The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Monday, November 12, 2012.

Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were: Phil Schneider, Tony Hauser, Pete Boss, Bob Nawrocki and Jerry Biller. Also present: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator: Randy Tatur – County Board Chairman, Terry Tappon –DNR. Present from the Public: Don Mansky. Bob Grunseth

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Motion by Boss /Hauser to approve the Rusk County Land and Forestry October 8, 2012 meeting minutes.

Motion by Boss /Biller to amend Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.
Amendment to be made: Motion by Hauser/Biller Boss/Schneider to move the engineer amendment behind ride in the Skinner Creek County Forest Road Improvement Project.

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

Public Comment:
Bob Grunseth informed the Committee that Dave Fiser of the Town of Big Falls passed away. Discussed setting up a meeting with Carmen Hardin – DNR Forest Hydrologist concerning the ATV Trail north of Hawkins. Bob Grunseth and Don Mansky are not getting e-mails that are sent out.

Snowmobile Trail Easement, Trail Grooming and Maintenance Contracts:
Forestry Department needs to enter into agreement with 5 snowmobile clubs which include:

BRUCE CLUB 98.2 $ 24,550.00
HAWKINS 55.0 $ 13,750.00
LADYSMITH 85.00 $ 21,250.00
SHELDON 27.2 $ 6,800.00
WEYERHAUEUSER 63.8 $ 15,950.00
TOTAL 329.2 MILES @ $250.00 per mile $ 82,300.00

Teska informed the Committee that all contracts will stay the same depending on the meeting with the Town of Doyle in Barron County and if we would have to re-route.

Hauser/Biller made the motion to enter into Snowmobile Trail Easement, Trail Grooming and Maintenance Contracts. Motion carried

Timber Sale Contracts Closeouts:
Hauser/Boss made the motion to return cash bond, cancel letter of credit and close out the following contracts when contract is paid in full. Motion carried

• Contract #2275: Earl Flora, close out and cancel the letter of credit.
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- Contract #2361: John Krell, close out and cancel letter of credit after the balance of $652.16 is paid.
- Contract #2326: Tim Vacho, close out and cancel letter of credit after the balance of $1,655.97 is paid.
- Contract #2391: Ted Strzok, close out and cancel the letter of credit.
- Contract #2396: Northwest Hardwoods, close out and return cash bond in the amount of $23,361.25.
- Contract #2399: Northwest Hardwoods, close out and return cash bond in the amount of $22,831.25.
- Contract #2408: Peter Kron, close out and return cash bond in the amount of $8,875.00.
- Contract #2351: Bill Kreier, close out and cancel letter of credit after the balance of $3,616.01 is paid.
- Contract #2286: Kafka Forestry, close out and cancel letter of credit.
- Contract #2395: Northwest Hardwoods/Team Forestry, close out and return cash bond in the amount of $16,293.75 after the balance of $18,448.64 is paid.

**Skinner Creek County Forest Road Project:**
Paul Teska informed the board that the Highway Department will start the Skinner Creek County Road project after hunting season weather permitting. They are compacting and grading the new ATV Trail North of Weyerhaeuser to get rid of the rock ruts.

**Josie Creek Boat Landing:**
Paul Teska informed the Committee that the blacktopping is done at the Boat Landing Parking Lot and a good job was done by the Highway Department.

Phil Schneider discussed the CFA meeting in Chippewa Falls and is now on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin County Forestry Board. Phil will need approval to attend the Board of Directors meeting for Wisconsin County Forestry Association Board put on next month’s agenda.

**Approve Bills:**
Motion by Boss /Nawrocki to approve bills. Motion carried.

**Closed Session – announced by Chair:**
*Possible Land Acquisition – Purchase or Trade*
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 Boss/Hauser to go into closed session. Roll Call: Voting Yes – Biller, Schneider, Hauser, Nawrocki, and Boss. Motion carried. Also present in the closed session were: Terry Tappon and Randy Tatur.

Entered Closed Session at 9:20 a.m.
Open Session:
Motion by Hauser/Biller at 9:56 a.m. to come out of closed session. Motion carried.

Hauser/Boss to hire Bill Steigerwaldt as the appraiser for the Possible Land Acquisition. Motion carried.

Recess at 9:58 until 11:00 a.m. for the Timber Sale Bid opening.

Re-Convene the meeting at 11:01

Timber Sale Bid Opening:
No bids were submitted.
Hauser/Biller made the motion to re-appraise Timber Sale Tract 25-12 and re-advertise. Motion Carried.

Adjourn:
Motion by Hauser/Biller to adjourn at 11:02 a.m. Motion carried