

LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND, AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Monday, March 10, 2025 - 9:00 AM

MINUTES

***Amended Agenda**

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, March 10, 2025, in Conference Room 156, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Hartwig at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approve Minutes

Motion by Wickham, second by Ashbeck to approve minutes of February 10, 2025 meeting as printed in the packet. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Review Year to Date Budget Report

Dean stated that he was working with Heather on corrections to long term accounts. Discussion followed. The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

4. Comment From Members of the Public or Invited Guests

Lawrence Schoone spoke about Highway 86 trail and Lake Clara access. Discussion followed. Mike Schmidt and Julie Depasse spoke about a proposed ATV trail along Highway 86 to connect Highway T to Spirit Falls Ave.

5. Recognize Jeni Burton For 30 years of Service

Motion by Wickham, second by Zelinski to move to County Board agenda.

6. Lake Clara Access Discussion, Take Action if Necessary

Dean stated that he had sent a letter to the landowner at the landing location but had not received a reply. Discussion followed. Dean was asked to verify ROW with county surveyor and discuss potential options with Corporation Counsel.

7. Review DNR 5-Year Audit

Audit report was in the packet. Dean said the audit was good in general with just a few paperwork items to change.

8. Approve Advertising for Replacement UTV

Dean explained what happened to the UTV and the insurance company considered it totaled was more expensive to fix than it is worth. Discussion followed. Motion by Wickham to approve advertising for a replacement UTV, second by Bialecki. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9. Approve advertising for Hay Meadow Park Pavilion Construction.

Dean indicated that there was allocated ARPA money left after other projects came in under estimates. He proposed construction of a pavilion at Hay Meadow Park that could be used as a trailhead with the new restrooms and pedestrian bridge at Prairie Dells. There is a blacktop parking area at this location as well. Discussion followed. Motion by Wickham to approve advertising for a design build pavilion with electricity as an option, second by Bialecki. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

10. Approve Malmquist User Permit Request

Dean said that both the Malmquist and Araya permit requests were the result of him finding there were different owners since the permits were originally approved. Discussion followed. Wickham made a motion to

approve both Malmquist and Araya User Permits, second by Zelinski. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

11. Approve Araya User Permit Request

Wickham made a motion to approve both Malmquist and Araya User Permits, second by Zelinski. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

12. Award Armstrong Creek Culvert Bid

Wickham made a motion to approve both Malmquist and Araya User Permits, second by Zelinski. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

13. Award Site Prep Bid

Two bids were received less than \$300.00 apart, Dean recommended going with the lower bid from True North steel. Motion by Zelinski, second by Ashbeck. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

14. Discuss potential Highway 86 ATV Trail and Take Action if Necessary

Dean provided a little background on the location and that it made sense for us to be the sponsor for this proposal like the proposed trail along Highway 8 by Tomahawk. He also stated that a grant could be applied for from the ORV Council to see if they would be willing to fund it. A club member was present to provide information and stated that he felt the club would be willing to provide some financial backing for the project as well. Supervisor Wickham stated that he would reach out to the DOT about the possibility of an ATV route on 86 instead of spending money on a trail.

15. Update on Theis Pit Tower and Take Action if Necessary

Dean informed the committee that he had been in contact with the tower developer about locations on county property. The developer will provide the locations to cell companies and come back with a proposal/offer. Dean said he had received information from Clark County about their leases to compare the offer.

16. *Set date and authorize advertising for Spring 2025 Timber Sale.

Dean indicated the meeting date for the spring timber sale will be May 12, 2025. Motion to approve date and advertising by Wickham, second by Bailecki. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

17. Approve Administrators Timesheets

Motion to approve by Zelinski, second by Wickham. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

18. WDNR Report

Bill Groth stated they are getting ready for spring fire season.

19. Review Administrator's Report

Dean stated that the snowmobile trails closed on February 24 and snow conditions were too poor for the cross country ski trails to be groomed. Discussion followed. Snowmobile clubs were contacted about reopening trails with the last snow but they felt it would be too much work to do that. Report placed on file.

20. Close Timber Sales

Smith Logging	T023-17	Close and return Letter of Credit.
Wilson Forestry	T026-22	Close and Return Letter of Credit.
Czarnezki	T013-23	Close and Return Letter of Credit.

Dean recommended closing and refunding bond. Motion by Ashbeck, second by Wickham to close sales per Dean's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

21. Next Meeting Date

The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee

Monday, April 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 156

Monday, May 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 255

22. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting by Bialecki, second by Ashbeck at 10:05 a.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Amy Krueger and Dean Bowe