The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Monday, January 12, 2015.

**Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were:** Phil Schneider, Arian Knops, Pete Boss and Jerry Biller. Bob Nawrocki - Absent  
**Also present:** Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Pat Zimmer – DNR Liaison Forester.

**Present from the Public:** Bob Grunseth, Don Mansky, George Sishman

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Motion by Boss/Knops to approve December 8, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**  
None

**Time of Forestry Committee Meetings:**  
Discussion on time and day of the meetings. Next meeting should have a time change and should be set for February 9th at 8:00 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m.

**Sustainable Forestry Grant – Serley Camp Road:**  
Paul is trying to build a County Forest Road, Snowmobile and ATV Trail. There is left over money in the Sustainable Forestry Grant Fund and Paul would like to apply for 1.5 miles of County Forest Road $56,000.00. The current 2013-2014 grant is for $52,399.17. We will apply for ATV Funds on both ends of this County Forest Road.

Motion by Boss/Knops to apply for a 2014-2015 Sustainable Forestry Grant in the amount of $56,000.00 for 1.5 miles of County Forest Road Serley Camp and extend the 2013-2014 Sustainable Forestry Grant for $52,399.17. Motion carried.

**2014 County Forest Annual Report:**  
Discussion held on Forestry Projects, Timber Sales, payments to the Towns,

Motion by Knops/Boss to approve the 2014 County Forest Annual Report and send to the County Board. Motion carried.

**Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:**  
Contract #2413 – B & M Logging. Motion by Biller/Knops to close out contract and cancel letter of credit. Motion carried

Contract #2450 – Kreier Forest Product. Motion by Biller/Knops to close out contract and cancel letter of credit. Motion carried.
**Tribal Night Hunting Issue on Ceded Lands:**
Discussion held on Tribal Night Hunting Issue on Ceded Land. WCFA Board of Directors authorized filing a “friend of the court” (Amicus Brief) requesting a review of the 7th Court of Appeals by the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Closed Session – Announced by Chair:**
**Possible Land Acquisition – Purchase or Trade**
Chair announces closed session for negotiating sale of city/county owned property: Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, WI Stats 19.85(1) (e).

Motion by Biller/Knops to enter into closed session. Roll Call: Voting Yes – Boss, Biller, Knops and Schneider. Motion carried.

Also Present: Pat Zimmer – Liaison Forester

Entered into Closed Session at 9:19 a.m.

Motion by Boss /Knops at 9:32 a.m. to return to Open Session. Motion carried.

Motion by Boss/Biller to return Stewardship Grants. Motion carried.

**Review and Approve Bills:**
Motion by Knops/Boss to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**
Motion by Biller/Knops to adjourn at 9:34 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be February 9, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.