

August 10, 2017

BOARD MATTER I-3

ACTION: Consider the results of the Van Wormer Creek Forest Product Auction Sections 33 and 34, Township 30N., Range 76W., of the 6th PM Converse County.

AUTHORITY: W.S. 36-1-112; 36-3-109; Rules of the Board of Land Commissioners Chapter 8

ALTERNATIVES:

- Approve public auction results
- Reject public auction results

ANALYSIS:

This timber sale will utilize patch cut harvests to establish lodgepole pine regeneration. The harvest units will increase age class diversity of forest stands and improve long-term forest health.

At the June 2016 Board meeting, the Board approved the forest product auction subject to the following conditions: An estimated 375 of lodgepole pine and Douglas fir sawtimber and 52 cords of POL from approximately 50 acres to be advertised and sold at public auction to the highest responsible bidder. No bid less than the appraised value of \$18.60 per MBF for sawtimber and \$8.00 per cord for POL will be accepted. The total minimum bid for the timber sale will be no less than \$7,391.00.

The sale was originally advertised to receive sealed bids by July 1, 2016. No bids were received for the sale.

The sale was again advertised to receive sealed bids by June 16, 2017. Two bids were received for the sale.

Powers Logging - \$20.50 per MBF, for a total of \$8,103.50

Morgan Logging - \$18.63 per MBF, for a total of \$7,402.77

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Director recommends approval of the proposed forest products sale to Powers Logging subject to the following terms:

The timber sale of 375 MBF of lodgepole pine and Douglas fir sawtimber sold for \$20.50 per MBF and 52 cords of POL sold for \$8.00 per cord, for a total bid of \$8,103.50. Upon final Board approval, the sale will be properly documented by a forest products contract.

Powers Logging shall be obligated to a two year written contract covering cutting and removal operations.

A slash disposal deposit of \$750.00 shall be collected upon signing of the forest products contract.

BOARD ACTION: Board Approved