

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, July 06, 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, Frank Saal, David Fox

Visitors: Joan Guisto, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, July 6, 2009 in Conference Room 158, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Graham Rankin at 8:00 a.m. David Fox arrived at 8:03 a.m.
2. Approve minutes of June 2, 2009 meeting. Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to approve minutes of June 2, 2009 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review year to date budget report. May and June 2009 budget reports were distributed, discussed, and placed on file.
4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Joan Guisto reported that the Harrison Hills ATV Club conducted a brat fry on July 4th and reported that inquiries were made regarding development of an intensive use area. Discussion followed. The ATV Club volunteered to assist with trail maintenance and Kevin said that clearing rocks off the trails would be helpful.
5. Election of Vice Chair. Graham Rankin requested nominations for Vice-Chair. Rankin nominated David Fox. There were no other nominations. Motion by Rankin, second by Eisenman that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for David Fox as Vice-Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Letters of Credit. Kevin explained that the current policy regarding letters of credit for timber sales requires updating. Corporation Counsel has approved the proposed updates. Motion by Fox, second by Berndt to approve policy update regarding Letters of Credit. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Lookout Mountain cell phone tower lease. Kevin reviewed the cell phone tower lease the Forestry Department currently holds with Pri-Cellular, now AT&T, and their proposal for a new lease agreement with the Forestry Department. Discussion followed. Kevin will conduct further research and refer back to Committee.
8. Award multi-use building restroom bid. Kevin reported two (2) bids were received and recommended to award the bid to J & J Lee Construction Co. Discussion followed. Motion by Rankin, second by Saal to award multi-use building restroom bid to J & J Lee Construction Co. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Normal Park. Discussion was held regarding past negotiations with the City of Merrill, goals, and available options regarding Normal Park. Kevin will contact Mayor Williams to discuss Normal Park. David Fox left at 8:54 a.m.
10. 2010 budget issues. Kevin reported on County cost savings ideas discussed at Land Service Group meetings. Kevin informed the Committee that part-time employee Bob Towne retired and Steve Huth, forestry worker, will retire in September. Discussion followed.
11. WDNR Report - Bill Groth. Bill Groth, Forestry Liaison, was not present at meeting. Kevin reported that recent retiree Mike Sohasky's ranger position will not be filled at this time.
12. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported that a biomass harvest was recently conducted. The well in the Underdown was repaired using grant dollars applied for by the Underdown Horse Club. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

13. Close timber sales.

T018-08	Rick Graap	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T022-08	Rick Graap	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to close sales per Kevin's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting will be held on Monday August 3, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 158.

15. Adjourn meeting: Motion by Berndt, second by Saal to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.