The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M., Monday July 8, 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; Pete Wisdom – DNR, Fred Freeman – DNR, Randy Tatur – Rusk County Board Chairman:

**Present from the Public:** Bob Grunseth, Lyndon Schancer, Bill Martson

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting and Adjustment of Agenda:**
Motion by Hauser/Nawrocki to approve the Rusk County Land and Forestry June 7, 2013 meeting and adjust the Agenda as necessary. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**
Bill Martson commented that the ATV trails are very rough and need to be leveled out. Paul informed the Committee that there were several wet spots and putting down breaker is one of the steps to building a good trail. Bob Grunseth submitted pictures of the rough road and also pictures of a Beaver Dam south of the Blue Hills Inn that should be taken care of. The Beaver Dam is causing water to wash out the existing Trail and the culvert needs to be cleaned out.

**Forestry Department Staff Vacancies:**
Jerrad Macholl introduced to the Committee Jim Kujala who was hired for the Forestry Technician Position and Dane Gravesen who was hired for the Forester II position.

**Timber Sales Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:**
Motion by Boss/Hauser to close out Contract #2432 – Butler Forest Product and return Cash Bond in the amount of $1,578.00. Motion carried.

Paul informed the Committee that Ted Strzok’s Letter of Credit has not been received on Contract #2436 and #2434 which was due in the Forestry Office by June 7th. Paul would like the Committee approval to confiscate the 10% check and award the Contract to the next Highest Bidder if the Letters of Credit are not received by Friday July 12th.

Motion by Nawrocki/Boss to confiscate the 10% check and award the bid to the next highest bidder if Letters of Credit are not received by Friday, July 12, 2013 on Contract #2436 and #2434. Motion carried.
County Forest Roads/Gravel Projects:
Paul gave the Committee and estimate of Gravel Project within the County Forest Roads from the Rusk County Highway Department.

- Perch Lake Road in the Town of Murry needs approximately 400 yards of crushed gravel from the Atlanta Town Line to the Wilson Town Line.
- Betty Lake Road needs approximately 1500 yards of crushed gravel.
- Weigor road in the Town of Murry needs approximately 1100 yards of crushed gravel.

Olynicks has given an estimate of $6.30 per yard for gravel only.

Paul would like to do Perch Lake Road and Weigor Road this year and hold off on Betty Lake Road for this year. Pete Boss informed Paul that the Town of Murry had a pit within 15 miles and it may be cheaper to get the gravel from them. Paul is going to check with the Town of Murry to see what they will charge for gravel and also what Olynicks will charge if they haul the gravel from there pit. All estimates will be brought back to the Committee at the next monthly meeting.

2013/2014 Forestry Department Budgets:
Discussion was held on the Forestry Stumpage Revenue estimates and the affect it will have on the overall County Budget. Paul informed the Committee on the following projects - Josie Creek Road will be getting done in the next couple of weeks and the Playground Equipment will get installed this year - the North Shore Bathrooms are getting done next year - the County D Bridge Boat Landing will be worked on this winter and finished next year. He also asked the Committee for support on the $30,000.00 from the Powerline Funds the County receives into the Forestry Department Budgets.

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

Phil Schneider gave the Committee a report on the WCFA Summer Tour he and Jerrad Macholl attended in June.

Adjourn:
Motion by Boss/Hauser to adjourn at 10:25a.m. Motion carried.