The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday December 14, 2015.

**Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were:**  Arian Knops, Bob Nawrocki, and Pete Boss. Phil Schneider and Jerry Biller absent.

**Also present:** Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Pat Zimmer- DNR Liaison Forester.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**
Motion by Boss/Knops to approve November 9, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**
Bob Grunseth informed the Committee that he received an e-mail from the State approving the Skinner Creek Road as an ATV Route. He has also requested Hervas Road be opened to ATV but has not received confirmation of approval from the State.

**2016 Rusk County Forestry Work Plan:**
2016 Rusk County Forest Work Plan was submitted to the Committee for approval. Discussion was held.

Motion by Knops/Boss approve the 2016 Rusk County Forest Work Plan and send it to County Board. Motion carried.

**Forestry Department Vehicles:**
The Forestry Department has 2 vehicles, 2005 Ford Explorer with 118,000 miles and a 2000 Chevy Silverado with 134,431 miles to sell. Options to advertise in the local paper or advertise on Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction. Motion by Knops/Boss to advertise the 2005 Ford Explorer for $1,800.00 and the 2000 Chevy Silverado for $3,000.00 with Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction for 14 days. If no sale is made Paul can decrease the vehicles by $500.00 increments. Motion carried.

**Timber Sale Contract, Closeout and Renewals:**
Contract #2401 – Tim Vacho, Motion by Boss/Knops to close out Contract and cancel Letter of credit. Motion carried.

Contract #2487 – Kreier Forest Product, Motion by Boss/Knops to close out Contract and return cash bond as soon as final payment is made. Motion carried.

Contract #2425 – Kafka Forest Product was given a December 21st deadline by the Committee to complete work on Contract #2425. On 12/21/15 Paul will look at the job and determine if the job is complete. The Timber Sale will be discussed at the Committee meeting in January.
Town of Thornapple New County Forest Block:
A New Block Boundary in the County Forest in the Town of Thornapple has to be established and put into County Forest Law and entered into the 15 year Comprehensive use Plan. Paul presented a map to the Committee establishing the Thornapple Block Boundary. Discussion on including Government Lot 1 in Section 28.

Motion by Boss/Knops to approve the New Thornapple Block as presented on the map and include Government lot 1 Section 28 for the Thornapple Block Boundary to be entered into County Forest Law and 15 year Comprehensive use Plan. Motion carried.

Highway Department Scott Gravel Pit Timber Sale:
Paul informed the Committee that the Forestry Department established a Timber Sale at the Scott Gravel Pit (12.5 acres) for the Highway Department. The Highway Department wants to advertise, sell and administer the Timber Sale.

2015-2016 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Agreement:
The Bruce and Weyerhaeuser 2015-2016 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Agreement has not been signed because a trail reroute has not been located North of Bruce.

Review and Approve Bills:
Motion by Boss/Knops to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:
Motion by Boss/Knops to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.