The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Monday, January 14, 2013.

Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were: Phil Schneider, Tony Hauser, Pete Boss and Jerry Biller. Bob Nawrocki was absent Also present: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator; Terry Tappon – DNR, Rosemary Schmit – Finance Director Present from the Public: Bob Grunseth, George Sihsman, Don Mansky

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Hauser/Biller made the motion to approve the Rusk County Land and Forestry December 12, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Adjustment of Agenda:
Boss/Hauser made the motion to adjust the agenda as necessary. Motion carried.

Public Comment:
Grunseth received a letter from Jim Halverson F.R.S.F. and has not received a letter from Carmen Hardin, DNR Forest Hydrologist to set up a meeting addressing the best possible ATV alternate route. Sihsman asked about putting proposed trail on the new maps. Teska feels that it should not be put on the map due to the fact that it could take 2 years for the trail to be finished. Sihsman asked about the Trout Route and its progress and if it has to connect with Serley Camp Road or could it go North or South. Teska informed Sihsman that going North or South would be more costly, conflict with Timber Production and a wetland issue. Teska would also like to have a meeting with the public to discuss routes on the proposed trail system North of Alternative Hawkins.

Forestry Committee Approval of Forestry Department Bills
Discussion was held with Rosemary Schmit, Finance Director to explain why a signature is needed for approval of bills. Teska would like Pete’s report sent to the Forestry Department with the AP report monthly.

Hauser/Biller made the motion to adjust the agenda to Review Bills instead of Approve Bills. Motion carried.

Forestry Committee Minutes and Agenda Protocol
Discussion was held on Minutes and Agenda Protocol.
Boss/Hauser made the motion to approve proposed Protocol as handed out with changes. Motion carried.
AGENDA PROTOCOL – (e-mailed 1 week prior to committee meeting):

1. COMMITTEE PERSONNEL E-MAIL:
   - Agenda only
     I. All Department Heads
     II. All County Board Members

2. COMMITTEE E-MAIL:
   - Agenda
   - Un-Approved Minutes from prior month’s meeting
   - Ap Committee Report and Pete’s Report
   - Any other information Forestry Administrator approves

3. MEDIA, GENERAL PUBLIC AND ANY OTHER AGENCY PERSONEL E-MAIL:
   - Agenda

MINUTES PROTOCOL

1. NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES PROTOCOL:
   - Forestry Administrator Approval
   - Committee Chair Approval
   - Send to all County Board Members (e-mail) 1 week prior to Committee Meeting
   - Sent to Members of the Public by Request only

2. COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES:
   - Committee approves at the following months Committee Meeting
   - Post Committee approved minutes on Rusk County Website
WCFA Board of Directors (Phil Schneider) Travel Expense Approval

Discussion was held on upcoming WCFA meetings and Travel Expenses. Boss/Hauser made the motion to approve Phil Schneider being part of the Board of Directors and any expenses he may have when attending WCFA Meetings. Motion carried.

Access Permit - Section 21, T36N-R9W - Chris Hershey

Discussion was held on Access Permit. Hauser/Boss made the motion to grant Access Permit Section 21, T36N-R9W to Chris Hershey. Motion carried.

Town of Murry Road Clearing Request

Teska and County Board Chair, Randy Tatur received a registered letter from the Town of Murry concerning clearing 33 feet from the center line on each side of the road from Sawyer Road to Town of Atlanta and would like a response within 30 days. Teska will meet with The Town of Murry Board and try to come to an agreement.

2012 County Forest Report

Report was Reviewed and Discussed. Hauser/Biller made the motion to approve and send the 2012 County Forest Report to the County Board. Motion carried.

Snowmobile Trail #12 Weyerhaeuser Bridges

Discussion was held on Snowmobile Trail #12 being closed by the land owner and the 2 - 30 foot bridges that exist on the trail. Paul would like to have the Rusk County Highway Department remove both bridges, change the Re-Route Project scope to have one bridge relocated to the Barron County Re-Route Project and the other bridge put in storage. Boss/Hauser made the motion to have the Rusk County Highway Department remove both bridges and installing one on the Barron County Re-Route Project and the other will relocate to storage. Motion carried.

Review Bills

Hauser/Boss made the motion to reviewed and discussed Bills. Motion Carried.

Adjourn:

Hauser/Boss made the motion to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Motion carried.