

**LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Wednesday, February 6, 2008 @ 9:00 AM**  
**Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center**

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

Members Absent: James Alber

Visitors: Rod Burgener, Fred S., Alan VanStrydonk, John Bailey, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, February 06, 2008 in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Graham Rankin. James Alber was excused. Alber related to Kevin by telephone that he cannot attend meetings before 9:30 a.m. and wanted this statement reflected in the minutes.

2. Approve minutes of January 7, 2008 meeting. Motion by Short, second by Saal to approve the minutes of January 7, 2008 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

5. Discuss Light Utility Vehicle Pilot Program. Kevin spoke about the Light Utility Vehicle Pilot Program initiated by the State involving 8 counties. Five of those counties have opted out of participation in this 2 year program. Kevin expressed concerns which include that additional maintenance/funding may be needed due to the extra traffic on the trails. These vehicles do not require registration which funds the state trails. Also, Lincoln County's trails would be isolated because Langlade and Oneida County both opted out of the program. Comments were heard from several visitors at the meeting in favor of the program. Following are a few of those comments: These machines are slower, safer and good for the elderly/handicapped to travel; businesses could sell trail passes; good for economy. Discussion followed. Frank stated he would like to see input from other user groups before making a decision. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to layover approval of Light Utility Vehicle Pilot Program participation until Administrator gathers more information from effective user groups. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review year to date budget report. Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

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

6. Discuss multi-use building. Kevin reported that the door lock has been fixed and picnic table frames have been purchased. He stated that a local business would like to donate money to build a picnic table if the donation could be recognized. Kevin said Jeff Barkley, DNR County Forests Specialist, checked with DNR legal services and said that we can acknowledge the donation with a sign but could not provide advertising space. After discussion, the Committee agreed to accept donations for the multi-use building. Kevin said a sign will be placed by the building this spring informing the public of the purpose and rules. Rules for the facility will be similar to those in our county parks. Discussion also took place regarding applying for funding for a restroom through the ORV Program. The Committee was in favor of constructing a restroom by the multi-use building.

7. Review Annual Report. Questions regarding Bough Permits were answered. The Committee reviewed the 2007 Annual Report.

8. Timber Sale T029-07. Kevin informed the Committee that the high bidder for Timber Sale T029-07 at the fall 2007 bid opening could not obtain a bond or letter of credit. Kevin recommended offering the sale to the second highest bidder and if they decline it the job will be included in the spring 2008 sale. Motion by Rankin, second by Saal to award Timber Sale T029-07 to DeBoth Brothers Logging and if they choose to decline the job, it will be advertised at the spring 2008 sale. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Discuss opening Cinder Road as a snowmobile/winter ATV route. Kevin presented a map depicting the proposed snowmobile/winter ATV route. Kevin explained this alternate route would reduce wear on the trail

and Cinder Road is not heavily traveled in winter. Discussion followed. Motion by Berndt, second by Short to open Cinder Road as a snowmobile/winter ATV route. All ayes. Motion carried.

A brief break was taken at 10:03 a.m.  
Meeting resumed at 10:07 a.m.

10. Set 2008 equipment rates. Motion by Saal to approve 2008 equipment rates. Discussion followed. Motion second by Berndt. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rick Weide. Rick Weide, Wildlife Biologist, was not present at the meeting.

12. WDNR Forester’s Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth, Forestry Liaison was not present at the meeting.

13. Review Administrator’s Report. Discussion was held regarding Clear Lake Condominiums, job positions in the Forestry Department and the WCFA spring meeting. Kevin attended invasive species training, purchased books illustrating invasives with grant dollars and reported that a public education program will be scheduled for March and presented by a DNR Forest Ecologist. Frank suggested displaying invasive species in the office so people may see the actual plant rather than a picture. The Administrator’s written report was reviewed and placed on file.

14. Close Timber Sales.

T025-04	Stora Enso North America	Close and refund bond
T005-06	Jeff Hanson	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T035-05	Jeff Hanson	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T031-05	Blomberg Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Saal, second by Short to close sales per Kevin’s recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center.

16. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Rankin to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.