Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M.,
Friday June 7, 2013.

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 – DNR; Present from the Public: Bob Grunseth, George Sishman,
Lyndon Schance, John Moore – Chairman Town of Dewey, Dan Cicha

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting and Adjustment of Agenda:
Motion by Hauser/Biller to approve the Rusk County Land and Forestry May 13, 2013 meeting.
Motion carried.

Adjust the Agenda:
Motion by Boss/Biller to adjust the agenda as necessary. Motion carried.

Public Comment:
None

ATV Routes within County Campgrounds:
Dan Cicha would like to encourage the Committee to allow ATV’s to be ridden and parked at all
campsites in Rusk County and feels that it would increase tourism. John Moore informed the
Committee that the Town of Dewey has put up ATV Trail signs on the Township road that goes
through the Josie Creek Campground to the Boat Landing. Both sides of the Policy were
discussed and the Committee would like to focus on the full camping experience and not just one
issue to ensure that the public is served well and to maintain order in the Parks.

Motion by Nawrocki/Boss to open Josie Creek Campground to ride ATV’s from their campsite to an
ATV Route during daylight hours for a 1 year trial. Motion carried.

East Block ATV Trail Development Project:
Paul informed the Committee about a meeting he attended with Roy Zubrod – Parks Supervisor on
June 3rd in Hayward with Dave Kafura - Water Regulations Specialist, Carmen Hardin - Forest
Hydrologist, Jim Halverson – Forest Superintendent, Mark Schmidt – Wildlife Biologist to discuss
the East Block ATV Project and the wetlands that may be affected. Different Trail options were
presented and when to have a Public Meeting for Public input to present the Trail options.
Lyndon Chancer – President of the Hawkins ATV Club would like to give Paul and the Committee
a 3rd option which is Hackett Road to Skinner Creek Road and then to Fisherman’s Landing.
Chancer stated that 99% of the Hawkins ATV Club is not interested in a Trail. The Club prefers to
go with option 3 and run on the road versus developing a new ATV Trail. The Committee would
like to put his project on hold and possibly discuss this at a later date.
Timber Sales Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:
None

WCFA Summer Tour/Oconto County:
The WCFA Summer Tour meeting will be held Wednesday June 26 thru the 28\textsuperscript{th} in Oconto County. Paul would like approval for Jerrad Macholl – Administrative Assistant and Phil Schneider – Committee Chairman to attend the meeting.

Motion by Nawrocki/Biller to approve Jerrad Macholl and Phil Schneider to attend the WCFA Summer Tour in Oconto County June 26 thru the 28\textsuperscript{th}. Motion carried.

2013 R.B.F. Project:

- **Audie Lake** – Needs to be extended - Loading ramp is cracked.
- **County D Bridge Boat Landing** - Needs to be replaced - washed out from the current and loading boats.

Paul would like to have WRA/Environmental Challenge assist in repairing both Projects and would like Committee approval. The Committee has no problem with WRA/Environmental Challenge assisting in the repairs on any Forestry Project through Mike Zimmer in Land and Water.

Forestry Department Staff Vacancies/Interviews:
Interviews are set for June 20\textsuperscript{th} in the Law Enforcement Center for a Tech 1 and a Forester II position in the Forestry Department. Six people have been picked to Interview and 4 out of the 6 have applied for both positions, 1 Candidate has applied for the Tech 1 position and the other Candidate has applied for the Forester II position. Pete Boss and Tony Hauser will be part of the Interview Panel.

2013/2014 Forestry Department Budgets:
Preliminary Budget was sent to the Committee for discussion and impute. Approval of the 6 month budget will be next month. Hauser feels that the budget might be a bit tighter than last year. Paul will ask for $30,000.00 from power line money for projects as he has in the past years.

Rustic Road Resolution:
Motion was made Hauser/Biller to sign the Rustic Road Resolution for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Perch Lake Road in the Town of Wilkinson. Motion carried.

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

Adjourn:
Motion by Nawrocki/Hauser to adjourn at 10:15a.m. Motion carried.