The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Tuesday January 21, 2014.

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

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

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
Motion by Hauser /Biller to approve the Rusk County Land and Forestry December 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Adjustment of Agenda:**
Motion by Hauser /Nawrocki to adjust the Agenda as necessary. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**
Bob Grunseth inquired about the money spent and saved on the Barron County Re-route. Paul informed Bob because of moving a bridge and installing culverts the County was able to save money.

Don Mansky asked if the County had received any Grant Money for the Serley Camp Road Project. Paul explained that there was no grant money given out by the DNR except for maintenance money and the Forestry Department will re-apply in April.

George informed Paul the signs on the ATV trail for the Ordinance change have been put up.

**Ice Age Trail 2014 Mobile Skills Project:**
Paul has been approached by the Mobile Skills Crew that does rehab on the Ice Age Trail would like approval to use the Murphy Day Area during their stay in June.

Motion by Nawrocki/Boss to approve the Mobile Skills Crew to use the Murphy Day Area during their project. Motion carried.

**Timber Sales Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:**
Paul would like Committee approval to return letter of credits and replace with a cash bond due to some road work that has to be done in the spring on the following contracts.

- Contract #2337, Rob Kendall, Ted Strzok – release letter of credit in the amount of $7,162.50 and replace with a Cash Bond in the amount of $2,500.00.
- Contract #2393, Joe Dick/Ted Strzok – release letter of credit in the amount of $16,436.25 and replace with a Cash Bond in the amount of $1,000.00.
- Contract #2397, Ted Strzok – release letter of credit in the amount of $31,937.50 and replace with a Cash Bond in the amount of $1,000.00.
Motion by Biller/Hauser to accept the Cash Bonds and release letter of credits. Motion carried.

Paul informed the Committee that Timber Sales activity is down.

Discussion on the clearing the rest of Fire lane Road south from Star lake to Atlanta Town Line in the Town of Murry.

**2013 Rusk County Forest Annual Report:**
Discussion on the 2013 Rusk County Forest Annual Report.

Motion by Hauser/Biller to approve the 2013 County Forest Report and send to the County Board. Motion carried.

**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 Hauser/Boss to go into closed session. Roll Call: Voting Yes – Nawrocki, Hauser, Biller, Boss and Schneider. Motion carried.

Also present in closed session was Pat Zimmer - Liaison Forester:

Entered into Closed Session at 9:11 a.m.
Motion by Hauser/Nawrocki at 10:10 a.m. to come out of Closed Session. Motion carried.

**Review Bills:**
Motion by Hauser/Nawrocki to review the bills. Motion carried

Phil gave a report on the WCFA meeting he attended.

The Next Forestry Committee Meeting will be held on February 10, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

**Adjourn:**
Motion by Nawrocki/Biller to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Motion carried.