The Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 1:00 P.M., Saturday July 30, 2016 at the Open House located at the end of Dodson Road.

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.

Pete Boss welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the Open House.

Introductions:
- Priscilla Haehn/Wilson
- James Swanke
- Forestry Committee Members:
- Other County Board Members
- Forestry Department Staff: Mike Zimmer, Dane Gravesen and Connie Meyer
- Jane Severt, WCFA Executive Director
- Derrick Jochimson, DNR Forester
- Bob Hauser, DNR Forester
- Laura McIntyre Anderson, U.W.S.P Professor of Parks and Rec Courses
- BOY SCOUTS - Andy Johnson, Leader
- BRUCE SCHOOL - Doug Schmidt

Background and History:
- Swanke Land = 350 acres
- Haehn Land = 92 acres
- Swanke South Fork = 80 acres
  TOTAL 522 acres

Speakers:
- James Swanke - Spoke about the importance of County Forest Property and the preservation.
- Priscilla Haehn – Spoke about the sale and what her vision.
- Jane Severt – Spoke about the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant and importance of County Forest Property.
- Andy Albarado - Spoke about the Economic Development on the Chippewa River County Forestry Property.

Public Input:
Comments about the time line development of the property, none motorized vehicles, tax relief, current property owner’s privacy and Cross Country events.

Adjourn:
Motion by Lieffring/Schneider to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.