

**Lincoln County Land Services Committee  
Minutes of Thursday, April 14, 2016, 2:00 pm  
Lincoln County Service Center, Room #156**

Members Present: Julie Allen, Loretta Baughan, Bill Bialecki, R. Wayne Plant, Curtis Powell & Greta Rusch. Visitors: Matthew Bremer; Land Services Administrator, Sarah Koss; Register of Deeds, Mike Huth; Zoning Program Manager, June Winters; Zoning Program Assistant and 2 others. Supervisor Breitenmoser was excused.

1. Call Meeting order - Meeting was called to order by Chairman Powell at 2:00 p.m.
2. Tour site in the town of Merrill that will be the subject of the 2:30 p.m. public hearing - Bremer, Huth, Allen, Baughan & Rusch left for the tour at 2:02 p.m. They returned from the tour at 2:20 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 2:22 p.m.
3. Approval of the February 11, 2016 Land Services Committee Minutes – M/S Bialecki /Rusch to approve the minutes. Motion carried all ayes.
4. Public Comment – There was none.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

5. Q&A on March Munis Report – Koss asked if there were any questions on the report and there were none.
6. Q&A on March Written Report – There were no questions on the report.
7. 2015 Budget Modification – Koss reviewed the budget modification as per Finance Dept. M/S Plant/Allen to approve ROD budget modification. There was discussion. Motion carried all ayes.

Committee moved to item #9 on the agenda.

**LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

8. 2:30 p.m. Public Hearing – Public Hearing was called to order at 2:30 p.m. Hearings were held on the items listed in the notice. Chairman Powell explained the rules of conduct for public hearings and introduced the Committee members. He called the first hearing.

**CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST**

1. A request by Ronald and Eunice Kroken to allow for a detached storage building larger than 1,500 square feet in a Rural Residential 2 zoning district. The property is located in the SW¼SE¼ of Section 31, T32N-R7E, in the Town of Merrill, on Lily Ln off of Pope Rd. The tax parcel number is 14.313207.015.001.02.00 and comprises approximately 1.5 acres. The request is being heard under section 17.3.09(1) of Lincoln County Ordinances.

Chairman Powell called for proponents of the request. John Geiss was present and came to the podium to represent the Krokens. Geiss briefly explained the request to the Committee.

Chairman Powell called for any opponents of the request. There were none present. Chairman Powell noted that the Town Board recommendation indicated on April 11, 2016 it was approved on a 5-0 vote. Chairman Powell closed the public hearing for the Conditional Use request.

M/S Plant/Baughan to APPROVE the request with conditions as listed in the staff report. Motion carried all ayes.  
Conditions:

1. Detached storage building shall have twenty five (25) foot rear and side setbacks from property lines.
2. All other applicable regulations shall be met.

Committee moved to item #11 on the agenda.

9. Agency Updates – There were none.
10. Budget Modification & Carryovers – Bremer explained the Budget Modifications as per Finance Dept. & Carryover requests to the Committee. There was some discussion. M/S Baughan/Rusch to approve, sign and forward to Finance. Motion carried all ayes. Committee signed the budget modification form. There was more discussion.

Committee returned to item #8 on the agenda.

11. Soil & Water Resource Management (SWRM) grant approval – Bremer reviewed the details for the Committee indicating that tomorrow is the deadline for submission. This staffing grant funds portions of staff positions in the Land Services Department. Baughan had questions and there was discussion. M/S Allen/Bialecki to approve and submit the grant application & work plan. Motion carried all ayes. Powell signed the application.
12. Land & Water Resource Management (LWRM) committee discussion/plan – Bremer said that Conservation has become more of a shared job within our department with several staff working together on projects. The current LWRM plan expired in December 2015 but we are still using it as a working plan. Diane Wessel had applied for an extension on the LWRM plan and now it needs to be addressed to be completed by 2018. He would like to create a Committee to redo the plan. They would meet 3 times throughout the planning process. This was only put on the agenda to start the discussion. It will come back on an agenda in the future requiring action once we have a new Land Services Committee in place.
13. Conservation discussion – Item #13 was related to item #12 and was part of the same discussion. It was noted that Mark Kaczorowski is currently doing the majority of conservation related work and future discussions will include conservation project expansion and staffing of those projects.
14. Department written reports & Correspondence – Bremer shared with the Committee that he appreciates the Committee's support and scrutiny of the Land Service Committee members. He thanked the entire Committee in particular the two members that will not be returning and said that he hopes to continue to work with the remaining members in the future.

He said that we are fully staffed now as Paul Bernard has started in the GIS Specialist/Survey Tech position in March.

Powell voiced his opinion on Bremer's desire to re-establish a working relationship with Marathon County relative to the grazing program. Powell did not feel the previous relationship with Marathon County regarding grazing was beneficial to Lincoln County. Baughan was in agreement with Powell's opinion. Baughan referred to documents that she had regarding the seeder saying that we should just be given the seeder and be done with the relationship. Bremer shared conversations that he has had with Marathon County regarding that issue, that the seeder Lincoln County contributed to is no longer serviceable and of no use to us. Moving forward he would like to try to create a new relationship with Marathon County. Plant asked Bremer explain his justification to re-establishing the grazing program. Powell cut the conversation short in deference to a single presentation by Bremer that will include the new Committee members at the May Committee meeting. The Committee concurred.

Powell discussed the Zoning Commission workshop information that he had received and asked if any of the Committee is interested in attending. It would be May 6, 2016 in Hayward. There was discussion that after County Board next week, when we find out who the new Committee members will be, staff will see if they may want to attend the workshop also. M/S Plant/Allen for LSC Committee members to be eligible for per diem & mileage for attending. Motion carried all ayes.

Bremer mentioned an item of correspondence from North Central Area Land & Water Conservation Association specifically upcoming events and deadlines. There is a meeting that some Committee members may be interested in attending.

15. Confirm next meeting/public hearing date – May 12, 2016 – confirmed date. Time to be determined.
16. Adjourn – M/S Plant/Powell to adjourn at 2:51p.m. Motion carried all ayes.

Minutes prepared by June Winters