The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Monday, March 11, 2013.

**Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were:** Phil Schneider, Tony Hauser, Pete Boss and Jerry Biller, Bob Nawrocki. **Also present:** Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator: Terry Tappon – DNR: Randy Tatur - Rusk County Board Chairman, Luke Klink – Ladysmith News, : **Present from the Public:** Bob Grunseth, George Sishman, Darrell Kinnear, Don Mansky, Jerry Carow

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting and Adjustment of Agenda:**
Boss/Nawrocki made the motion to approve the Rusk County Land and Forestry February 11, 2013 meeting minutes and adjust the agenda as necessary. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Blue Hills Rustic Road Designation:**
Andy Albarado from Rusk County Economic Development and Tourism proposed turning Bucks Lake Road and Perch Lake Road in the Town of Wilson a Rustic Road. Discussion was held on the Designation Process and the affect it will have on local Parks and people living on the road. Darrell Kinnear voiced his concerns about attracting more people to the area and it becoming commercialized.

Nawrocki/Biller made the motion to endorse and petition the Town Board to approve Bucks Lake, Fire Lane and Perch Lake Road as a Rustic Road. Motion carried.

**Rusk County Forest – 3 year DNR Audit:**
Discussion was held on Audit and standards of Forest Certifications.

Boss/Biller made the motion to accept the DNR Audit. Motion carried.

**Fire Lane Town Road Timber Sale Bid Opening:**
Motion by Boss/Hauser to close the Timber Sale Bids at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

No bids were submitted on the Fire Lane Town Road Timber Sale Tract #12-13. Discussion was held on the deadline of May 1 and the difficulty of the Timber Sale being done on time due to Rusk County weight restriction going into effect in March.

Boss/Biller made the motion to change the deadline to June 1 on Tract #12-13 and re-advertise at the same price. Motion carried.

**2013 Spring Timber Sale Ad:**
Hauser/Biller made the motion to advertise 2013 Spring Timber Sale and open at the April 8, 2013 Committee Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.
2013 R.B.F. Project Applications/Resolution:
Discussion was held on the Audie Lake Boat Landing, County D Bridge Boat Landing and the North Shore Boat Landing Restroom Grant Application/Resolutions.

Boss/Nawrocki made the motion to approve all the Application/Resolutions and send to the County Board.

Discussion was held by Jerry Carow on upcoming Environmental Challenge Projects.

2013 Sno-Trail/ATV Trail Application/Resolution:
Discussion was held on the Betty Lake Road to Weigor Road ATV Trail Serley Camp Troute Snowmobile Trail Development Location. The Committee was informed of projected cost and where the funding would be budgeted from. Teska and the Committee discussed and agreed on the importance of the Serley Camp Road/Troute remaining open to all vehicles.

Hauser/Boss made the motion to send the 2013 Sno-Trail/ATV Trail Resolution to the County Board and have the Rusk County Highway Department do the work for each one of the projects and have a break down with the specs sent to the Committee. Motion carried. Biller voted No

2013 County Conservation Aids Resolution:
Hauser/Boss made the motion to send 2013 County Conservation Aid Resolution to the County Board. Motion carried.

WCFA Spring Administrator Conference:
Hauser/Biller made the motion to approve Paul attending WCFA Conference in Madison. Motion carried.

Island Lake Dam:
Discussion was held on the Dam Failure Analysis done by Morgan and Pharmley who was hired by the Committee in December of 2009. The Committee asked questions about structure failure and if the money budgeted for this Analysis.

Hauser/Nawrocki made the motion to accept the analysis and pay the bill of $11,694.20. Motion carried.

Forestry Staff out of County Travel/Day Meeting:
Hauser/Nawrocki made the motion to approve Forestry Staff out of County Travel Day Meetings at Paul’s discretion. Motion carried.
Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:

- Contract #2309 - Johnson Timber – Motion by Hauser/Biller to return an overpayment of $5,394.69, close out and cancel letter of credit.
- Contract #2322 Sappi Fine Paper – Motion by Hauser/Biller Motion to close out and return cash Bond of $23,971.50 when final payment is made.
- Contract #2375 - Ron Olynick – Motion by Hauser/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit.
- Contract #2360 - Bill Kreier Trucking – Motion by Biller/Hauser to close out and cancel letter of credit.

Review Bills:
Hauser/Boss made the motion to review Bills. Motion carried

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