The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry committee was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Monday, May 15, 2012. Present from the Committee were: Phil Schneider, Bob Nawrocki, Pete Boss, Jerry Biller, Tony Hauser.

Also present were: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Terry Tappon- DNR Forester: Rich Summerfield Corp. Counsel. Present from the public: don Mansky, John Hruby, Ted Strzok, Tim Kafka, Steve Boss.

Election of Forestry Chair - Nomination of Schneider - Motion by Hauser to cast unanimous ballot, 2nd Boss, carried.

Election of Forestry Vice Chair – Nomination of Nawrocki - Motion by Hauser to cast unanimous ballot, 2nd by Boss, Carried.

Hauser made the motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

Motion by Nawrocki to adjust the agenda as necessary, 2nd by Boss, carried.

Forestry Dept. Staff: Summer Intern – Brent Sisko has been recommended as the 2012 summer intern. Motion by Hauser to hire Brent for our Parks Summer Intern. 2nd by Boss, Carried.

Forestry Tech – Interviewed - Josh Waukau will start on Tuesday after Memorial Day.

Secretary-Bookkeeper Position - Carol has given notice July 13 is final day. Teska went to personnel and May 30 is closing date for applications. June 13 is interview date. 2 members of Forestry Committee Ad Hoc Committee will be Hauser and Schneider. Same position (Secretary/Bookkeeper) being replaced. Teska wants at least one to two weeks to train the new person.

Forestry Committee Meeting, Monday, June 4, 2012.

Reconsideration of awarding timber sale tract # 26-11 & 3-12.

Tim Kafka - bid on the above referenced jobs - was high bidder on them, however had a timber sale that was over 4 years old. Tim feels there are extinguishing circumstances. Detailed his other sales. Finished their job on the Cross Country ski Trail. Cut way over the estimate. Job was done in March when the road limits were on. Had accepted stumpage rate increases. Because of early break-up, had 4 days of work left, but because of early break-up. Over the estimates on # 2286 this job also. Also Aspen 325 Cords was cut and it wasn’t even on the prospectus. Had discussed this with Teska, had he known he could not bid because of a 4 year old job, he would have bid in a different name. Would appreciate the committee look at the circumstances and reconsider awarding the sales to him.

Teska – on # 2286 Aspen was in the prospectus to cut all aspen, there just was not a volume amount. Any Aspen was to be cut under Misc. Hdwd. There was a lot of aspen and it should have been in the prospectus. 19% overrun.

Teska and Kafka had discussed the jobs and finishing them. Estimates vary from job to job, can be overrun or sometimes under run.

Ted Strzok – If the County sets policies, if they are not practiced the county will lose a lot of creditability and getting timber cut in a timely manner. Prospectus are only estimates.

John Hruby – it says in the prospectus bid sheets of the policies. If a sale is over 4 years old a contractor cannot bid, it says it in the bidding instructions.

Kafka – with the 4 year bid rule he would have bid under a different name if he would have known. They would have had the job done but there was an overrun. Have the 10% rule, why is it not written into the contracts?

Motion to go into closed session by Hauser, 2nd by Biller
Pete  Yes  
Tony  Yes  
Bob  Yes  
Jerry  Yes  
Phil  Yes  

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into open session by Hauser, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Boss  
Pete  Yes  
Tony  Yes  
Bob  Yes  
Jerry  Yes  
Phil  Yes  

OPEN SESSION

Schneider stated that upon conference with Corporate Counsel there is no reconsideration on the awarding of the sales and their decision from last month will stand.

Timber Sale Contracts Closeouts and Renewals  
Closeouts  
2340 – Rudy Hoyt - motion by Boss to close out and cancel letter of credit, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Hauser, carried  
2341 - Travis Krizan - motion by Hauser to close out and cancel letter of credit, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Boss, carried.  
2352 – Ron Olynick – motion by Nawrocki to close out and cancel letter of credit after road is leveled up. 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Biller, carried.  
2353 – Dusty Nitek - motion by Nawrocki to close out and cancel letter of credit, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Boss, carried.  

Contract # 2355 – John Krell – reached the 10\% over the estimate rule. Motion by Hauser to amend contract # 2355 for 1 year with no increase, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Nawrocki, carried.  

UTV Program - We do not need to do a resolution to opt into the program, we are automatically considered as being in the program. Motion by Nawrocki to confirm Rusk County opting in to the State Guided UTV Program, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Biller, carried.  

WCFA Summer Tour in Iron County - June 13, 14, 15. Motion by Nawrocki to allow Jerrad Macholl for 13, 14, 15 and Paul Teska for June 14,15, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Hauser, carried.  

Oak Management/Silviculture on Rusk County Forest - DNR is offering a workshop to bring foresters up to date on the Oak Chapter of the WDNR Silviculture Handbook. Class offered in Woodruff, June 12. Motion by Boss to send Teska, Macholl, Noth to attend this training, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Nawrocki, carried.  

Motion by Nawrocki to pay the bills 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Boss, Roll Call Vote; Pete - Yes, Hauser – No, Nawrocki-Yes, Biller-Yes, Schneider-Yes.  

Hauser made the motion to adjourn at 10:18, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Boss, carried.