The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Monday, February 13, 2012. Present from the committee were: Phil Schneider, Pete Boss, and Randy Tatur, County Board Chair. Randy acted as committee member to make quorum. Absent were Svoma, Tony Hauser, and Bob Nawrocki. Also present were: Paul Teska, County Forest Administrator; Terry Tappon, DNR Forester. From the public: Don Mansky; Bob Grunseth; Dave Fiser, Hawkins ATV Club and George Sihsmann, Rusk Riders ATV Club.

Motion by Boss to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the attached Amendments and to adjust the Agenda as necessary, 2nd by Schneider, carried.

Public Comment: No comment from public present at meeting.

Sereley Camp ATV Proposal: George Sihsmann discussed proposal to develop Sereley Camp road as ATV trail; also to cross Spring Creek and use old logging roads to connect with Weirgor Road. This trail would allow Exeland people to access existing ATV trail in Blue Hills. Discussion on two other ATV trails development project that will be coming in at the March meeting. The two are the Hawkins proposal and the trail in Town of Big Bend, Committee wants to wait until the March meeting to decide on all three trail proposals.

Town of Wilson/Wilkinson detachment request: Keith Swenson from Town of Wilkinson requested County approval of a land detachment from Rice Lake School District to Birchwood School. Motion by Boss, 2nd by Tatur, to have Randy Tatur, County Board Chair; to write a letter to Wilkinson in support. Motion carried.

Josie Creek Caretaker 2012: Jim Knoll, our caretaker for the past several years has come back early from the south because the death of his son and would like to stay at Josie Creek Campground. Motion by Tatur, 2nd by Boss, to allow Knoll to camp at Josie Park for $5.00/Night (cost of electricity), until the 1st week of April; which is when he will resume caretaker duties. Motioned carried.

Firewood Permit: Conservation patrol caught live trees being cut in Town of South Fork by Luke Haugsby who had a firewood permit. Motion by Tatur, 2nd by Boss, to revoke Haugsby’s current firewood permit. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Silvicultural Regulatory Consistency Act: Motion by Boss to recommend resolution and letter to President Obama to County Board for approval. Second by Tatur, Motion carried.

Timber Sale Billing Programs: Problems with Civic Systems software with Finance Department Paul still not getting worked out. Paul is meeting with a Bill Isles for a demonstration of his software on February 21, 2012.

Motion by Boss, 2nd by Tatur to recommend to County Board the following Resolutions for Grant Funding:
- County Conservation Aids
- Outdoor Recreation Aids
- Development of Habitat
Motion carried.

New monthly Billing Summary was passed out and discussed.

Motion by Boss, 2nd Tatur, to Adjourn at 11:15 A.M.