

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of Tuesday, June 2, 2009 @ 8:00 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, David Fox

**Members Excused:** Frank Saal

**Visitors:** Bill Groth, Joel Wendt, Robert Lussow, Doug Williams, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Deb Gerdes

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in Conference Room 158, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Graham Rankin at 8:05 a.m. Frank Saal was excused.

2. Approve minutes of May 13, 2009 meeting. Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to approve minutes of May 13, 2009 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review year to date budget report. No year to date budget report was distributed due to limited activity.

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

5. Discussion/action on sale of Normal Park to City of Merrill. County Board Chairman Robert Lussow and Mayor Doug Williams appeared to discuss the sale of Normal Park. Mayor Williams confirmed the City of Merrill is willing to enter into negotiations to purchase the park for \$1.00 with a stipulation stating that should the park be considered for any other use, ownership would revert back to Lincoln County. Kevin presented a resolution for committee approval. Motion by Fox, second by Eisenman to forward the resolution to County Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Office staff update. Kevin informed the committee that the Forestry Department has restructured some of its office duties and will share the Program Assistant with the Register in Probate 3 days a week. He also explained that the shared Administrative Secretary has returned to full time status in the Forestry Department due to Commission on Aging budget issues.

7. Set date for tax delinquent land sale - August. The date set for the Lincoln County Land Sale is Monday, August 3, 2009 with bid opening to take place at 9:00 a.m.

8. WDNR Report - Bill Groth. Bill Groth, Forestry Liaison, distributed information on withdrawing acreage from County Forest Land. Discussion followed.

9. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin distributed the May 2009 Timber Sale Bid Summary report. He also informed the committee that the spraying of garlic mustard areas has been completed for the spring.

A brief break was taken at 8:45 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:55 a.m.

Frank Saal joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Biomass issues and harvesting potential on County Forest were discussed. Discussion was held regarding attendance at WCFA summer tour. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

10. Close timber sales.

T045-01      Roland Schmidt      Close; redeem Irrevocable Letter of Credit

11. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting dates are set as follows:

Monday, July 6, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 158

Monday, August 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room 158

12. Adjourn meeting: Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes