

**LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Monday, September 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, John Mulder, Bill Groth, Curtis Powell, Dean Bowe, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Jeni Blaubach

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, September 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 August 6, 2007 meeting. Motion by Short, second by Saal to approve the minutes of August 6, 2007 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review year to date budget report. Discussion was held regarding the Recreational Officer. Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.
4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. John Mulder requested a special meeting of the Forestry Committee for Wednesday, September 12 to interview candidates for the Administrator position. Joan Giusto inquired on the construction timeframe of the multi-use shelter in Harrison. Construction is scheduled to begin this week.
5. Approval of proposed 2008 budget. Kevin presented the 2008 proposed budget to the Committee, and answered questions along with Jennifer Blaubach, Accountant/Bookkeeper. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Berndt to approve 2008 proposed budget and present to Finance. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Timber Sale stumpage modification. Kevin informed the Committee about a timber sale where an invasive specie, garlic mustard, is present. A letter was sent to the contractor requesting that the sale only be cut when frozen ground conditions exist to avoid spreading garlic mustard. Kevin requested that stumpage be reduced on this sale. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Short to reduce the stumpage rate by 15% for Timber Sale Contract #T006-06, Smola Brothers, Inc. to reduce the spread of invasive species. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Property for sale within County Forest blocking boundaries: Robert Jaworski property, Section 20, T34N-R5E. Kevin distributed information regarding Robert Jaworski property for sale. Discussion followed. Motion by Saal, second by Rankin to decline purchasing Robert Jaworski property in Section 20, T34N-R5E. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. WDNR Wildlife Report – Rick Weide. Rick Weide, Wildlife Biologist, was not present at the meeting.
9. WDNR Forester's Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth, Forestry Liaison, reported that the construction of the DNR Ranger Station is underway and should be completed by March 2008. Discussion followed.
10. Review Administrator's Report. Discussion was held regarding construction of the Harrison multi-use shelter, Tug Lake Restroom/Changing facility, Long Lake boat landing and stumpage market trends. Kevin informed the Committee that construction of the Meadow Creek snowmobile bridge is complete and the Sustainable Forestry Grant was approved for control of invasive species. Kevin said Mo Johnson, member of the Underdown Horse Club, reported on damage/garbage along trails found on Cleanup Day. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

11. Close Timber Sales.

T013-05

Northwest Hardwoods

Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

T003-05	Futurewood Corporation	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
C001-07	Rick Graap	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T041-04	Dave Schoone	Close and retain Bond

Discussion was held regarding sales and retention of Dave Schoone's bond. Motion by Short, second by Saal to close sales per Kevin's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center.

13. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.