

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of Monday, June 13, 2011 @ 8:30 A.M.**  
**Lincoln County Service Center Conference Room 107**  
**801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 \*\*715-539-1034**

**Members Present:** Graham Rankin, Dave Fox, Richard Berndt, Don Nelson and John Bailey

**Visitors:** Wendy Plaskey, Jerry Kall, Nancy Wegner, Sharon Wahoske, Kevin Kleinschmidt and Deb Gerdes.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, June 13, 2011 in Conference Room 107, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Graham Rankin at 8:30 a.m.
2. Approve minutes of May 9, 2011 meeting. Motion by Berndt, second by Bailey to approve minutes of May 9, 2011 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review year to date budget report. Kevin presented a new budget report format. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.
4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Kevin took this opportunity to introduce and welcome new committee member, Don Nelson.
5. Open and award any land sale bids. No bids were received.
6. Underdown Horse Club accomplishments and goals. Jerry Kall, Nancy Wegner, and Sharon Wahoske from the Underdown Horse Club were present. Jerry spoke on past accomplishments and future improvements the club would like to implement. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Berndt to allow club members who receive weekend camping passes to transfer unused passes to a first- time non-club member camper to promote the Underdown Recreational Area. All ayes. Motion carried.  
  
(Order of items on agenda changed to accommodate guest.)
12. Extension request for tax delinquent parcel payment. Wendy Plaskey was present to explain the zoning issues that prompted the request for payment extension. Motion by Bailey, second by Nelson to extend payment deadline to September 20, 2011. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Award purchase of 4 wheel drive pick-up. Kevin informed the committee that seven bids were received to replace the 2005 Dodge 4x4 truck. Discussion followed. Motion by Fox, second by Nelson to award bid, with trade-in, to Ewald's Hartford Ford to replace 2005 Dodge 4x4 truck with 2011 Ford F150 4x4 truck. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Update County Conservation Aids Resolution.
9. Update Outdoor Recreation Aids Resolution. Agenda items 8 and 9 were discussed as one item. Kevin explained resolutions. DNR requests they be updated every 5 years. Motion by Bailey, second by Berndt to approve updating resolutions as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approve direct timber sale for utilization of non-merchantable tops. Kevin explained that the Forestry Department would like to establish a direct timber sale for the removal of non-merchantable tops from a harvested site scheduled for planting next year in order to eliminate the costs to the county for site prep. Due to current biomass market issues Kevin is also asking committee approval to waive the \$2/ton stumpage fee for non-merchantable tops on this sale to meet the county's planting timeline. Motion by Bailey, second by Fox to approve direct sale and waiving \$2/ton stumpage fee. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. County snowmobile trail grooming update. On May 12, 2011, Kevin met with representatives from several clubs to discuss plans for trail grooming. He reported that clubs interested in taking over the grooming of Lincoln County Forestry Department trails are making contact with landowners and working through associated issues. Discussion followed.

(A brief break was taken at 10:27 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:31a.m.)

13. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill was not in attendance at today's meeting.

14. Review Administrator's written report. Kevin updated the committee on garlic mustard spraying, the public hearing to enter the Harrison Dam into the county's flood plain zoning ordinance to reduce its hazard rating and Forestry Wetland and Stormwater training that was conducted by the DNR. The Administrator's written report was reviewed and placed on file.

15. Close timber sales.

T008-08	Greg Schenzel	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T006-08	Wiitala & Vozka	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T002-08	Wiitala & Vozka	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit

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

16. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land and Parks Committee meetings are set as follows:  
Monday, July 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m., Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 107  
Monday, August 8, 2011 at 8:30 a.m., Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 107

17. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Rankin, second by Nelson to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.