The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday, February 9, 2015.

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

**Also present:** Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Pat Zimmer – DNR Liaison Forester Randy Tatur – County Board Chairman.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**
Motion by Boss/Knops to approve January 12, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**
George Sishman of the Rusk Riders ATV Club submitted Trail proposal in the Town of Murry on Rusk County Forest Land. He requested the proposal be put on March Agenda.

**2015 Rusk County Forest Roads and Trails Project:**
Paul Teska submitted an estimated 2015 Roads and Trails Timeline to the Forestry Committee.

1. **FEBRUARY 2015**
   - Confirm Sustainable Forestry Grant
     - Extension - $52,000.00
     - New - $56,000.00

2. **MARCH 2015**
   - Apply for ATV Funds (by April15)
     - Serley Camp ATV Dev.
       - 1.85 Miles to Weigor Road
       - .84 Miles – Betty Lake to Serley Camp
     - Serley Camp ATV Troute Dev. (variance app.)
       - 1.5 Serley Camp Road.

3. **MAY/JUNE 2015**
   - Deer Lake Pit
     - Serley Camp Road 1.5 Miles
       - 6,000 Yards Primary
       - 3,634 Yards Crush
         - Estimated Cost $28,532.55 – Stripping and Crushing
     - Serley Camp ATV Trail (2.69 Miles)
       - 7,365 Yards Primary
       - 3,400 Yards Crush
         - Estimated Cost $32,407.44 – Stripping and Crushing
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*** Highway Department will Front this cost and Charge Forestry (ATV Funds) when placing gravel on ATV Trail.

- ATV Rehab (See Rehab Project Details)
  - 2,400 Yards Primary
  - 5,832 Yards Crush

✓ Total Deer Lake Pit Crushing

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4. JUNE/JULY 2015

- Highway Department Builds Serley Camp Road 1.5 Miles
  - SERLEY CAMP PROJECT
    - County Forest Road
    - $108,000.00 Sustainable Forestry Grant.

5. JUNE/JULY - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DOES ATV REHAB PROJECT

- Murphy Pit

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**DEER LAKE PIT**

Primary Gravel

South DeJung Road (1.25 miles) 2,400 Yards

Crush Gravel

DeJung Road to 3 Lakes Road (2.61 miles) 3,132
3 Lakes Road to Perch Lake Road (1.48 miles) 1,776
North Bucks Lake Road to Intersection (.77 miles) 924

- **ATV GRANT = $115,000.00**
- **TOTAL** 5,832 Yards

6. JUNE 2015 – HIGHWAY DOES ATV MAINTENANCE $10,000.00 (PRIOR TO JUNE 30TH)

- Crush Gravel on ATV Trail Depending on Conditions.
  - Dry = Blue Hills Inn North to F
  - Wet = Blue Hills Inn South
7. **JUNE/JULY - HUNTER WALKING TRAIL (WEST OF W) (Highway does work)**
   - County Conservation Aids - $4,900.00

8. **OCTOBER/NOVEMBER - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUILDS HERVAS ROAD 1.2 MILES - $110,492.00**
   - Crown, Ditch and Culverts just prior to Freeze up.
   - Haul Primary and Crush when ground is frozen.

9. **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER – HIGHWAY DOES SERLEY CAMP ATV TRAIL DEVELOPMENT (IF WE GET THE GRANT)**
   - ATV New Development (Apply in April)
     - .84 miles Betty Lake Road to Firelane.
     - 1.85 Miles Serley Camp to Weigor Road.
     - Highway to do work (Possibly this Fall or Winter).
     - Highway to front the Crushing Cost for the ATV portion ($32,000.00) will charge Forestry (ATV Funds) when placed on ATV Trail.

Motion by Boss/Nawrocki to approve the Highway Department to do the following work.
- Serley Camp Road, County Forest Road 1.5 miles $108,000.00
- ATV Trail Rehab Project $115,000.00
- Hervas Road County Forest Road 1.2 miles $110,492.00
- Serley Camp ATV Trail Development (If we get the Grant) $116,000.00
- ATV 2014-2015 Maintenance $ 10,000.00
- 2015 County Conservation Aid Hunter Walking Trail $ 4,900.00

Motion carried. Jerry Biller - opposed

**Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:**
Paul gave an update on Timber sales in Rusk County.

**Lea Lake Dam:**
Morgan and Parmley did an Inspection on Lea Lake Dam. The Inspection report recommended that the auxiliary road needs repaired and the embankments needs mowed and maintained. Paul informed the Committee that the Highway Department mowed the top half of the embankment and an access road will need to be installed to mow and maintain the bottom half. He received an estimate from the Rusk County Highway Department for $8,000.00 to install a road.

**Condition of Snowmobile Trails:**
Randy Tatur reported he had received complaints about the rock on the Snowmobile Trails in the Blue Hills damaging equipment. Paul informed the Committee that the rock had been put on the trail for erosion purposes and the trails are graded every fall. The current ATV Rehab Grant for $115,000.00 will put material on the trails.

**Review and Approve Bills:**
Motion by Biller/Boss to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.
Adjourn:
Motion by Boss/Nawrocki to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Small Conference Room.