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

**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 – DNR, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Administrator:

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

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
Motion by Boss/Biller to approve the Rusk County Land and Forestry September 9, 2013 meeting minutes and Summer Tour September 25, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

**Public Comment:**
Bob Grunseth rode the ATV trail North of Weyerhaeuser and seen at least 30 machines, parking lot at Bucks Lake was full and it was a great weekend to be out.
Rick Cote Rusk Riders ATV Club had a group ride reported trees across one of the trails and a little wash out. Bob Burdorf owns Burdy’s in Weyerhaeuser reported an increase in business from last year due to the great trails. George Sishmann asked about new signs that have the ending date signs. Paul told him they have to wait until the County Board passes an Amendment to the Ordinance to change the date to December 31, and County Board meets the 29th of October.

Don Mansky commented on letter to the editor in the Ladysmith News and wanted to know Paul’s position. Paul stated that he has never said that there should be no ATV’s in the County Forest. Paul’s off Road Vehicle use position is:
- Rusk County should adopt some form of a gate and berm policy similar to Sawyer County and other County Forest in Northern Wisconsin.
- Close roads and trails that are being damaged by off road use.
- Leave open roads and trails that are not being damaged.
- Open some roads and trails for hunting season if conditions permit.

Bob Grunseth asked why ATV money is being used to fix Logging roads. Paul can assure the ATV clubs that ATV money is not being used to fix logging roads. Paul also stated that loggers have to fix the roads which are in the Timber Sale.

**50 cent/Acre State Forestry Loan Resolution:**
Motion by Hauser/Biller to approve the .50/Acre State Forestry Loan Resolution and recommend it to the County Board. Boss questioned the long term liability to the County. Paul informed the Committee that the payment is paid back the year the loan was created. Motion carried
2014 Rusk County Forest Work Plan:
Motion by Boss/Nawrocki to approve the 2014 County Forest Work Plan and recommend it to the County Board. Motion carried.

Parks and Forest Ordinance Amendment Resolution:
Motion by Boss/Hauser to approve the Parks and Forest Ordinance Amendment Resolution and recommend to the County Board. Motion carried.

2013/2014 Forestry Department Budgets:
Paul informed the Committee that Finance approved the Forestry Budgets.

Timber Sale Bid Opening (9:00 a.m.)
Motion by Nawrocki/Hauser close all Timber Sale Bids at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Paul read off all Bids.

Discussion on minimum bid on Timber Sale Tract #17-13 (Hershey Forest Management and #18-13 (Marquardt Trucking).

Break - 9:41 a.m.
Resume: - 9:50 a.m.

Pat Zimmer stated the Timber Sale Handbook states as long as they do not bid zero and the bid exceeds the total minimum advertise value on the total bid than the bid can be accepted.

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Motion by Hauser/Biller to approve all apparent high bidders for all the Timber Sales received. Motion carried.
Timber Sales Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:
Paul informed the Committee that Joel Taylor of New Page is cutting Contract #2338 – Jim Poyda sale and is due for a 25% increase on October 31, 2013. Joel informed the Committee that he feels that it’s unfair to charge an increase on the overage cut on this sale if the sale overages are 10% over. Paul told Joel as long as the Timber was cut and skid that there will not be an increase on Contract #2338. The Committee agrees that the main purpose of the contract policy is to get the timber cut on a job in a timely manner. New Page will submit it in writing what he would like the committee to consider.

OCTOBER 2013
TIMBER SALE CONTRACT RENEWALS AND CLOSEOUTS
(STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS)

October 31, 2013 contract ending dates.

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(SOLD IN 4-09)

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Renew timber sale contracts for 6 months with a 25% increase in stumpage prices.

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Contracts that are 3.0 Years Old
(SOLD IN 10-10)

2365  Rudy Hoyt
2367  Ted Strzok

3.5 Years Old 4-30-14

0 – 2.0  Initial Contract
2.0 – 2.5  0%
2.5 – 3.0  5%
*3.0 – 3.5  10%

Renew timber sale contracts for 6 months with a 10% increase in stumpage price.

Contracts that are 2.5 Years Old
(SOLD IN 4-11)

2379  Joe Dick Logging
2380  Rudy Hoyt
2382  Rudy Hoy

3.0 Years Old 4-30-14

0 – 2.0  Initial Contract
2.0 – 2.5  0%
*2.5 – 3.0  5%

Renew timber sale contracts for 6 months with a 5% increase in stumpage price.

Contracts that are 2.0 years old
(SOLD 10-11)

2386 Ted Strzok
2387 Ted Strzok
2388 S&S Forestry Plus
2390 S&S Forestry Plus
2392 Futurewood
2393 J D Logging
2394 Biewer Sawmill

2.5 Years Old 4-30-14

0 – 2.0  Initial Contract
*2.0 – 2.5  0%

Renew timber sale contracts for 6 months with a 0% increase in stumpage price.
**Contracts that are 1.5 years old**  
(SOLD 4-12)

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2397 Ted Strzok  
2398 Peter Kron  
2400 Northwest Hardwoods/John Hruby  
2401 Tim Vacho  
2403 B & M Logging  
2404 Northwest Hardwoods  

**No Action Required at this time**

Contracts that are 1.0 years old  
(SOLD 10-13)

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2409 Country Forest Product  
2410 Travis Krizan  
2411 Kreier Forest Product  
2412 Country Forest Product  
2413 B & M Logging  
2414 Vacho Forest Product  
2415 Kreier Forest Product  
2416 Earl Flora  
2417 Vacho Trucking  
2418 Earl Flora  
2419 Earl Flora  
2420 Earl Flora  
2422 Ron Smugala  

**No Action Required at this time**

Contracts that are 0.5 years old  
(SOLD 04-13)

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2423 Tim Kafka  
2424 Tim Kafka  
2425 Tim Kafka  
2426 Tim Kafka
No Action Required at this time

October Renewals: Discussed contract renewals and current policy. Motion by Boss/Biller to accept all renewals as recommended. Motion carried

Timber Sale Closeouts:
- Contract #2406: Hershey Forest Management - Motion by Hauser/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit when balance of $2,489.20 is paid. Motion carried.
- Contract #2410: Travis Krizan – Motion by Boss/Biller to close out, cancel letter of credit and refund overpayment of $1,212.98. Motion carried

Oak Wilt in Rusk County Forest:
Oak Wilt has been confirmed by the DNR in the Big Bend Block – on the County Forest Land. Oak Wilt which is transferred from the root system or by beetles. Paul informed the Committee the County will have to modify how the County sells the Oak Timber and restricts cutting any Oak from April 1st to July 15th. Paul will go with the DNR recommendation.

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

Phil Schneider gave a report on the County Forest Association meeting he attended with Paul and Jerrad.

Adjourn:
Motion by Hauser/Biller to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.