The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Monday, May 5, 2014.

Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were: Phil Schneider, Bob Nawrocki, Arian Knops - Absent, Pete Boss, and Jerry Biller - Absent.
Also present: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Pat Zimmer – Liaison Forester, Karl Fisher - Personnel:

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

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:
Boss nominated Schneider for Chair. Nomination called 3 times. Motion by Boss to close nomination and cast a unanimous vote for Schneider as Chair. Motion carried.

Boss nominated Nawrocki for Vice-Chair. Nomination called 3 times. Motion by Boss to close nomination and cast a unanimous vote for Nawrocki as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Boss/Nawrocki to approve March 31, 2014 and April 14, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:
None

Point Factor Evaluation Process
Karl Fisher from personnel explained to the Committee how the Point Factor Evaluation process is going to be implemented to the Committee member. Discussion was held on job description and how the pay would be affected the current pay rate.

Timber Sale Bid Opening – 9:00 a.m.
Motion by Schneider/Nawrocki to close the Timber Sale Bids at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Nawrocki /Schneider to accept the apparent high bidders for all May 5, 2014 Timber Sale Bids received with the exception of Tract #4-14. Kreier Forest Product will be awarded Timber sale Tract #4-14 because B & M Logging has too many jobs allowed by County Policy. Motion carried.
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Timber Bids Accepted: (*represents bid accepted) | Bid Value
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Tract #20-13 *Northwest Hardwoods | $152,525.00
Tract #21-13 *Kreier Forest Product | $31,670.00
Tract # 1-14 *Marquardt Trucking | $76,766.25
Tract # 2-14 *Northwest Hardwoods | $105,300.00
Tract # 3-14 *Darin Duncan Logging | $28,765.00
Tract # 4-14 B & M Logging has too many Timber Sales allowed by County Policy *Kreier Forest Product | $32,240.00
Tract # 5-14 *Northwest Hardwoods | $80,300.00
Tract # 6-14 *B & M Logging | $39,100.00
Tract # 7-14 *B & M Logging | $74,026.00
Tract # 8-14 *New Page | $36,026.00
Tract # 9-14 *No Bid | 
Tract #10-14 *Tony Smugala Logging | $68,350.00
Tract #11-14 *Lionel Klein | $24,628.50

TOTAL $749,696.75

Paul received a letter from New Page/Joel Taylor informing Paul that New Page would not submit a bid on one of the Timber Sales because of the Rusk County off road policy. After the road is fixed by the Logger for use on a Timber Sale it gets used by Trucks and ATV’s and can become unusable for the Timber Sale.

ATV Trail Cleanup Day:
The ATV Clubs are scheduled for cleanup day on May 17th or if it rains on May 18th.

Motion by Boss/Nawrocki to allow ATV Clubs to cleanup ATV trails during Spring Closure on May 17th or May 18th if it rains. Motion carried.

Timber Sales Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:
None

Forestry Technician Position:
Paul informed the Committee that there are some applicants with a 2 and 4 year degree.

Motion by Boss/Nawrocki to interview the 6 Candidates that were discussed on May 8th at 5:00 p.m. in the Law Enforcement Center. Phil Schneider and Bob Nawrocki were picked to be part of the interview panel. Motion carried.

Summer Campground Hosts:
Motion by Nawrocki/Boss to hire Jim Knoll – Josie Creek Campground and Don Knoll – Audie Lake Campground for the 2014 Summer Campground Host. Motion carried.

Review Bills:
Motion by Nawrocki/Boss review the bills. Motion carried.
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 Nawrocki /Boss to enter into closed session. Roll Call: Voting Yes – Nawrocki, Boss and Schneider. Motion carried.

Also Present: Pat Zimmer – Liaison Forester, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Forester.

Entered into Closed Session at 10:39 A.M.

Motion by Nawrocki/Boss at 10:46 A.M. to return to Open Session. Motion carried.

Adjourn:
Motion by Nawrocki/Boss to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Motion carried.