Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 8:45 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Judge Anderson administered oath of office to 19 members of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors for two year office terms. Chair Tatur welcomed and introduced new members: Jerry Biller, District #2; Lyle Lieffring, District #8; Ken Pedersen, District #10; Mark Schmitt, District #13; Dave Hubback, District #15.


Invocation by Ron Freeman of Keystone New Life Alliance Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Gary Swoverland, District #9 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Knops, second by Swoverland to approve minutes of March 27, 2012. Motion carried by aye vote.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS


PROCLAMATION – POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK

Whereas, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

Whereas, the members of the law enforcement agency of Rusk County play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Rusk County; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

Whereas, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of Rusk County unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

Whereas, it is known that every two days an American Law Enforcement Officer will be killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States and that 166 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2011 and many others were seriously assaulted in the performance of their duties, our community joins with other counties, cities, and towns to honor all law enforcement officers everywhere;

Now, therefore, I, Chairperson of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors, call upon all citizens of Rusk County and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13 to May 19, 2012, as Peace Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves and enervate and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Rusk County to observe Thursday, May 24, 2012, as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY DISTRICT MAP

Motion by Freeman, second by Platteter to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

WESTERN DISTRICT – Roth nominated Knops. Call for additional nominations. Motion by Hauer, second by Swoverland to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Knops. Motion carried by aye vote. Knops elected to Committee on Committees.

CENTRAL – Willingham nominated Platteter. Call for additional nominations. Motion by Pedersen, second by Lieffring to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Platteter. Motion carried by aye vote. Platteter elected to Committee on Committees.

EASTERN DISTRICT – Gierke nominated Schneider. Call for additional nominations. Motion by Hauer to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Schneider. Motion carried by aye vote. Schneider elected to Committee on Committees.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS


NORTHERN DISTRICT – Knops nominated Boss. Call for additional nominations. Motion by Nawrocki, second by Gierke to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Boss. Motion carried by aye vote. Boss elected to Highway Committee.


CENTRAL DISTRICT – Platteter nominated Freeman. Call for additional nominations. Motion by Boss, second by Swoverland to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Freeman. Freeman elected to Highway Committee.
HOSPITAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Tatur explained no election needed at this time.

2011 UW EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT

Heather Schmitz, 4-H Youth Developmental Agent, provided an overview of the department. Staff members reviewed programs. A complete copy of the report is available in the Clerk’s Office.

RESOLUTION #06-23AA REQUEST TO AMEND COUNTY ORDINANCE FOR ALL-TERRAIN (ATV) TRAVEL TO INCLUDE TRAVEL ON CERTAIN COUNTY HIGHWAYS – 2011

WHEREAS, Rusk County has created an ordinance regulating the uses of all-terrain vehicles in the county which includes designation of all-terrain vehicle routes along county highways in Rusk County; and

WHEREAS, once each year the Rusk County Highway Committee forwards to the County Board the ATV routes the Committee has approved for travel along county highways; and

WHEREAS, the following routes have been approved by the Committee for travel on county highways:

Town of Grant – CTH G from CTH P to Airport Road AND CTH G from Old 14 across the bridge to the existing ATV Route. (Approved at the Highway Committee meeting of 03/19/2012)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisor’s does hereby authorize the amendment of the County Ordinance for All-Terrain Vehicle Routes to include the following county routes:

Town of Grant – CTH G from CTH P to Airport Road AND CTH G from Old 14 across the bridge to the existing ATV Route.

Submitted by Highway Committee. S: Gierke, Freeman.

Motion by Hauser, second by Roth to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the clerk’s office.

RESOLUTION #12-10 DEVELOPMENT AND REPAIRS OF RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES: SANDY LAKE & AMACOY LAKE

WHEREAS, Rusk County hereby requests assistance for the purpose of improving and repairing recreational boating facilities at Sand Lake Boat Landing and Amacoy Lake Boat Landing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Rusk County has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the project and;

HEREBY AUTHORIZES Paul Teska, Rusk County Forest Administrator, to act on behalf of Rusk County to:

Submit an application to the Wisconsin Waterways Commission;

Sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rusk County will comply with state and federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain in writing from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Submitted by Land and Forestry Committee. S/Schneider, Hauser, Nawrocki, Boss, Svoma.

Motion by Schneider, second by Gierke to adopt. Schneider explained 50/50 grant funding. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Additional Land Acquisition in Rusk County Fairgrounds to City of Ladysmith: Al Christianson, City of Ladysmith Administrator, explained previous board approval and need for additional parcel for water treatment plant. Motion by Platteter, second by Hauser to approve. Motion carried by aye vote.

Approval of Trail’s End Camp Bylaws: Motion by Roth, second by Knops to approve. Discussion on suggested amendments. Motion by Platteter, second by Swoverland to postpone and send back to Ag Extension Committee for clarifications. Motion carried by aye vote.

Break at 10:59 a.m. Reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

RCMH & NH Sprinkler System: Tatur explained August 2013 deadline for sprinkler installation and consideration to release hold on funds placed by earlier board decision. Discussion on additional information needed, expense and other repairs needed before proceeding. Motion by Platteter, second by Fisher to authorize the RFP Core Group to begin process to be in compliance with August 2013 compliance component requirement and report back to the full board as to the scope, cost and timeline of the project. Motion carried by aye vote.

Revisions of Community Development Block Grant Program: Tatur explained CDBG grant program. Resolution to join consortium by end of June.

TRAINING

Rich Summerfield, Corporation Counsel provided training for board members on appropriate content of agendas and minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Wetzel, Clerk, advised board of WCA Workshop registration. Name badge replacement if district number changed.

Tatur, advised Rusk County Historical Society has a book of elected officials back to the 1800’s available to view in the clerk’s office. Finance Committee meets April 18th at 8:30 a.m.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hauser, second by Swoverland to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next meeting May 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.