The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday March 14, 2016.

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

**Also present:** Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator and Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester.

**Present from the Public:**
Bob Grunseth, George Sishman, Jeff Pooler, Leon Pooler, Tom Draghi, and Gary Johnson.

**Approval of Minutes:**
Motion by Knops/Nawrocki to approve February 8, 2016, February 15, 2016 and February 23, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**
Bob Grunseth spoke about the impact that ATVs have on the County and presented an article from the Jackson County ATV Trail survey.

**Tainter (Bucks Lake) Dam Inspection:**
Bucks Lake Dam is inspected every 10 years and the inspection is due this year. Paul contacted Morgan and Parmley who would inspect the dam for $875.00 this year.

Motion by Nawrocki/Knops to hire Morgan and Parlme to inspect the Tainter (Bucks Lake) Dam. Motion carried.

**USDA-APHIS-WS Beaver Damage Management Program:**
The USDA-APHIS-WS Beaver Damage Management Program is a year to year agreement for $5,800.00 is due.

Motion by Boss/Knops to sign agreement with USDA-APHIS-WS Beaver Damage Management Program for $5,800.00. Motion carried.

**2016 Spring Timber Sale Ad:**
The 2016 estimated Spring Timber Sale has a total minimum bid of $791,214.00 with 1,344 acres.

Motion by Nawrocki/Biller to advertise 2016 Spring Timber Sale. Motion carried.

**Rusk County Outdoor Recreation Plan/Resolution:**
The Rusk County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2016-2020 and the Rusk County Outdoor Recreation Aids Resolution was presented to the Committee.

Motion by Knops/Biller to approve the Rusk County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2016-2020 Resolutions. Motion carried.
Blue Hills Ski trail Grant Request:
The Forestry Department with the Blue Hills Trail Association would like to apply for $5,000.00 grant to improve the Storage shed at the trailhead. Estimates for the improvements are $5,999.00.

Motion by Nawrocki/Biller approve the signature of the agreement as long as there are no legal issues. Motion carried. Knops abstained.

C.F. Land Dodson Access Road/Agreement:
Discussion on who will maintain the road off of Dodson Road in the Town of Thornapple. The Poolers who have a cabin are not interested in entering into a road maintenance agreement because the road is open to the public. The County ordinance needs to be addressed and the property owners deeds should be looked at. Discussion on the condition of the road.

2016 Rusk County Outdoor Recreation Aid:
SNOWMOBILE APPLICATIONS:
- Snowmobile Maintenance – 331.92 Miles @ $250.00/mi.
- Bruce Club Trail 31 Mandatory Relocation
- Snowmobile Trail Development
  Weyerhaeuser Trail 113 (2.75 mi.)

ATV APPLICATIONS:
- ATV Maintenance 24 miles x $600.00/mi. + Insurance
- UTV Maintenance 24 miles x $100.00/mi.

TROUTE APPLICATIONS:
- Betty Lake Rd. Troute (4.7 mi.)
- Serley Camp Rd. Troute (1.5 mi.)

Motion by Knops/Biller to approve the Rusk County Outdoor Recreation Aids Resolutions. Motion carried.

Timber Sale Contract, Closeout and Renewals:
Contract #2437 – Darin Duncan, close out and cancel letter of credit.
Contract #2468 – Addison Bender, close out and cancel letter of credit.
Contract #2483 – Allen Suzan, close out and cancel letter of credit after final stumpage payment.
Contract #2485 – Allen Suzan close out and cancel letter of credit after final stumpage payment.

Motion by Biller/Nawrocki close out cancel letter of credit (#2437 - #2468) after final stumpage payment(#2483 - #2485). Motion carried.

Discussion on Oak Wilt and down wood on Kafka terminated sale and Loggers that are at the end of the 4 year contract.

Total stumpage revenue for the year is $675,000.00 so far.
Forestry Tech Position:
Paul informed the Committee that Phil Schneider, Pete Boss helped go through all the applications and 5 people were picked to interview. Interviews will be conducted on April 5, 2016 starting at 10:15 a.m. The 5 candidates are: Thomas Ernst, Drew Czyscon, Brady Backes, Nick Wilson and Rachel Hauser.

Motion by Nawrocki/Biller to approve Phil Schneider and Arian Knops to represent the Forestry Committee during the interviews for the Forestry Technician position. Motion carried.

Review and Approve Bills:
Motion by Nawrocki/Biller to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:
Motion by Nawrocki/Knops to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Motion carried.

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