The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Monday, December 10, 2012.

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

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

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

Public Comment:
Bob Grunseth commented on what a great job Bob Soltis has done on the road to his Timber Sale with the County. Bob also reported a well casing sticking up about 3 feet on the same logging road. Discussion held.

Access Permit
Northwest Properties of Rice Lake would like a temporary access permit in the Town of Murry Section 2 to do some private logging off of Weigor Road. Discussion held.

Hauser/Biller made the motion to grant the Temporary Access Permit to Section 2 T36N – R8N in the Town of Murry to Northwest Properties of Rice Lake. Motion carried.

Snowmobile Trail Project #S4208 Barron County RE-Route
Paul Teska informed the Committee that Snowmobile grant #S4208 was approved in the amount of $161,000.00 for a re-route from County Road F to the Sawyer County line. Teska recommended the Rusk County Highway Department do the job of bulldozing, installing culverts and a bridge. Hauser questioned why we are not putting the job out on bids. Discussion was held on prior jobs that the Highway Department has done. Teska informed the Committee that this job has to be done this winter due to the soil and the Town of Doyle only approving the County use of the existing route for this year. Hauser would like a breakdown of the cost of the project.

Schneider/Nawrocki made the motion to hire the Rusk County Highway Department to do Project #S-4208 Barron County Re-Route.

Hauser/Biller would like to amend the motion to give breakdown of the cost estimate of the Culverts and Bridge Instillation from the Rusk County Highway Department. Motion carried.

Hauser/Nawrocki motion approval of original motion as amended. Motion carried.
Skinner Creek County Forest Road Project:
Phil Montwill the Rusk County Highway Commissioner arrived at 9:03 to discuss Skinner Creek Road Project that is currently being worked on by the Highway Department. Discussion was held on how the Highway Department is cutting the hills, brush cutting, ditch work and the breaker run that is being put on the Project.

USDA – Forest Service Resolution
Discussed was held on the effect of our timber sales in the future.

Hauser/Biller made the motion to forward USDA – Forest Service Resolution to the County Board. Motion carried.

Timber Sale Contracts Closeouts:
- Contract 2421: Hauser/Nawrocki made the motion to transfer cash bond of $1,100.00 for final stumpage payment, and close out contract. Motion carried

ATV Trails
Paul Teska informed the Committee that $15,000.00 ($600.00 per mile) grant money was received to maintain the trails in Rusk County. Teska informed the Committee that some of the money will be used for sign maintenance and brush cutting done by the ATV Club. The rest of the money ($9,000.00) will be used to have the Rusk County Highway Department do maintenance which includes putting breaker run on the DeJung ATV trail to the Sawyer County Line.

Kozac Lane to the Bucks Lake Road was graded and compacted earlier this fall by the Highway Department and worked well.

Approve Bills:
Motion by Hauser /Nawrocki not to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Break: 10:40 a.m.
Re-Adjourn: 11:00 a.m.

Timber Sale Bid Opening:
Discussion was held on the time of the Bid Opening. The Committee has decided to start the meeting at 8:30 a.m. and change the time of future bid opening to 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Hauser/ Nawrocki to close the Timber Sale Bid for Tract 26-12 at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried. Bid was opened are reviewed.

Motion by Hauser /Nawrocki to accept Ron Smugala Jr. bid for the Timber Sale Bid on Tract #26-12 received. Motion carried.

Adjourn:
Motion by Nawroki /Hauser to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried.