

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of**  
**Monday, July 10, 2023 @ 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, Greg Hartwig, Norbert Ashbeck, Don Wendorf

**Absent:**

**Members Excused:** Kenneth Wickham

**Visitors:** Dean Bowe, Amy Krueger, Bill Groth, Jeni Burton (virtual)

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, July 10, 2023, in Conference Room 257, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Bialecki at 9:00 a.m.
2. Approve minutes of June 13, 2023. Motion by Ashbeck, second by Hartwig to approve minutes of June 13, 2023 meeting as printed. Dean pointed out a typo in the minutes for the address of a tax delinquent property under item 12. 1304 E Kings Rd should be 1340 E Kings Rd. Motion by Ashbeck to amend the minutes to correct the address to 1340 E Kings Rd, second by Hartwig. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Motion by Wendorf to approve amended minutes, second by Bialecki. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Review year to date budget report. Dean pointed out and explained one item that looks to be considerably over budget. 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. Award Culvert bid. Dean stated this culvert was for an access project to replace a large culvert north of CC west of Tomahawk. Two bids were received. Dean recommended going with Metal Culverts for \$6,245.00. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartwig to award bid to Metal Culverts, second by Wendorf. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Approve advertising for Hiawatha Trail resurfacing ARPA project. Dean did some research on which material to use. Blue granite was used on a trail in Taylor Co and a biking/hiking trail in Tomahawk. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartwig to approve advertising, second by Ashbeck. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Approve advertising for Armstrong Creek Road Gravel Crushing ARPA project. Dean stated the area is centrally located for gravelling our roads in New Wood. The gravel will be a larger size than is crushed by Highway. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartwig to approve advertising, second by Wendorf. All Ayes. Motion carried.
9. Approve advertising for new wells at New Wood and Otter Lake ARPA projects. Dean explained the areas for wells. New Wood Campground well to be placed in the middle of campground, the west end of Otter Lake Campground and the picnic area at Otter Lake. Discussion followed. Motion by Wendorf, second by Ashbeck approve advertising for both. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approve advertising for new restrooms at New Wood and Hay Meadow ARPA projects. Dean mentioned the restroom projects. Discussion followed. Motion by Ashbeck to approve advertising with second by Bialecki. Motion by Hartwig to amend motion to correct that the Bierman Foundation is funding the New Wood restroom and Hay Meadow is an ARPA project, second by Wendorf. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Wendorf to approve motion as amended, second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Approve creating a gravel account. Dean discussed creating a gravel account with Finance. The account would be similar to our equipment account. Funds would be paid into the account as gravel is used on roads and ATV trails and could be used to crush gravel for these uses in the future. Discussion followed. Motion to approve Ashbeck, second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. Approve advertising for tree seedlings. Dean explained this order would be for trees to plant in 2025. Discussion followed. Motion by Hartwig, second by Wendorf to approve advertising. All ayes. Motion carried.
13. Approve Hemlock Policy. Dean explained that due to poor markets, he recommending allowing contractors to not have to cut all hemlock, just what is necessary and pay for what they utilize at the bid rate for the sale. Future sales will have the hemlock price set at \$2.00/ton for utilized wood with no bidding. Discussion followed. Motion by approve Hemlock Policy by Bialecki, second by Ashbeck. All ayes. Motion carried.
14. Update on possible ATV/UTV trail between County Rd L and Essex Rd. Dean stated this was a project discussed last year. A trail permit application was filed with the DOT and Wisconsin Valley Improvement was contacted. WVIC does not want a summer ATV trail on their property. DOT asked if there is a different route from Highway L to Tomahawk. There is from L but not Essex Rd. There is also roadwork planned on Highway 8 at the intersections of Hwy A and Hwy L.
15. Approve Administrators timesheets. Motion to approve timesheets by Ashbeck, second by Wendorf.
16. WDNR Report. Bill reported that they are continuing to work on Timber Sale establishment. Still staffing for moderate fire danger.
17. Review Administrator's written report. Dean reported that site prep contractor was starting today. Tax delinquents will be advertised starting next week. Written report placed on file.
18. Close timber sales.

Marshall Logging T011-19 Refund Bond.  
Motion by Ashbeck, second by Hartwig to close sale and refund bond per Dean's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.
19. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meeting are set as follows:  
Monday, August 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257  
Monday, September 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257. Committee Tour.
20. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn meeting by Ashbeck, second by Hartwig at 9:45 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried