

LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE
Minutes of Tuesday, July 10, 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, Mike Lietz, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Ellen Dunphy (MP3),
Jane Severt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Tuesday, July 10, 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 June 4 and 19, 2007 meetings. Motion by Berndt, second by Short to approve the minutes of June 4 and 19, 2007 meetings as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review year to date budget report. Jane answered questions regarding the purchase of surveillance cameras funded by the Sustainable Forestry Grant, and the Photo Account. Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

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

5. Budget Modification – Surveyor equipment. Jane explained the modification is necessary to upgrade equipment used by the County Surveyor, which was discussed at a prior Committee meeting. Motion by Saal, second by Rankin to approve budget modification to upgrade Surveyor equipment. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Award contract for construction of restroom/changing houses at Tug Lake. Two bids were received. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to layover awarding contract for construction of restroom/changing houses at Tug Lake until August. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Award contract for re-roofing of shelter at Tug Lake. Three bids were received. Discussion followed. Motion by Rankin, second by Saal to award contract for re-roofing of shelter at Tug Lake to Mike Wendland at a cost of \$2,475.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Explanations of harvest projections in 15 Year Forest Plan. Bill Groth explained how harvest projections are arrived at using reconnaissance data. Discussion followed.

9. Retirement of Shop Foreman. Jane informed the Committee that Jim Wendt plans to retire in January of 2008.

10. Appoint Acting Forest Administrator. Jane recommended Kevin Kleinschmidt as interim Forest Administrator in her absence. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Short to appoint Kevin Kleinschmidt, Assistant Forest Administrator as acting Forest Administrator until a new Administrator is hired. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. WDNR Fisheries Report – Dave Seibel. Dave could not attend the meeting but plans to reschedule.

12. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rick Weide. Rick Weide, Wildlife Biologist, was not present at the meeting, but Jane reported that he has been working with our summer intern, Aaron, on wildlife openings and a bear bait station survey.

13. WDNR Forester’s Report – Bill Groth. Bill and Mike Lietz told Jane that she will be missed. Mike reported that deer heads are being collected for CWD testing.

14. Review Administrator’s Report. Discussion followed regarding garlic mustard, Town of Birch, campground permits, dispersed camping and the Recreation Officer. The Administrator’s report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close Timber Sales.

T021-06	Timberline Logging	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T035-04	Stora Enso North America	Close and refund Bond
T011-05	Greg Schenzel	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T015-06	Greg Schenzel	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T038-04	Brian McKinney	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T029-05	Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill	Close and refund Bond
T037-06	Futurewood Corporation	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Berndt, 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 meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center.

17. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Rankin to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.