

Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee
Minutes of Monday, August 11, 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,, Ken Wickham, Andy Zelinski (Virtual), William Bialecki

Absent:

Members Excused: Norbert Ashbeck

Visitors: Dean Bowe, Amy Krueger, Bill Groth, Carissa Knab, Lee Rahlf

1. Call meeting to order. The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, August 11, 2025, in Conference Room 156, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Hartwig at 8:00 a.m.
2. Approve minutes of July 14, 2025. Motion by Bialecki, second by Wickham to approve minutes of July 14, 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
5. Open and award Tax Delinquent Land Sale Bids. Dean said one bid was received on tax delinquent property number P2-25. The bid was opened, read and met requirements. Motion by Wickham 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 Wickham to lower minimums on unsold properties by 10%, second by Bialecki. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
7. Authorize requesting a quote to purchase tree seedlings from PRT. Dean requested approval to get a quote for trees to plant. He stated that PRT is the only supplier that has bid but did check with a local nursery who is unable to supply trees in the quantity needed. Motion to approve by Wickham, second by Bialecki. All Aye. Motion Carried.
8. Approve organized event request from IRONBULL for the Red Granite Grinder Bike Race – October 10 & 11, 2025. Motion by Wickham to approve, second by Bialecki. All Ayes. Motion carried.
9. Approve attendance, mileage, and per diem for committee members to attend the WCFA Annual Fall Meeting in Eagle River – September 25 & 26, 2025. Motion to approve by Bialecki, second by Wickham. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
10. Update on the Harrison Flowage Dam, take any action if necessary. Dean had conversation DNR engineers regarding flood studies done on the dam. There are questions regarding the inputs used to determine the flood shadow. An engineered study is required for the 1,000 year flood capability of the dam due to a home being present in the 100 year flood shadow. Including plans for modifications on the dam to be supplied by the engineer would make the project eligible for grant money. Discussion followed. Dean will contact landowner and get cost estimates.
11. Approve North Central WI Regional Planning Commission to assist in updating Lincoln County's Five-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2027-2031. Dean said they have done much of the leg work for the last several Plans. They distribute the surveys and compile the data in a nice format for the Forestry Department to implement. Motion by Wickham, second by Bialecki to approve. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

12. WDNR Report. Bill Groth stated that the Forestry Certification Audit went well last week. Carissa spoke about the changes to Deer Management Units for 2025.
13. Review Administrator's written report. Dean discussed a few items on his report. Dean mentioned last week's audit went well. Krueger Plumbing installed the shower and water bubbler at Tug Lake. New Wood Bridge is installed. Discussion followed. Report placed on file.
14. Close Timber Sales. None
15. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee
Monday, September 8, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 156 & Fall Tour.
Monday, October 13, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 156
16. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn meeting by Bialecki, second by Wickham at 9:00 a.m. All Ayes.
Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Amy Krueger and Dean Bowe