The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Monday, March 31, 2014.

Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were: Phil Schneider, Bob Nawrocki, Tony Hauser, Pete Boss and Jerry Biller. Also present: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Pat Zimmer – Liaison Forester:

Present from the Public: Bob Grunseth

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Motion by Hauser/Biller to approve the Rusk County Land and Forestry March 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Adjustment of Agenda:
Motion by Hauser/Biller to adjust the Agenda as necessary. Motion carried.

Public Comment:
None

Spring Timber Sale Advertisement:
Motion by Biller/ Hauser to advertise 2014 Timber Sales and open bids at the May 5th, 2014 Committee Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Timber Sales Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:
Contract 2382 – Rudy Hoyt/Ted Strzok - Motion by Hauser/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit. Motion carried.

Contract 2365 – Rudy Hoyt/Ted Strzok – Motion by Hauser/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit. Motion carried.

Forestry Department
Paul informed the Committee that the Parks Supervisor and Forestry Technician jobs have become available in the Rusk County Forestry Department. Paul would like the Committee to consider transferring Mike Zimmer from Land and Water to the Parks Supervisor position in the Forestry Department. Rusk County hiring procedures were discussed.

Motion by Hauser/Boss recommending the transfer/hire of Mike Zimmer for the Parks Supervisor to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Biller/ Hauser to advertise for a Forestry Technician. Motion carried

Deadline for the Parks/Forestry Intern Position was on March 28th and Paul has 3 applicants he would like to Interview.
Motion by Nawrocki/Hauser to have Paul Interview Daniel Jeans, Steve Imgrund and Roshel Stewart and hire a Parks/Forestry Intern for the Forestry Department per Chapter 4 Section 9 A1 in the Rusk County Personnel Handbook. Motion carried.

**Review Bills:**
Motion by Hauser/Biller to review the bills. Motion carried.

Break 9:03
Return 9:34

**Closed Session – Announced by Chair:**

*Possible Land Acquisition – Purchase or Trade*
Chair announces closed session for negotiating sale of city/county owned property: Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, WI Stats 19.85(1) (e).

Motion by Hauser/Biller to go into closed session. Roll Call: Voting Yes – Nawrocki, Hauser, Biller, Boss and Schneider. Motion carried.

Also Present: Pat Zimmer – Liaison Forester, Rich Summerfied – Corporation Counsel (by phone).

Entered into Closed Session at 9:58 a.m.

Motion by Hauser/Biller at 10:37 a.m. to come out of Closed Session into Open Session. Motion carried.

Motion by Hauser/Nawrocki to recommend the Acquisition of Land resolution to the County Board in Closed Session. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**
Motion by Hauser/Biller to adjourn at 11:01 a.m. Motion carried.