

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of**  
**Monday, November 9, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M.**  
**Lincoln County Service Center, Room 257**  
**801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 \*\*715-539-1034\*\***

**Members Present:** William Bialecki, Timothy Panfil, Don Friske, Jeremy Ratliff (via phone), Norbert Ashbeck

**Members Absent:** None

**Members Excused:** None

**Visitors:** Dean Bowe, Amy Krueger, Bill Groth (via phone), Steve Taskay, September Murphy (via Phone), Nick Behrens (via phone), Rebekah Luedtke, Dora Gorski (via phone)

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, November 9, 2020, in Conference Room 257, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Bialecki at 9:08 a.m.

2. Approve minutes of October 5, 2020 meeting. Motion by Panfil, second by Ashbeck to approve minutes of October 5, 2020 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. None

9. Sale of Lincoln Industries Property 1775 Kaphaem Rd. Tomahawk Chair Bialecki requested to move to Agenda item #9 to accommodate Steve Taskay. Dean explained that the A&L Committee had directed the Forestry Committee to sell the Lincoln Industries. Dean presented the assessed value of a comparable neighboring property as well as the value the assessor of Tomahawk provided him with and recommended selling the property through the bidding process. Steve Taskay, Tomahawk Mayor, was present and informed the committee of what the City of Tomahawk would do with the property if it were sold to the city. Motion by Bialecki to sell Lincoln Industries property for \$1 to the City of Tomahawk, second by Friske. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Open and award Timber Sale bids. Dean welcomed those present, and explained the bid opening procedure. Timber sales were opened and read. Sixteen bids were received on nine of the twenty-three jobs advertised totaling an estimated value of \$307,278.75. Fourteen sales received no bids. The committee will accept bids on the remaining sales at their December 14, 2020 meeting. Discussion took place on timber sale bids. Motion by Friske to award the high bidder, pending any reference checks or mathematical errors, second by Panfil. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Approve 15-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Dean explained the changes recommended by the DNR County Forest Specialist. Discussion followed. Motion by Friske second by Ratliff to retain “and/or” in section **505.8.14 Forest Certification** of the 15-Year Plan and in section **21. Forest Certification** of the timber sale contract. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Friske Second by Panfil to approve the rest of the 15-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan with the exception of the requested language change in section **460 Terms of Land Sale or Trade**. All ayes, motion carried. Dean also asked for approval of changes to the timber sale contract as part of the plan. Motion by Friske second by Ashbeck. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Review and Award Jack Pine Plantation Clearing Project. Dean announced that two bids were received. Discussion followed. Motion by Bialecki to approve the low bid from Foley's Tree Care, second by Panfil. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Review Tug Lake District Petition. Dean informed the committee of a petition to form a lake district by the landowners surrounding Tug Lake. Since Lincoln County owns property along Tug Lake the county would be included in the district. The county had been approached about joining a Tug Lake association in 2016, the committee chose to not become a member but assist the association if possible. The current petition has enough signatures to move forward in the process without the county signing on. Motion to support but not participate by Ashbeck with a second from Bialecki. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Committee chose to not go into closed session.**

10. Convene into closed session sec 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

a) Lincoln Industries Property 1775 Kaphaem Rd Tomahawk

11. Reconvene into open session.

12. Take any necessary action on items discussed in closed session.

13. Discuss Forestry Department Grader. Dean informed the committee of the condition of the department's road grader and that he had discussed the ability of the Highway Department to grade and snow plow the Forestry Department's roads in New Wood for us. Considering budget and staff cutbacks, Dean suggested selling the road grader while it is still functioning and utilize the Highway Department to grade and plow the roads in New Wood. Motion was made by Bialecki to sell to the highest bidder with a second by Friske. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Approve/Sign Forest Administrators Timesheets. Motion by Friske to approve Forest Administrators timesheets for 9/21/20-10/4/20, 10/05/20-10/18/20 & 10/19/20 – 11/1/2020, second by Panfil. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. DNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill reported that they continue to help Lincoln County with establishing timber sales. Had staffed for firefighting with the warm dry conditions last week.

16. Review Administrator's written report. The Recreation Officer's report was not included in the packet. The Administrator's report was reviewed and placed on file.

17. Close timber sales.

T014-18	Kleinschmidt	Close and return Irrevocable Letter of Credit
T008-20	Agape	Close and return Cash Bond.

Motion by Friske, second by Ashbeck to close sale per Dean's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

18. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meeting is set as follows:

Monday, December 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257

Monday, January 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257

19. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Ashbeck, second by Panfil to adjourn meeting at 11:07 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Dean Bowe and Amy Krueger