

LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE
Minutes of Thursday, April 05, 2007 @ 9:00 AM
Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center

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

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Joan Giusto, Bill Groth, Mike Lietz, Rick Weide, Travis Watruba, Jane Severt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Thursday, April 05, 2007 in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Graham Rankin.
2. Approve minutes of March 5, 2007 meeting. Motion by Alber, second by Short to approve the minutes of March 5, 2007 as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review vouchers. Jane asked the Committee if both formats of the vouchers provided for review are necessary, and the Committee agreed one format is sufficient. Committee reviewed vouchers as previously paid and placed on file.
4. Review year to date budget report. Discussion followed regarding report accuracy, County Forest Administrator Grant, and Beaver Program. Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.
5. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Jane introduced Travis Watruba, Recreational Officer, and Travis gave the Committee a description of his education, interests and duties. Discussion followed. Motion by Alber, second by Berndt to direct Forest Administrator to look at Ordinance language regarding Invasive Aquatic Species. Discussion followed. Vote on motion was taken. Alber voting aye. Saal, Short, Rankin and Berndt voting nay. Motion failed.
6. Linda Krueger access permit. Jane informed the Committee that Ms. Krueger paid for and picked up her access permit.
7. County policy for access to private lands across County Forest. Jane asked the Committee to review and comment on Chapter 700, Section 755 in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan regarding access to private lands. Discussion followed regarding non-transferable access permits and fees. Motion by Alber, second by Berndt to layover County policy for access to private lands until next month for discussion and refinement on questions brought up during meeting. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. 2007 Forestry Department budget modification. Discussion took place. Motion by Alber, second by Saal to approve 2007 Forestry Department budget modification. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Timber market conditions and existing timber sale contracts.
 - a. One time 0% increase on extensions for all sales currently on the books in Lincoln County. Discussion took place regarding acknowledgment of hard times loggers have been facing. Future bidding ability for contractors that turn back sales to the County will be discussed at the May meeting. Motion by Alber, second by Rankin to offer one time only 0% increase on timber sale contract extensions for all timber sales currently on the books in Lincoln County. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approval of Timber Sale Contract revisions. Jane distributed copies of and explained proposed changes to the Timber Sale Contract. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Short to approve Timber Sale Contract revisions. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Set date for spring timber sale bid opening and advertise for bids. The spring timber sale will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2007. Motion by Alber, second by Saal to authorize advertising for bids for the May 16, 2007 spring timber sale. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Advertise for quotations to construct multi-use shelter building. Discussion was held. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to authorize advertising for quotations to construct multi-use shelter building. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Update on property for Birch Town Hall. Representative for Town of Birch was not present. Motion by Alber, second by Rankin to layover update on property for Birch Town Hall until next month. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rick Weide. Rick Weide, Wildlife Biologist, introduced himself and reported on work done in 2006, provided by Pat Rominski, Wildlife Technician. The report included managed water levels, wild rice planting, alder regeneration, openings maintenance and wildlife surveys. Discussion followed.

15. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported that testing is underway for WisFirs, a new online forest compartment reconnaissance database system.

16. Review Administrator's Report. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

17. Close Timber Sales.

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| T002-04 | Stora Enso North America | Close and refund Bond |
| T040-02 | Stora Enso North America | Close and refund Bond |
| T035-03 | Greg Lukes | Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit |

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

18. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meetings are scheduled as follows: Wednesday, May 16, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m., Land Resource Center Meeting Room
Tuesday, May 22, 2007 – Committee Tour
Monday, June 4, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m., Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center

19. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Alber, second by Berndt to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.