

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of Monday, March 8, 2010 @ 8:30 A.M.**  
**Lincoln County Service Center Conference Room 158**  
**801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 \*\*715-539-1034**

**Members Present:** Graham Rankin, Richard Berndt, Richard Eisenman, Frank Saal, David Fox

**Visitors:** Joan Guisto, Tamra Anderson, Clarann Stocker, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, March 8, 2010 in Conference Room 158, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 8:30 a.m.
2. Approve minutes of February 8, 2010 meeting. Motion by Eisenman, second by Saal to approve minutes of February 8, 2010 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review year to date budget report. Kevin explained the snowmobile/ATV line items on the budget report. Year to date budget report was reviewed and placed on file.
4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Joan Guisto, member of Harrison Hills ATV Club, thanked Kevin for attending the Highway Committee meeting and supporting the opening of several routes for ATV's.
5. Discuss ATV access into Tomahawk and possible use on Hiawatha Trail. Kevin advised that this is a continuation of discussion that was held last month concerning this issue. Joan Giusto explained ATV use would only affect the bridge and southern portion of the Hiawatha Trail. Tamra Anderson, Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce, appeared and explained that the Tomahawk Chamber supports ATV access, but not on the Hiawatha Trail due to safety and user conflict concerns and long term recreational goals for the City. Kevin distributed copies of letters from the Tomahawk Main Street Board of Directors as well as two Tomahawk residents indicating the same. Kevin reviewed past minutes of Rails to Trails and Forestry Committee meetings indicating the Hiawatha Trail was developed with the understanding that use was to be limited to hiking, biking, and snowmobile use. Clarann Stocker, a private citizen of Tomahawk, appeared and also voiced agreement with the Chambers stand. Discussion followed.
6. Discuss Gartman Road ATV Trail. Kevin advised the county will help maintain the portion of this trail located on county forest and may be able to apply for state funding.
7. WCFA spring meeting. Kevin obtained Committee attendance for the WCFA spring meeting.
8. Award purchase of utility snowmobile. Kevin informed the Committee that 2 snowmobile bids were received from Antigo Yamaha. Motion by Eisenman, second by Fox to award purchase of utility snowmobile to Antigo Yamaha for 2009 Skandic Wide Track for \$6,500.00 with trade in. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Award purchase of lawn tractor. Kevin advised 3 lawn tractor bids were received. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to award purchase of lawn tractor to Riesterer and Schnell for John Deere lawn tractor for \$2,687.23 with trade in. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Request to repurchase tax delinquent parcel – Section 32-T35N-R8E – Town of Harrison – Jerome Ulschmid. Kevin explained that Jerome Ulschmid, former owner of a tax delinquent parcel, advised he is interested in repurchase of that parcel. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to grant request to Jerome Ulschmid to repurchase tax delinquent parcel in Section 32-T35N-R8E. All ayes. Discussion followed. Motion by Berndt, second by Eisenman to amend motion granting Jerome Ulschmid 60 days after County Board approval to submit entire payment of \$2,928.36 due to repurchase parcel. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Approve 2009 Forestry Department budget modifications. Kevin explained budget modifications. Motion by Berndt, second by Rankin to approve 2009 Forestry Department budget modifications. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Set date and authorize advertising for spring timber sale. The spring timber sale will be held on Monday, May 10, 2010. Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to authorize advertising for the spring timber sale. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. WDNR Report - Bill Groth. Bill Groth reported on the DNR's recent timber sale bid opening with 7 tracts sold for a total of \$230,000.00, and reported that the City of Merrill is still looking at the old DNR ranger station for possible purchase.

14. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported that the snowmobile trails are closed, and discussion was held regarding biomass, firewood permits, Ice Age Trail and possible campground expansion. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close timber sales.

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Kevin recommended that this job be re-advertised and offered at the spring 2010 timber sale and the difference between the old bid rate and the newly established rate be retained from the bond as well as \$500 for re-advertising and re-establishing costs. Motion by Rankin, second by Fox to close sale per Kevin's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

16. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 158.

17. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Saal, second by Eisenman to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.