

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of
Monday, September 11, 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

Absent:

Members Excused:

Visitors: Dean Bowe, Amy Krueger, Bill Groth, Jeni Burton (virtual), Robbin Gigl (virtual), Karry Johnson, Jeff Weber,

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, September 11, 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 August 14, 2023. Motion by Hartwig, second by Wickham to approve minutes of August 14, 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. Dave Fox spoke about how he appreciated working with the County on acquiring some additional land for the Town of Birch.
5. Open and Award Timber Sale Bids. None.
6. Open and award Tax Delinquent Land Sale Bids. Dean announced bid opening procedure, bids were opened and read. We received 1 bid on 5 tax delinquent parcels and 4 parcels received no bids.

P3-23: No bids received.
P9-23: No bids received.
P12-23: No bids received.
P14-23: No bids received.
P17-23: One bid received. Motion to award highest bidder for \$13,000 by Ashbeck, second by Wickham. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Discuss and set new minimum bids on unsold tax deed properties.
P4-23 Price reduced to \$35,000. Motion by Hartwig, second by Wickham. All ayes. Motion carried,
P9-23 Price reduced to \$17,000. Motion by Hartwig, second by Ashbeck. All ayes. Motion carried,
P12-23 Price reduced to \$29,000. Motion by Hartwig, second by Ashbeck. All ayes. Motion carried,
P14-23 Price reduced to \$15,000. Motion by Ashbeck, second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Approve re-advertising leftover tax delinquent properties for sale. Motion by Bialecki to advertise unsold parcels to sell at October meeting, second by Wendorf. Hartwig clarified that bids would be due the Friday October 6th at noon. All Ayes. Motion carried.
9. Award tree seedling bid. Dean said no sealed bids were received per the request. He did indicate that PRT email him a bid the morning that bids were due meeting other requested specifications required.

10. Consider and approve unsealed bid for tree seedlings from PRT. Corporation Counsel indicated that if the Committee considers that PRT having emailed their bid instead of sending it in a sealed envelope to be a “technical defect” and that accepting the bid is in the best interest of the county the Committee may choose to accept the bid from PRT. Discussion followed. Motion to accept PRT’s bid to supply tree seedlings by Wickham, second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Approve land sale to Town of Birch. Dean stated that he had met with Dave Fox to look at the land the Town of Birch wishes to purchase from the county. The town wishes to purchase an additional 100 feet on the north side of the Town Hall property and Chat Cemetery. Tony Dallman surveyed the property and created a Plat of Survey. Motion to approve sale to Town of Birch by Hartwig second by Wickham. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. Approve County Forest Work Plan. Dean provided a brief overview of the County Forest Annual Work Plan for 2024. Motion to approve 2024 work plan by Wickham, second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.
13. Set date and authorize advertising for Fall 2023 Timber Sale. Motion to set date as November 13, 2023 and approve advertising by Bialecki, second by Hartwig. All ayes. Motion carried.
14. Approve Administrators timesheets. Motion to approve timesheets by Wendorf, second by Wickham.
15. WDNR Report. Bill reported that they had met with Forestry Department for annual partnership meeting last week. They are continuing to work on Timber Sale establishment. They are still staffing for fires due to the drought.
16. Review Administrator’s written report. Dean reported ARPA project progress. Written report placed on file.
17. Close timber sales.
 - Flannel Fleet T019-22 Close and return Letter of Credit.
 - Motion by Hartwig, second by Wickham to close sale and refund bond 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, October 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257
 - Monday, November 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257.
19. Field Trip. The committee toured several sites and returned to Merrill.
20. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn meeting by Bialecki, second by Wendorf at 3:12 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried

Minutes prepared by Amy Krueger and Dean Bowe