

LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE
Minutes of Monday, June 4, 2007 @ 9:00 AM
Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center

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

Members Absent: James Alber

Visitors: Joan Giusto, Bill Groth, Aaron Kunstmann, Jane Severt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, June 4, 2007 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.

2. Approve minutes of May 16 and 22, 2007 meetings. Carl inquired about language used regarding offer to purchase land – Town of Birch. Motion by Berndt, second by Saal to approve the minutes of May 16 and 22, 2007 meetings as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jane introduced summer intern, Aaron Kunstmann and gave a brief description of his job duties.

3. Review year to date budget report. Jane answered questions regarding funding for Recreational Officer and payroll codes. Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Joan Giusto reported on an informal poll taken in the ATV parking area on Highway B Memorial Day weekend. People from all over Wisconsin said they enjoy the trails. The addition of restrooms by the multi-use shelter was discussed.

5. 2008 CIP Projects. Jane made requested changes regarding funding of CIP project as directed at the last meeting. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to approve 2008 CIP Projects. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Award contract for construction of multi-use shelter. Eleven bids were received, 4 of which were unacceptable due to absence of bond checks. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to award contract for construction of multi-use shelter to Northland Buildings, Inc. at a cost of \$25,456.00. Discussion followed regarding acceptance of low bid vs. local contractors. Frank noted that the Committee has the right to accept any bid, not necessarily the lowest. Jane stated that Northland Buildings, Inc. employs people that live in Lincoln County. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Award purchase of utility snowmobile. Two bids were received from Antigo Yamaha, Inc. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Short to award purchase of utility snowmobile to Antigo Yamaha, Inc. for 2007 Ski-Doo Skandic at a cost of \$8,300.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Update on garlic mustard. Garlic mustard is an invasive plant and major threat to woodlands. Jane reported that herbicide spraying of garlic mustard has been completed for this spring on the County Forest. More spraying may be done in the fall and progress evaluated. Discussion followed regarding the Stewardship Program and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

9. Title insurance - Town of Birch property sale. Jane informed the Committee that the Town of Birch requested a warranty deed in the formal offer to purchase at a cost of \$175.00 for the County.

10. Confirm attendance – Langlade County Summer Tour – June 21-22, 2007. Carl, Richard, Frank and Graham confirmed attendance. Mileage and per diem were approved at the March 5, 2007 meeting.

A brief break was taken at 9:50 a.m. Meeting resumed at 9:53 a.m.

11. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rick Weide. Rick Weide, Wildlife Biologist, was not present at meeting, but Jane reported that he has been working with our summer intern, Aaron. Bill Groth reported that 500 deer heads are being collected for CWD testing.

12. WDNR Forester’s Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported that the Fisheries Biologist will be appearing at a future meeting to provide information requested by Jim Alber. Jane suggested a report on netting conducted on lakes in the Lincoln County Forest this past spring also be given.

13. Review Administrator’s Report. Jane informed the Committee that she has accepted the position as WCFA Executive Director, and her last day will be August 3, 2007. Frank suggested written protocol be in place prior to Jane’s resignation. The Committee wished her well in her future endeavors.

Richard inquired about forest certification and Jane said Lincoln County will be accepted as FSC certified and included in the 2008 audit.

The Administrator’s report was reviewed and placed on file.

14. Close Timber Sales.

T038-05 Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill Close and refund Bond

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

15. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meetings are scheduled as follows: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m. prior to County Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center

16. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Saal, second by Short to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.