

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of
Monday, August 14, 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, Ken Wickham(virtual)

Absent:

Members Excused:

Visitors: Dean Bowe, Amy Krueger, Bill Groth, Karry Johnson, Jeni Burton (virtual), Jaci Perra (virtual), Diana Smith (virtual), Chris Marlowe (virtual), Kevin Koth (virtual), Craft Soda/John Ravoli (virtual)

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, August 14, 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 July 10, 2023. Motion by Ashbeck, second by Hartwig to approve minutes of July 10, 2023 meeting as printed. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 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
5. Open and Award Timber Sale Bids. None.
6. Approve land sale to Town of Birch. Dean stated that selling another small piece of property to the Town of Birch was discussed at a prior meeting and he had met with Dave Fox to look at the property. Discussion followed. This item will be discussed again at the next meeting.
7. Open and award Tax Delinquent Land Sale Bids. Dean announced bid opening procedure, bids were opened and read. We received 22 bids on 17 tax delinquent parcels and 5 parcels received no bids.

P1-23: One bid received. Motion to award parcel to bidder for \$103,000 by Wendorf, second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.

P2-23: Four bids received. Motion to award parcel to highest bidder for \$27,600 by Ashbeck, second by Bialecki. All ayes. Motion carried.

P3-23: No bids received.

P4-23: Two bids received. Motion to award parcel to highest bidder for \$55,200 by Hartwig, second by Wendorf. All ayes. Motion carried.

P5-23: One bid received. Motion to award parcel to bidder for \$30,050 by Hartwig, second by Asbeck. All ayes. Motion carried.

P6-23: Two bids received. Motion to award to highest bidder for \$17,100 by Hartwig, second by Wendorf. All ayes. Motion carried.

P7-23: One bid received. Motion to award to bidder for \$17,010 by Hartwig, second by Wendorf. All ayes. Motion carried.

P8-23: One bid received. Motion to award to bidder for \$32,150 by Hartwig, second by Ashbeck. All ayes. Motion carried.

P9-23: No bids received.

P10-23: Three bids received. Motion to award to highest bidder for \$21,500 by Wendorf, second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.

P11-23: Two bids received. Motion to award to highest bidder for \$41,700 by Hartwig, second Wendorf. All ayes. Motion carried.

P12-23: No bids received.

P13-23: One bid received. Motion to award to bidder for \$21,000 by Ashbeck, second by Wendorf. All ayes. Motion carried.

P14-23: No bids received.

P15-23: Two bids received. Motion to award to highest bidder for \$69,113 by Hartwig, second by Ashbeck. All ayes. Motion carried.

P16-23: Two bids received. Motion to award to highest bidder for \$10,152 by Wendorf, second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.

P17-23: No bids received.

8. Discuss and set new minimum bids on tax deed properties not sold for September meeting. Motion by Ashbeck to lower unsold parcels by 10% and to re-advertise to sell at September meeting, second by Wendorf.
Dean clarified that bids would be due the Friday Sept. 8th at noon.
9. Approve re-advertising leftover tax delinquent properties for sale.
Handled as part of agenda item 8.
10. Award Armstrong Gravel Crushing project. Dean explained we received three bids on this project. WISCO at 4.45/T, PGA at 4.25/T and Merrill Sand & Gravel at 3.95/T. Discussion followed. Motion by Bialecki to accept bid bond from Merrill Sand & Gravel, second by Wendorf. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Award toilet facilities for Lincoln County Campground/Park. Dean stated that only one bid was received for restroom projects. Discussion followed. Bid came in over budget but Dean felt that the remainder could be covered by another account. Motion by Hartwig to award bid with second by Ashbeck. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. Award Hiawatha Trail resurfacing. Dean indicated that four bids were received and all were considerably over budget. Only one of the bids was for using the Blue Granite that was requested. Discussion followed. All bids were rejected.
Motion to approve Bialecki, second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.
13. Discuss new wells at Camp New Wood and Otter Lake. Authorize re-advertising if necessary.
Dean informed the committee that no bids were received. Discussion followed. Re-advertise and extend deadline to June. Motion by Bialecki, second by Ashbeck to approve advertising. All ayes. Motion carried.
14. Update on possible ATV/UTV trail between County Rd L and Essex Rd. Dean stated he and Kevin Koth had spoken earlier about the trail. Koth explained his ideas on the trail. Dean has a meeting with DOT personnel on Wed. Aug16 to look at the location. Discussion followed.
15. Approve mileage and per diem for Committee members wishing to attend the WCFA Fall meeting in Hayward on September 26, 27 and 28, 2023. Motion by Ashbeck to approve mileage and Per Diem with a second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.
16. Approve Administrators timesheets. Motion to approve timesheets by Bialecki, second by Wendorf.
17. WDNR Report. Bill reported that they are continuing to work on Timber Sale establishment. There was a small forest fire of less than an acre on the County Forest in Harrison, Lee had found it when doing timber sale administration.

18. Review Administrator's written report. Dean reported that the Ice Age Trail volunteers are doing some work. Jeff is working on the nature trail around Otter Lake. Still waiting for the loader bucket. Written report placed on file.

19. Close timber sales.

Roberts Logging T007-23 Refund Bond.

Motion by Bialecki, second by Wendorf to close sale and refund bond per Dean's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

20. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meeting are set as follows:
Monday, September 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257. Committee Tour.
Monday, October 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257

21. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn meeting by Ashbeck, second by Wendorf at 10:12 a.m. All ayes.
Motion carried

Minutes prepared by Amy Krueger and Dean Bowe