

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, July 14, 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: Greg Hartwig, Norbert Ashbeck, Ken Wickham (virtual), Andy Zelinski, William Bialecki

Absent:

Members Excused:

Visitors: Dean Bowe, Amy Krueger, Bill Groth, Amanda & Kevin Asher, Penny Schry, Brent Loka
Greg Schry, Lee Rahlf, Robbin Gigl (virtual), Gary Marion (virtual)

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, July 14, 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 of June 9, 2025. Motion by Zelinski, second by Ashbeck to approve minutes of June 9, 2025 meeting as printed in the packet. Approve minutes of June 12, 2025 Special Meeting as printed in the packet by Bialecki second by Zelinski. 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. Brent Loka appeared and questioned what is taking so long with the land trade. It was explained that Pine Crest has been taking up most of Corp Counsel's time.
5. Open and award Tax Delinquent Land Sale Bids. Dean said three bids were received on tax delinquent property number 6. Those bids were opened. Property was awarded to the highest bidder. Motion by Zelinski to award bid, second by Bialecki. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Discuss and set new minimum bids on unsold tax deed properties. Committee recommends lowering minimum bids. Motion by Ashbeck to lower minimums on unsold properties by 20%, second by Bialecki. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
7. Approve Rock Grapple Bid. Dean informed committee that four bids were received. Discussion followed. Recommendation was made. Motion to approve purchasing grapple from McCoy by Bialecki, second by Zelinski. All Aye. Motion Carried.
8. Approve Harrison Hills ATV Club to erect signs with business names and distances along ATV trail. Dean stated that the Club has trail signs with business names and distances on them for the ATV trail that may be considered promotional and that permission to use these types of signs had been given in the past. Motion by Zelinski to approve, second by Ashbeck. All Ayes. Motion carried.
9. Approve Harrison Hills ATV Club Request for an Organized Event Permit October 4, 2025. Motion to approve by Zelinski, second by Ashbeck. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
10. Update on Forestry Department ARPA Projects. Dean informed the committee on recent ARPA projects that have been completed and some associated costs. Pit toilets at New Wood, electric at New Wood campground and pavilions, firewood shelter at New Wood and Otter Lake, kayak launch and pier at New Wood. Current projects include new bubbler and shower at Tug Lake, additional parking at New Wood site prep is being done for pavilion at Hay Meadow/Prairie Dells. Bridge at New Wood July 21 and bridge by Prairie Dells late August or Early September.

11. WDNR Report. Bill Groth stated they are continuing to work on sales.
12. Review Administrator's written report. Dean discussed a few items on his report. Dean said Certification Audit for is on August 9. Discussion followed. Report placed on file.
13. Close Timber Sales.
Schreiner Forestry T022-20 Close and return Letter of Credit.
Wiitala & Vozka T013-24 Close and return Letter of Credit.
Dean recommended closing and refunding bonds. Motion by Ashbeck, second by Zelinski close sales per Dean's recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.
14. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee
Monday, August 11, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 156
Monday, September 8, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 156 & Fall Tour.
15. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn meeting by Bialecki, second by Zelinski at 8:40 a.m. All Ayes.
Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Amy Krueger and Dean Bowe