – Bob Kunkel. Bob Kunkel appeared to explain that the deed to the old Birch Town Hall is lost. In order for the Town of Birch to sell the building a conveyance of real estate is required. Motion by Eisenman, second by Short to approve conveyance of real estate to Town of Birch. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Approve attendance at WCFA spring meeting – March 19-20, 2009. Kevin distributed and reviewed several items on the agenda to be discussed at the WCFA spring meeting. Motion by Rankin, second by Fox to approve mileage and per diem for Committee members attending WCFA spring meeting on March 19-20, 2009. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Request to use New Wood Park. Kevin informed the Committee that the School Forest is holding an event on February 14th, and requested permission to plow a portion of New Wood Park's parking lot to use for excess parking. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Short to approve request made by School Forest to plow a portion of New Wood Park's parking lot for February 14th event. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Review 2008 Annual Report. Discussion was held regarding forest pests and the Recreation Officer position. The 2008 Annual Report was reviewed.

11. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth, Forestry Liaison, was not in attendance at the meeting.

12. Review Administrator’s written report.

A. Jay Wicke letter – The Committee received copies of Mr. Wicke’s letter and discussion followed. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

13. Close timber sales.

T008-06	Schenzel Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T015-07	Bruce McKinney	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T023-05	NewPage Corp.	Close and refund Bond
T010-06	NewPage Corp.	Close and refund Bond

Motion by Berndt, second by Short 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, March 3, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 158

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 158

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