

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Tuesday, September 9, 2008 @ 8:00 A.M.
Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center**

Members Present: Graham Rankin, Carl Short, Richard Berndt, David Fox and Richard Eisenman

Visitors: Nancy Bergstrom, Bill Groth, Rick Weide, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Sherrie Zortman

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 in the Forestry Meeting Room, Land Resource Center. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Graham Rankin.

2. Approve minutes of August 5, 2008 meeting. Motion by Eisenman, second by Short to approve minutes of August 5, 2008 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

(The order of items on the agenda was changed to accommodate visitors.)

5. Closed Session.

Motion by Rankin, second by Short to convene into closed session authorizing Nancy Bergstrom and Kevin Kleinschmidt to remain for closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1) (e) Wis. Stats. Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

- A. Sale of Annex
- B. Property north of jail

Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Short-aye, Berndt-aye, Fox-aye, Eisenman-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote taken. Rankin-aye, Short-aye, Berndt-aye, Fox-aye, Eisenman-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Open Session.

Take any necessary action on items discussed during closed session.

A. Sale of Annex – Motion by Berndt, second by Eisenman to forward a resolution to the County Board of Supervisors offering the Annex building for sale by the County for a period of 90 days for the amount of \$249,000.00, and if property is not sold in 90 days it shall be listed with a realtor. Motion carried. All ayes.

B. Property north of jail – Motion by Rankin, second by Short to re-evaluate the need for additional downtown parking when new construction is finished. Motion carried. All ayes.

3. Review year to date budget report. Discussion was held regarding fund allocations. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

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

7. Approval of 2009 Annual Work Plan. Kevin presented and explained the Annual Work Plan. Motion by Short, second by Eisenman to approve 2009 Annual Work Plan and forward for approval to County Board of Supervisors. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Harrison Dam. Kevin informed the Committee that he will be working with the DNR, Zoning and Highway Departments on issues relating to the Harrison Dam.

9. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill Groth, Forestry Liaison, reported that he is reviewing the Lincoln County Fall timber sales.

10. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported that he informed the media and the Sheriff's Department that Travis Watruba's title is Recreation Officer, not Resource Officer. Support from the Forestry Department regarding funding for linking the Hiawatha and Bearskin Trails is being sought. Funding from the ORV Counsel was approved for construction of a restroom by the multi-use building. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

11. Close timber sales.

T004-05	Steven Dassow	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T009-07	Smola Brothers	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T012-06	Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill	Close and refund bond
T005-08	Jacobs Enterprises	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

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

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. with meeting place to be determined
Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

13. Field Trip – Departure time 9:30 a.m. Carl Short did not attend the field trip.

Hiawatha Trail – 10:00 a.m. The Committee viewed several areas on the Hiawatha Trail.

Parrish Road Wildlife Openings – 10:50 a.m. The Committee viewed openings renovation work.

Long Lake Boat Landing – 11:35 a.m. Kevin described planned landing improvements.

Multi-Use Building – Lunch at noon

Doering Lake Boat Landing – 12:45 p.m. Kevin described planned landing improvements.

Underdown Parking Lot & Timber Sale – 1:15 p.m. The Committee viewed parking lot expansion work and a timber sale on Loop Road.

Tug Lake – 2:30 p.m. The Committee viewed park improvements.

Return to Forestry Department to adjourn meeting. Motion by Eisenman, second by Berndt to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.