

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, December 8, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M.
Lincoln County Service Center, Room 156
801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 **715-539-1034**

Members Present: Nobert Ashbeck, William Bialecki, Greg Hartwig, Ken Wickham (virtual), Andy Zelinski

Absent:

Members Excused:

Visitors: Lee Rahlf, Amy Krueger, Bill Groth, Robbin Gigl(virtual), Travis Spoehr(virtual), Renee Krueger(virtual)

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, December 8, 2025, in Conference Room 156, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hartwig at 8:00 a.m.
2. Approve minutes of November 10, 2025. Motion by Ashbeck, second by Zelinski to approve minutes of November 10, 2025 meeting as printed in the packet. 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.

Committee moved to agenda items #6-15

6. Open and award Tax Delinquent Land Sale Bids. Greg and Lee opened and read bids for the tax delinquent properties. Property 1-25 received two bids, Property 3-25 received three bids, and Property 5-25 received one bid. Motion by Ashbeck, second by Bialecki to award bids to the highest bidders. All ayes, Motion carried.
7. Discuss and set new minimum bids on unsold properties, if needed. No action was taken because all properties sold.
8. Award ATV bridge bid. Lee read off the five bids that were received. Discussion followed. Motion by Bialecki to award bid to the lowest bidder, second by Zelinski. All Ayes. Motion carried.
9. Award Forest Openings Mowing bid. Lee read the results from the bid opening. Discussion followed. Motion by Zelinski to approve the bid from Bacholl, second by Ashbeck. All Ayes. Motion carried.
10. Approve Advertising for Tree Planting bids. Lee said 45,000 seedlings are to be planted in the spring and that 66.7 acres are prepared for planting. Discussion followed. Motion by Zelinski to approve advertising for tree planting, second by Ashbeck. All Ayes. Motion carried.
11. WDNR Report. Bill Groth said they finished working on scarification north of County Road E. They are marking a timber sale in the Underdown.
12. Review Administrator's written report. Discussion followed. Report placed on file.

13. Close Timber Sales.

Twin Forest Products	T001-25	Close and return Letter of Credit.
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Twin Forest Products	T010-24	Close and return Letter of Credit.
Smola Brothers	T017-23	Close and return Letter of Credit.
Smola Enterprises	T027-24	Close and return Letter of Credit

Lee recommended closing and refunding bonds once final payment is received. Twin Forest Products will be closed contingent upon final payments that are in the mail. Motion by Bialecki, second by Ashbeck to close sales per Lee's recommendation pending receipt of final payments. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee meeting was set for Monday, January 12, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 156

15. Motion by Zelinski to take a recess until 8:50 a.m. with a second by Bialecki.

Committee moved to agenda item #5.

5. Open and Award Timber Sale Bids. No bids were received.

16. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn meeting by Bialecki, second by Ashbeck at 8:50 a.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Amy Krueger and Lee Rahlf