Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, April 11, 2011 @ 8:30 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center Conference Room 165
801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 **715-539-1034

Members Present: Graham Rankin, Richard Berndt and John Bailey

Members Absent: David Fox

Visitors: Joan Giusto, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Jerry Zastrow and Deb Gerdes

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, April 11, 2011 in Conference Room 165, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 8:30 a.m. David Fox was absent.

2. Approve minutes of March 14, 2011 meeting. Motion by Bailey, second by Berndt to approve minutes of March 14, 2011 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review year to date budget report. Kevin presented budget report. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Joan Giusto spoke about an off road park in Forest County. Kevin informed the committee that summer ATV trail intersection identification signs were ordered. The sign placement will be coordinated with the GIS Department and 911. Kevin spoke on issues regarding off road intensive use areas and forest certification standards. The ATV shelter grant application was discussed.

5. Open and award any land sale bids. No bids were received

6. Approve 2010 Forestry Department budget modification. Kevin distributed and explained the budget modification. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt to approve 2010 Forestry Department budget modification. Ally ayes. Motion carried.

7. 2012 budget. Kevin explained need and uses for tractor purchase. Jerry Zastrow had obtained basic prices for tractor with and without tracks. Discussion regarding purchase of tractor with tracks for snowmobile trail grooming versus turning county trail maintenance and grooming over to area Snowmobile Clubs followed. The Committee directed Kevin to apply for CIP funding for tractor with tracks. Motion by Rankin, second by Berndt. Two ayes, one nay. Motion carried. Kevin submitted budget prioritization ratings of parks and several budget accounts for Committee approval. Discussion followed. Preliminary approval of 2012 budget is scheduled for the May meeting.

8. Authorize advertising for quotes to replace 2005 pickup. Kevin advised the committee that he would like to advertise for quotes with and without trade-in of the 2005 pickup. Discussion followed. Motion by Bailey, second by Berndt. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Award purchase of back blade. Three bids were received and considered. Motion by Berndt, second by Bailey to award purchase of back blade to Central Wisconsin Cooperative for a Frontier 9 Ft. Heavy Plus Rear Blade for $5,639.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Update on forester position. Kevin explained forester applications were due Friday, April 8, 2011.

11. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Kevin advised the DNR is working on recon and marking a sale on Hwy T for the Fall Timber Sale.

12. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin reported possibly postponing the opening of the summer recreational trails due to wet ground conditions and downed trees from recent storms. He was asked to notify committee members of trail opening date. He updated committee on UTV Program, the County Facebook Page and state grant monies received to date. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

13. Close timber sales.

T010-09	Futurewood Corp.	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T004-08	NewPage Corp.	Close and refund bond

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

14. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meetings are set as follows:
Monday, May 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 107
Monday, June 13, 2011 at 8:30 a.m., Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 107

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

Minutes prepared by Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes