

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center, Room 257
801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 **715-539-1034**

Members Present: Greg Hartwig, Norbert Ashbeck, Ken Wickham, William Bialecki, Don Wendorf

Absent:

Members Excused:

Visitors: Dean Bowe, Amy Krueger, Jeni Burton (virtual), Samantha Fenske, Lee Rahlf, Tony Miletti, Cheryl Skittone, Christine Vorpapel

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, April 8, 2024, 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 March 11, 2024. Motion by Wendorf, second by Ashbeck to approve minutes of March 11 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. Approval of 2023 budget modification. Budget modification report was distributed at the start of the meeting. Finance Director explained the report and asked if there were any questions. Motion by Ashbeck and second by Hartwig to approve the budget modifications. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
5. Comments from members of the public or invited guests. Chertl Skittone asked about what is going on with the dog park in Tomahawk. She was directed to contact the City of Tomahawk for the information.
6. Award Swamp Road graveling bid. Dean stated that three bids were received. One did not include a bid bond therefore could not be considered. Discussion followed. Motion to accept bid from Mr. Ed's Excavating by Hartwig with a second by Wickham. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
7. Award concrete apron bids for New Wood and Hay Meadow toilets. Dean stated that three bids were received. Dean recommended contracting with J&J Lee Construction with the low bid. Motion by Wendorf to accept bid from J&J Lee Construction with a second by Ashbeck. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Award brush mower for skid steer bid. A bid summary was distributed at the start of the meeting. Dean stated that several bids were submitted and that he and the shop foreman had narrowed the options down to 2 with additional research on the mowers with only a little over \$100 difference. They recommended purchasing the John Deere machine, which has a wider cut. Discussion followed. Motion by Bialecki to go with McCoy, with a second by Wickham. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Review and take action on Memorandum of Understanding between Lincoln County, Marathon County and River District Development Foundation. Dean stated this is an agreement between Lincoln County and Marathon County and the River Development District for developing a Master Plan for the trail between Merrill and Tomahawk. The

River Development District will be paying for the plan through Marathon County. Lincoln County has no financial obligation with this agreement. Corp Counsel reviewed the agreement and recommended board approval as well. Discussion followed. Motion by Bialecki to approve and forward to County Board, with a second by Wickham. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approve contacting engineering firms to perform a safety inspection of the Harrison Dam. Dean stated that the Harrison Dam is considered a large dam with low hazard rating. These dams need to be inspected by an engineer every ten years. Becher-Hoppe did the last inspection. Discussion followed. Motion by Wickham to approve contact engineering firms for quotes. Second by Wendorf. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
11. Approve capital outlay/improvement schedule – 2025. An updated list of the Forestry Department's equipment and replacement schedule was included in the packet. Dean informed the committee that the 2017 Ford truck is scheduled to be replaced this year. Discussion followed. Motion by Wickham second by Hartwig to modify page 4 to reflect moving replacement to 2025. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
12. Approve Administrators timesheets. Motion by Wendorf with a second by Ashbeck. All ayes. Motion carried.
13. WDNR Report. Bill Groth not in attendance due to fire staffing.
14. Review Administrator's written report. Dean asked if anyone had any questions on the report. Dean talked about the Highway 8 ATV project. Dean spoke about how the Otter Lake nature trail is continuing to be worked on. Dean has an appointment with RTL Electric to discuss putting in electricity at New Wood Park and New Wood Campground later this week. He will be meeting with the DNR to look at the wetlands at Prairie Dells tomorrow after safety training. He also talked about the WCFA Summer Tour being held in June. Discussion followed. Report placed on file.
15. Close timber sales.

Schreiner Forestry	T004-21	Close and refund bond.
Meier Farms	T005-23	Close and refund bond.
Tony Smugala	T020-21	Close and refund bond.
TNT Timber Improvement	T001-23	Close and return Letter of Credit.
Flannel Fleet	T029-23	Close and return Letter of Credit.

Dean recommended closing and refunding bonds. Motion by Wendorf, second by Wickham to close sales per Dean's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried
16. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meeting are set as follows:
Monday, May 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 257
Monday, June 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 156
17. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn meeting by Wendorf, second by Ashbeck at 10:02 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Amy Krueger and Dean Bowe