

**LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Wednesday, May 16, 2007 @ 9:00 AM**  
**Land Resource Center Meeting Room**

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

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Joan Giusto, Bill Groth, Wayne Plant, David Fox, Todd Pond, Tyler Hartwig, Kenneth Kremsreiter, Bruce McKinney, Bert Burns, Chad Pichler, Rick Graap, Jeff Hanson, Dean Bowe, Lee Rahlf, Bob Smith, Rick Sosnovske, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Jane Severt, Sherrie Zortman and several others

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Graham Rankin.

2. Approve minutes of April 5, 2007 meeting. Motion by Saal, second by Short to approve the minutes of April 5, 2007 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

5. Report on Sustainable Forestry Conference – Wayne Plant. Wayne distributed information and reported on items discussed at the Sustainable Forestry Conference in Florence, including economic development and wood to fuel. Wayne highly recommended this conference to the staff and Committee if they have the opportunity to attend next year.

7. Offer to purchase land – Town of Birch. David Fox, Town of Birch Chairman, presented an offer to purchase land for the new town hall and included appraisal, legal description and minutes from the Birch town meeting. Motion by Alber, second by Berndt to forward offer to purchase land from Town of Birch to June County Board meeting for approval. Discussion took place. All ayes. Motion carried. James Alber requested that the minutes reflect that this was a unanimous vote.

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. Advertise for quotations:

A. Bridge on new trail development – Highway 51 Trail. Motion by Alber, second by Saal to authorize advertising for quotations for construction of a snowmobile bridge in Tomahawk Leader and Merrill Courier. The Committee will meet on June 19, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. to award bid. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Construction of new restrooms and changing houses – Tug Lake. Motion by Saal, second by Short to authorize advertising for quotations for construction of new restrooms and changing houses at Tug Lake Park in Tomahawk Leader and Merrill Courier. All ayes. Motion carried.

C. Reroofing of shelter – Tug Lake. Motion by Alber, second by Berndt to authorize advertising for quotations for reroofing of shelter at Tug Lake Park in Tomahawk Leader and Merrill Courier. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) – Forest Certification on Lincoln County Forest. Jane distributed proposed resolution regarding forest certification. The Lincoln County Forest is already SFI certified and by adding FSC certification our customers are better served. Certification may be relinquished at any time if we wish to do so. Discussion followed. Motion by Alber, second by Short to approve Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Forest Certification on Lincoln County Forest. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried. James Alber requested that the minutes reflect that this was a unanimous vote.

A brief break was taken at 9:50 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

11. Open Timber Sale bids – 10:00 a.m. Timber Sale bids were opened and read. A total of 221 bids for 18 jobs offered were received. The total of all bids is \$761,987.90. Motion by Saal, second by Short to accept high bids as presented pending reference checks. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Amendments to 15-Year Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Plan. Jane distributed and explained proposed changes. Discussion followed and several changes were made to the amendments. Motion by Saal, second by Short to forward amendments to 15 Year Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Plan to County Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. 2008 CIP projects and equipment replacement. Discussion followed regarding project funding changes. Jane will make requested changes and return for approval at the next meeting.

12. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rick Weide. Rick Weide, Wildlife Biologist, was not present at meeting, but Jane reported on wolf depredation and possible informational signage for Otter Lake regarding wildlife activity in that area.

13. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported on the Garlic Mustard outbreak in the Underdown and the cooperative effort between Forestry and DNR staff to control it using herbicides. Garlic Mustard is an invasive plant and a major threat to woodlands.

14. Review Administrator's Report. Jane informed the Committee that the summer intern will start on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close Timber Sales.

T012-05	Richard Sosnovske	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T019-02	Bruce Broeking	Close and refund Bond

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

16. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meetings are scheduled as follows: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 – Committee Tour @ 9:00 a.m.

Monday, June 4, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m., Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center

Tuesday, June 19, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m. prior to County Board Meeting

17. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Rankin, second by Saal to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.