

**LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Monday, March 5, 2007 @ 9:00 AM**  
**Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center**

Members Present: Frank Saal, Carl Short, Richard Berndt, James Alber

Members Absent: Graham Rankin

Visitors: Joan Giusto, Curt Powell, Bill Groth, Dan Miller, Jane Severt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, March 5, 2007 in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Vice-Chair Frank Saal. Chairman Graham Rankin was absent.

2. Approve minutes of February 5, 2007 meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Alber to approve the minutes of February 5, 2007 as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

4. Review year to date budget report. Discussion followed regarding Wildlife Habitat, projects and mapping. James Alber asked that a status report of DNR equipment use/public availability be placed on a future agenda. Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

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

6. Linda Krueger access permit fee. Jane distributed documentation of time spent by forestry staff to work out the details and conditions for access by ATV to Linda Krueger's property and to substantiate the fee established for the access permit. Theresa Schmeltzer, Realtor, contacted Graham Rankin to state her opposition to the fee, asserting that it was too much. Motion by Alber to layover until next month. There was no second so motion was defeated. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to accept fees and approve access permit for Linda Krueger. Discussion followed. Motion by Short, second by Saal to amend the motion as follows: The access permit for Linda Krueger, which has been ready for several days, must be paid for and picked up by March 15, 2007. If the permit for Linda Krueger isn't picked up by March 15, 2007, by Linda Krueger, or her realtor, and paid for in full by March 15, 2007, the permit will be marked null and void. Linda Krueger will then have to apply for a new access permit, following the access permit procedure, as listed in the Lincoln County Forest 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan. She will have to address all eight paragraphs on pages 700-14 and 700-15 in writing, to the satisfaction of Jane Severt. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Short to amend the amendment and change the date from March 15, 2007 to March 30, 2007. All ayes. Motion carried. Vote was taken for Carl Short's amendment as amended. Saal, Short, Berndt voting aye (3). Alber voting nay (1). Motion carried. Vote was taken for Frank Saal's original motion as amended, including the amendment to the amendment. Saal, Short, Berndt voting aye (3). Alber voting nay (1). Motion carried.

7. Public access – Lake Mary and Lake Doris – Town of Harrison. Dan Miller, Zoning Administrator, appeared to explain an individual's request to deed an area to the county to provide public lake access. Schoone Construction, the original developer of the TriLakes Subdivision in the Town of Harrison is still receiving a tax bill on the area designated for public access to Lake Mary. Apparently the land was never deeded to the Town. The Town of Harrison does not want the 30' strip of land designated as public access and has asked the County to take the access point. Access to a second lake in the development, Lake Doris, was also brought to the Committee. Lake Doris has access through the County Forest. Discussion followed regarding trail marking. Motion by Saal, second by Alber to forward resolution to County Board of Supervisors authorizing acceptance of a parcel of land by Lincoln County to provide public access to Lake Mary. Saal, Berndt, Alber voting aye (3). Short voting nay (1). Motion carried.

A brief break was taken at 10:00 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

8. 2006 Forestry Department budget modifications. Jane distributed and explained the budget modifications. Motion by Alber, second by Saal to approve the 2006 Forestry Department budget modifications. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Birch Town Hall. Jane explained that the parcel has to be defined by the County Surveyor before appraisals can be done and purchase price be set.

10. 2007 Forestry Department grant projects.

- a. Tug Lake renovations
- b. Multi-use shelter building. Joan Giusto, Harrison Hills ATV Club representative, inquired about the placement of the shelter, which will be in the Hwy B parking area. Jane said she would be happy to answer any questions the Club may have.
- c. ATV trail work – Kniess property.
- d. Hwy 51 snowmobile trail development.
- e. Access improvements – south off Hwy 8 – Town of Bradley.
- f. Summer intern for development of GIS layer – wildlife openings.

11. Other 2007 Forestry Department projects.

- a. Ghost Lake clean-up. Jane informed the Committee that trash in this non-motorized area will be cleaned up. Discussion followed. Joan Giusto asked if volunteers were needed. In response, Frank suggested that once the road situation is evaluated Jane could contact Joan.
- b. Explore options for upgrades/improvements at Forestry Shop. Jane said that we are looking into options for improving the insulation of the Forestry Shop, and Jane explained possible funding options. The shop was constructed in the mid 1970's and is in need of some improvements. Joel Wendt is checking out the Focus on Energy Program.

12. 2006 Public Land Timber Sale Report. Jane explained this state report showing timber sale revenues on public lands in Wisconsin for the 2006 calendar year.

13. Award purchase of 4 wheel drive truck. Jane informed the Committee that 3 bids were received to replace the 1999 Ford truck. Discussion followed. The bid opening procedure for equipment purchases will be placed on a future agenda. Motion by Saal, second by Short to award bid to Scaffidi Motors, Inc. to replace 1999 Ford truck with 2007 Ford F150 4x4 truck. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Upcoming meetings.

- a. WCFA Spring Meeting – March 29 and 30 – Wausau
- b. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sustainable Forestry Conference – April 19 – Florence, WI
- c. WCFA Summer Tour – June 21 and 22 – Langlade County

Motion by Saal, second by Alber to approve mileage and per diem for Committee members attending any or all WCFA meetings or Sustainable Forestry Conference. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. WDNR Wildlife Report. Bill Groth reported that the new biologist will begin work on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Pat Rominski is doing alder shearing and habitat work on Poplar Road. Interviews for a summer intern will begin this Friday.

16. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported that forest compartment reconnaissance work is underway.

17. Review Administrator's Report. Discussion followed regarding department goals and accomplishments, Normal Park and Thompson Lake. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

18. Close Timber Sales.

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

19. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meetings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, April 5, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m., Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m., Land Resource Center Meeting Room

20. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Alber, second by Berndt to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.