Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2014

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Knops /Boss to approve August 11, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:
Bob Grunseth rode the ATV trail on Friday and cut trees off the trail and unplugged some culverts. Betty Lake Road has some washouts that need to be grade and fixed.

2014 Fall Timber Sale Ad:
The Committee reviewed the Fall Timber Sale add which has 13 Timber sales. The minimum bid total is $482,345.00 for a total of 976 acres.

Motion by Boss/Biller to advertise the October 13, 2014 Fall Timber Sale. Motion carried.

Truck Bid Opening (9:00 a.m.):
Motion by Nawrocki/Boss to close all Truck Bids at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

The Truck Bids are as follows:

- Bloomer Ford   $27,933.00
- Toycen of Ladysmith $28,123.20
- Courtesy Ford of Thorp   $25,949.00
- Link Ford         $26,746.00
- Ewald – Ford      $24,977.00
- Ewald – Dodge     $27,031.00

Motion by Nawrocki/Biller to award the Truck Bid to Toycen of Ladysmith for $28,123.20 on a 2015 Chevy ½ Ton Truck. Motion carried. Yes: Schneider, Nawrocki and Biller. No: Boss and Knops.

The bid award was based on bids not meeting specifications and the Rusk County Chapter 9 – Purchasing Policy, 5% preference leeway given to Rusk County bidders.
2014-2015 Forestry Department Budgets:
Motion by Boss/Biller to approve the 2015 Work Plan and recommend it to the County Board. Motion carried.

Discussion on - Budget 612 (Line – A Forest Road Maintenance) change to $6989.00
   Budget 612 (Line – B Forest Road maintenance) change to $30,000.00
   Budget 623 (Request no Powerline Money for this Budget)
   Budget 624 (Request no Powerline Money for this Budget)
Paul would like to make the changes to complete work on the Serley Camp road Project.

Motion by Boss/Knops to make the changes to the 2015 budget and forward to Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Serely Camp Trail/Road – ATV/Snowmobile Trail Project:
Paul attended the ORV Council meeting in Wausau. The Grant applications for the Serley Camp Trail/Road ATV rehab project (North 10 miles) that Rusk County applied for was awarded $115,000.00. New Snowmobile Projects were all rejected for next year. Maintenance was funded for both ATV and Snowmobile trails for 2014-2015.

Town of South Fork C.F. Access Permit/John Corbett:
John Corbett has requested a Access Permit for Section 21 and 28 in the Town of South Fork to access his property in the N ½ NW ¼ Section 34. The Committee would like to discuss the Access Permit Policy at the next Forestry Committee meeting.

Motion by Knops/Schneider to approve the Access Permit for John Corbett. Motion carried.

Set a date for Summer Tour:
The date set for the Summer Tour will be on Tuesday September 30, 2014. The Committee should meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Forestry Shop.

WCFA Fall Meeting:
The WCFA Fall Meeting will be in Rothschild, WI on Friday, September 26. Paul would like Jerrad Macholl to attend the meeting.

Motion by Biller/Knops to approve Jerrad Macholl attending the WCFA Fall meeting. Motion carried.

Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:
Contract #2457, Butler Forest Product – Motion by Boss/Biller to transfer Cash Bond of $1,425.00 for final stumpage payment, and close out the Contract. Motion carried.

Contract #2397, Ted Strzok – Last scale on this Contract was done in January and the Committee passed a motion to cancel letter of credit and hold a cash bond in the amount of $1,000.00 to fix the road. The road is still not fixed and Paul would like the Highway Department to fix the road.
Motion by Biller/Knops to hire Rusk County Highway Department to fix the road on Contract #2397 and pay the bill with the Cash Bond. Motion carried.

**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/Boss to go into closed session. Roll Call: Voting Yes – Boss, Knops, Biller and Schneider. Motion carried.

Also Present: Pat Zimmer – Liaison Forester.

Entered into Closed Session at 10:43 a.m.

Motion by Boss/Knops at 11:00 a.m. to come out of Closed Session into Open Session. Motion carried.

**Review and Approve Bills:**

Motion by Boss/Knops to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Boss/Knops to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be October 13, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.