

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of**  
**Monday, June 12, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.**  
**Lincoln County Service Center, Room 257**  
**801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 \*\*715-539-1034\*\***

**Correction on item 12**

**Members Present:** Greg Hartwig, Kenneth Wickham, Norbert Ashbeck (virtual), Don Wendorf

**Absent:**

**Members Excused:** William Bialecki

**Visitors:** Dean Bowe, Amy Krueger, Bill Groth, Renee Krueger, Karry Johnson & Dave Fox.

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, June 12, 2023, in Conference Room 257, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Hartwig at 9:00 a.m.
2. Approve minutes of May 8, 2023. Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to approve minutes of May 8, 2023 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review year to date budget report. Dean stated that there was nothing out of the ordinary. ATV and Snowmobile grants will be reimbursed after the State's fiscal year. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.
4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. None
5. Open and Award Timber Sale Bids. None.
6. Town of Birch request to purchase more County land at the Town Hall. Dean introduced Dave Fox from Town of Birch. The Township would like to purchase 50 -100 more feet of land from the Forestry Shop property to expand the location of the town hall and cemetery. Mr. Fox asked for confirmation that the Forestry Department is willing to work with the township so he can look at the property with the DNR. Motion by Wickham to proceed with survey work for possible negotiation, second by Wendorf. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Plan review – Development of a new campground near the ATV trails in the Harrison Hills. Dean explained there has been interest expressed in developing a new campground with access to the County's Harrison Hills ATV trail system. To qualify for grant funding through the State programs, development of a campground must be included in the Lincoln County Five Year Outdoor Recreation Plan. Discussion followed. Motion by Wickham, second by Hartwig to update Recreation Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Approve Asik Access Permit. Dean said he received a call from a new landowner adjacent to County Forest property requesting an access permit. Dean explained the previous owner of the property was granted a permit from the county and a private landowner. The Asiks were unable to gain access from the private landowner and asked that they could gain access from Highway 8, all on county property. Discussion followed. Motion by Wickham to approve Access Permit, second by Wendorf. All Ayes. Motion carried.
9. Approve closure of woods roads crossing wet areas subject to damage by motorized vehicles. Dean recommended closing two roads due to issues crossing wetlands and a stream. Otter Lake protects snowmobile trail from rutting and damage to wetland – gated. Camp 2 prevents illegal stream crossing and wetland damage. Other roads and ATV trail still provide access – block with berms or boulders. Discussion followed. Motion by Wendorf, second by Wickham to close access to both. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approve retaining the bond from returned E&L Trucking Job T031-16. Dean informed the committee that the contractor turned this job back about a year ago. The job has been offered on two bid lettings and has not been sold. Dean informed the committee on what has happened in these situations in the past. Discussion followed. Motion by Wickham to retain entire bond with second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Discuss ARPA request for campground expansion at the Underdown Recreation Area. Dean discussed the improvements that would be needed at the Underdown campground to expand camping opportunities. Discussion followed. Motion to approve expansion by Wickham, second by Wendorf. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. Set minimum bids. Authorize advertising and set sale date for tax delinquent properties. Dean presented a Power Point on the properties.

655 Southgate Dr - Motion by Hartwig to set minimum bid at \$23,675, failed for lack of a second. Motion by Hartwig, second by Wickham to set minimum bid at \$23,675. All ayes. Motion carried.

N11470 Tannery Rd – Motion by Wendorf, second by Hartwig to set minimum bid at \$25,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

N11619 County Rd Y – Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to set minimum bid at \$78,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

W7868 State Rd 86 – Motion by Ashbeck, second by Wickham to set minimum bid at \$14,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

W7760 Anchor Bay Rd – Motion by Hartwig, second by Wickham to set minimum bid at \$67,600. All ayes. Motion carried.

N5359 State Rd 17 (3 lots) - Motion by Wickham, second by Hartwig to set minimum bid at \$32,600.

N7096 Grundy Rd – Motion by Wendorf, second by Wickham to set minimum bid at \$75,000.

N2002 Elm Grove Rd – Motion by Hartwig, second by Wendorf to set minimum bid at \$15,000.

1340 E Kings Rd – Motion by Hartwig, second by Wendorf to set minimum bid at \$13,400.

Country Squire Rd – Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to set minimum bid at \$30,500.

Garvin Pl – Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to set minimum bid at \$41,500.

Highway 107/Behling Rd (20 acres) – Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to set minimum bid at \$43,100.

Highway E (landlocked 40 acres) – Motion by Hartwig, second by Wickham to set minimum bid at \$30,000.

New Wood Rd (landlocked 10 acres) – Motion by Wendorf, second by Hartwig to set minimum bid at \$6,000.

Tug Lake Rd (5 properties) – Motion by Wendorf, second by Wickham to set minimum bid at \$10,000.

W Seven Lake Island Lake Drive lot – Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to set minimum bid at \$23,800.

N113 Hilly Rd – Motion by Hartwig, second by Wickham to set minimum bid at \$16,000. All ayes.

Minimum bids were set on each property. Discussion followed. Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to set sale date for August 14, with bids due at noon on August 11, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Approve advertising for culverts. Dean stated that improvement of an access road on the county forest was discussed at a previous meeting and this culvert would be installed on that road. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartwig, second by Wickham to approve advertising.

14. Approve Administrator's time sheets. Motion by Wickham to approve Dean's timesheets. Second by Wendorf. All Ayes. Motion carried.
15. WDNR Report. Bill stated that they are still staffing for spring fire season. They have some timber sale establishment and Garlic Mustard spraying.
16. Review Administrator's Written Report. Dean asked if there were any questions. Dean advised that he and Bialecki met with Bierman Foundation for New Wood Park upgrades. Dean also mentioned that a resolution would have to be presented to County Board to accept the donation. Discussion followed. Dean informed the committee that he has been working on the approved ARPA requests and would be bringing requests to advertise RFPs at future meetings. Written report placed on file.
17. Close Timber Sales. One sale to close this month. Dean recommended closing and retain bond for stumpage payments.  
  
McKinney Forest Products            T017-21            Retain Bond for stumpage  
  
Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to close sale and retain bond for stumpage per Dean's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.
18. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meeting are set as follows:  
  
Monday, July 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257  
Monday, August 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257
19. Closed Session – Convene into closed session pursuant to §1985 (1) (c)  
Review job performance evaluation of the County Forest Administrator.  
Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to go into closed session allowing Administrative Coordinator, Renee Krueger, and County Forest Administrator, Dean Bowe to remain. Roll call vote: Hartwig, aye; Wickham, aye; Wendorf, Aye. Motion carried.
20. Open Session. Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to return to open session. Roll call vote: Hartwig, aye; Wickham, aye; Wendorf, Aye. Motion carried.  
Motion by Wickham, second by Wendorf to give Dean a favorable review and recommend allowable step increase. All ayes. Motion carried
21. Adjourn meeting. Motion to adjourn meeting by Wickham, second by Wendorf at 11:20 am. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Amy Krueger and Dean Bowe