The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday May 9, 2016.

Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were: Arian Knops, Lyle Lieffring, 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, Don Mansky, Dan Murry, George Sishman and Dave Williams

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

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

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Biller/Schneider to approve April 11, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:
Discussion on Forestry/Parks Vehicles.

Community Park Road/Resolution:
April 11, 2016 Committee meeting the Forestry Committee approved a Resolution to fund the Community Park Road Project for $10,000.00 and sent it to the Finance Committee for approval of Powerline Funds to fund the project. The Finance Committee did not approve the Resolution.

Motion by Biller/Schneider to send the Community Park Road Improvement Project Resolution as is to County Board. Motion carried.

Timber Bid Opening:
No bids were submitted for Tract #8-16.

Motion by Biller/Schneider to lower price on Tract #8-16 and re-advertise this fall. Motion carried.

ATV Cleanup
The ATV clubs requested approval for May 21st and May 22nd for ATV trail cleanup.

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to approve ATV trail cleanup on May 21st and May 22nd.

Discussion on approval of ATV clean up when the club have time as long as they inform the Rusk County Sheriff’s Department, not during Snowmobile Season and before ATV Trail opening.
Motion by Biller/Boss to amend the original motion to include ATV cleanup can be conducted before ATV trail opening but not when trail is groomed for Snowmobiling. Motion carried.

**Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:**
Contract #2482, Allen Suzan – Motion by Biller/Lieffring to Close out and return Cash Bond. Motion carried.

**Summer Tour:**
WCFA Summer Tour will be held in Laona, Wisconsin, Forest County June 16 and 17th.

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to approve travel for Lieffring/Schneider/Boss/Macholl/Gravesen to attend the Summer Tour in Laona. Motion carried.

**Ice Age Trail Mobile Skills Crew/Murphy Dam Park:**
The Ice Age Trail Alliance 2016 work Plan will conduct a mobile skills crew trail construction and maintenance event on June 22-26. They have requested free camping in the Murphy Campground while the work is being conducted.

Motion by Schneider/Biller to approve free camping June 22-26 while work is being conducted to the Ice Age Trail. Motion carried.

**Chippewa River C.F. Land Open House:**
Paul would like to conduct an Open House on the Swanke/Haehn property acquired by the County. Discussion on press release, date, vision of the land, Boy Scouts attendance, DNR attendance and food.

**Review and Approve Bills:**
Motion by Schneider/Lieffring to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**
Motion by Lieffring/Biller to adjourn at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be June 21, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.