The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Monday November 11, 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:

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

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
Motion by Boss/Nawrocki to approve the Rusk County Land and Forestry October 14, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

**Public Comment:**
Bob Grunseth met with the ATV club from Weyerhaeuser and checked on culvert and noticed that all trails were graded.

**Timber Sale Bid Policy:**
Paul would like the Committee to consider changing the Timber Sale Bid Policy language:

- From- a bidder may not bid zero and the bid must exceed the total minimum advertise value on the total sale.
- To – all Timber Sale bids must meet minimum price by species set by the County

Motion by Boss/Nawrocki to change the Timber Sale Bid Policy so all Timber Sale bids must meet minimum price by species set by the County. Motion carried.

**Timber Sales Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:**
- **Contract #2339:** Hartwig Logging - Motion by Hauser/Biller to close out and return overpayment of $213.17 and return cash bond in the amount of $15,454.63. Motion carried.
- **Contract #2405:** Poyda Logging/Travis Krizan - Motion by Hauser/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit. Motion carried.
- **Contract #2406:** Hershey Forest Management – Motion by Hauser/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit. Motion carried.
- **Contract #2410:** Travis Krizan – Motion by Hauser/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit. Motion carried.
- **Contract #2338:** Poyda/New Page – Motion by Hauser/Biller to return over payment, close out and cancel letter of credit. Motion carried.
**2013/2014 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Agreements:**

2013/2014 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Agreement was given to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Biller/Hauser to approve 2013/2014 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Agreement with the following Snowmobile Club. Motion carried.

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331.92 MILES @ $250.00 PER MILE = $82,980.00

**Heart of the North Legislative Days Committee:**

Paul informed the Committee that he has been asked to serve on the Heart of the North Legislative Committee that covers Barron, Rusk, Sawyer, and Washburn Counties to address Forestry issues.

Motion by Boss/Nawrocki to approve Paul Teska to be on the Board of the Heart of the North Legislative Days Committee and attend meetings. Motion carried.

**Review Bills:**

Motion by Hauser/Boss to review the bills. Motion carried.

**Timber Sale Bid Opening (9:00 a.m.)**

Motion by Hauser/Nawrocki to close all bids. Motion carried.

| Tract #19-13 | Bid Winner - Lionel Klein | Total Bid - $17,500.00 |

Motion by Hauser/Biller to approve high bidder for Timber Sale Tract 19-13. Motion carried.

**Oak Wilt in Rusk County Forest:**

Further guidance from the DNR Health Specialist was consulted by Paul Teska and Pat Zimmer on the Oak Wilt found in the Big Bend Block in the Rusk County Forest. Paul informed the Committee that there should be an Oak Wilt Policy put into effect and the 15 year policy will have to be amended. The Policy will affect individual Timber Sales with significant Oak Trees which may have a 6 mile radius cutting restriction from April 15th thru July 15th.

**Vehicle Use Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 34 Resolution:**

Rich Summerfield, Corporation Counsel stated that #2 is confusing and needs to be re-written. Discussion was held on the proper language for Chapter 34, Sec. 34-194 Applicability – Seasonal Restriction and re-submitted to the County Board.
**Overrun Policy - Joel Taylor, New Page Forester:**
Joel sent an e-mail to Paul on the Overrun Policy and would like a 10% rule on Rusk County Timber Sales. Joel suggested that the burden of proof be on the Contractor/Logger and should show the overrun on a Timber Sale to the Forestry Department. Joel currently has been cutting on Contract 2338 and there is an estimated 40% overrun and he would like the Committee to consider the overrun policy on this Timber Sale. He stated weather, equipment and the market determines if the sale is cut and if there is a significant overrun that also puts the Logger behind. Paul would like to consider an overrun policy to start at 25% on New Timber Sales only. The Committee is concerned with all Sales being cut in a timely fashion and would like to see how many contracts has overrun in the last 2 years and would like to address the overrun issue at the next Committee Meeting.

**Adjourn:**
Motion by Hauser/Biller to adjourn at 10:05a.m. Motion carried.