The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Monday, July 14, 2014.

**Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were:** Phil Schneider, Bob Nawrocki, Arian Knops, Pete Boss, Jerry Biller - Absent.  
**Also present:** Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Pat Zimmer – Liaison Forester, Mike Zimmer – Rusk County Parks Supervisor, Randy Tatur – County Board Chairman.

**Present from the Public:**  
Bob Grunseth, George Sishman

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Motion by Boss /Knops to approve June 9, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**  
George Sishman inquired about the re-route for Serley Camp. He asked if Paul had heard anything from the Trout Grant application or if the ATV Club should start planning a different route. Paul informed them that the Council will make a decision in August and they should wait to make a decision until after the ORV Council August meeting.

Bob Grunseth informed the Committee the Kozak road culvert has been partially plugged by Beaver and water is running east of the road. Paul also looked at the problem and noticed its flowing but not at full capacity. The rest of the trail looks good.

**Bruce Snowmobile Club Warming Shelter:**  
Bruce Snowmobile Club would like approval to build a new warming shelter at the existing site.

Motion by Nawrocki/Boss to approve the Bruce Snowmobile Club to build a new warming shelter. Motion carried.

**Timber Sales Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:**  
Motion by Boss/Nawrocki to return Cash Bond in the amount of $1,000.00 to B & M Logging – Contract 2403 for road repair. Motion carried.

Paul reported the Stumpage Revenue through June is $340,737.49. Markets are excellent but access to County Forest sales has been limited due to excessive rain.

**2014-2015 County Conservation Aids:**  
Paul would like to apply for a Hunter Walking Trail for the 2014-2015 County Conservation Aid Grant. The Grant would be a 50/50 split with the State and our share would be $2,450.00. The trail is an old logging road off W to the west. Paul would like to have the Rusk County Highway Department do the cat work on the project and it would be maintained by the Forestry Department.

Motion by Nawrocki/ Knops to approve the 2014-2015 Hunter Walking Trail County Conservation Grant. Motion carried.
Josie Creek Park Shooting Range Grant Bid Opening 9:00a.m.:  
Motion by Schneider/Boss to close all bids on the Josie Creek Park Shooting Range concrete flat work. Motion carried.

Bid was read by Mike Zimmer, Parks Supervisor - Lodge 2 Lodge Builders – Jim Hodgson $11,926.00 for Concrete Flat work at Josie Creek Shooting Range. Forestry Department is going to tear down and replace the roof over the concrete slab.

Motion by Boss/Knops to award the bid to Lot 2 Lodge Builder – Jim Hodgson for $11,926.00 to do concrete flat work at Josie Creek Park Shooting Range. Motion carried.

Murphy Flowage Campground Well:  
Kramer well Drilling from Weyerhaeuser is going to drill a new well at Murphy Flowage Campground. They informed Mike Zimmer that they would be starting in the morning on 7/14/14. Kramer gave Mike an estimate of $8,000.00 for a well that is 100 feet. Paul will be taking the cost of the well from the Parks Maintenance Budget.

Josie Creek Campground and Clubhouse Rental:  
The Forestry Department was inquired about renting the entire Josie Creek Campground and Clubhouse for a wedding. The Committee was asked if there would be a policy issue with renting the entire Campground and Clubhouse for an event or if that borders on exclusive rights to the campground.

Campground revenue comparison up to July 4th was handed to the Committee to compare from prior years. Revenue through July 4, 2014 is slightly higher than any other year.

WFCA Conference:  
Phil gave a report to the Committee on the WCFA Conference Paul, Jerrad and himself had attended in Chippewa Falls, WI.

Break: 9.44 a.m.  
Resume: 10:02 a.m.

Direct Timber Sale on Firelane Salvage Sale:  
A requested to clear 1.6 miles Town of Murry road side on Fire Lane Road 66 foot strip. Butler Forest Product was contacted for a direct Sale. The Timber would sell for: $45.00 - Red Pine, $24.00 - Mixed Hardwood, $105.00 - Mixed Logs and $15.00 for White Pine for a total Sale Value of $5,700.00.

Motion by Knops/Nawrocki to sell the Timber Sale Direct to Butler Forest Product. Motion carried. Boss abstained
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 Knops/Nawrocki to go into closed session. Roll Call: Voting Yes – Boss, Nawrocki, Knops, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Also Present: Pat Zimmer – Liaison Forester, Randy Tatur – County Board Chairman.

Entered into Closed Session at 10:11 a.m.

Motion by Knops/ Boss at 11:14 a.m. to come out of Closed Session into Open Session. Motion carried.

Motion by Boss/Knops to hire Rodney Bush from Nekoosa, Wisconsin for $3,800.00 to appraise property for Grant Application

Review Bills:
Motion by Knops/Boss to review the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:
Motion by Boss/ Knops to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be August 11, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.