The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday July 11, 2016.

**Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were:** Arian Knops, Phil Schneider, Pete Boss, Jerry Biller and Lyle Lieffring

**Also present:** Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator and Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**
Motion by Boss/Biller to approve June 21, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**
Graveling will start ATV Rehab project.

**Forestry Department Equipment:**
Discussion on 2016 Budget to buy a Mower and Truck.

Truck – Discuss later in the year to see if we have money in the Budget.

Lawn Mower – Motion by Biller/Schneider made the recommendation to purchase the Commercial John Deere 54” mower from Tractor Central in Sheldon. Motion carried.

**Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:**
Contract #2482 – Allen Suzan  Motion by Schneider/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit. Motion carried.

**Chippewa River C.F. Land Open House:**
Paul contacted UW Stevens Point Laura Anderson McIntyre College of Natural Resources about assistance with the Chippewa River C.F. Land. She could help with Grant funding and survey and is willing to bring students up to help with the plans. Paul is also looking into a consultant.

Open House – The Forestry Department has mowed and cleaned in and around the buildings. The total cost for the Open House will be around $1,000.00.

**Lea Lake County Forest Signs:**
Paul presented a Lea Lake County Forest Sign that will be put on Highway 27.
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Sustainable Forestry Grant/Aspen Shearing Project:
Derek Jochimsen presented a 15 acre Aspen Shearing Project east of Firelane Road to the Committee. He is looking for approval for a Sustainable Forestry Grant and has estimated project of $5,250.00.

Motion by Lieffring/Schneider to approve the Sustainable Forestry Grant for the Aspen Shearing project. Motion carried. Biller abstained.

2017 Forestry Budgets:
The 2017 Forestry Budgets will be worked on and finished for approval before August.

Review and Approve Bills:
Motion by Biller/Boss to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:
Motion by Lieffring/Biller to adjourn at 8:45 a.m. Motion carried.

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