The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Monday, March 12, 2012. Present from the committee were: Phil Schneider, Pete Boss, Tony Hauser, Bob Nawrocki, and Randy Tatur, County Board Chair. Absent were Svoma. Also present were: Paul Teska, County Forest Administrator; Terry Tappon, DNR Forester.

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

Public Comment: No comment from public present at meeting.

Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts, and Renewals: Contract Renewals will be discussed next month. Paul reviewed Closeout Contracts. Motion by Tony Hauser to closeout and return Bonds to the following Contracts listed below, 2nd by Bob Nawrocki, motion carried.

- 2217 Tim Vacho – Letter of Credit
- 2285 Roohr Logging – Letter of Credit
- 2287 Great Lake Logging – Letter of Credit
- 2214 Suzan Logging – Letter of Credit
- 2333 Nitek Logging – Letter of Credit
- 2335 Chris Hershey – Letter of Credit
- 2347 Tom Harwig Logging – Cash Bond
- 2348 Gumz Logging – Letter of Credit
- 2366 Cliff Johnson – Letter of Credit

Spring Timber Sales Ad: Phil motioned to advertise Timber Sale Ad as presented, 2nd by Boss, motion carried.

Timber Stumpage Invoice Software Program: Reference to hand-outs regarding the Bill Isles Timber Stumpage program, committee discussed some concerns of using the Bill Isles verses the Caselle program. Cassandra was brought into the meeting to address any questions. Cost of the Bill Isles program was discussed along with other expenses to accommodate his program. A motion by Bob Nawrocki was made to purchase the Bill Isles program for $6,200.00, 2nd by Pete. Motion carried.

The WCFA Spring Meeting: Discussion on who is interested in attending. Deadline for reservations is March 15, 2012. Motion by Tony Hauser, 2nd by Bob Nawrocki to allow Paul Teska, Jerrad Macholl, Pete Boss and Phil Schneider to attend the WCFA Spring Meeting. Motion carried.

ATV Trail Development Proposals:

- Hawkins Trail: Not ready to move forward with this proposal, put off for another year.
- Big Bend Trail: There will be a meeting held on March 14th in Chippewa County.
- Sereley Camp Trail: Ready to move forward on proposal for bridge, motion by Pete to apply for ATV Grants for the Big Bend Trail if Chippewa County applies and for the Sereley Camp Trail, 2nd by Bob Nawrocki. Motion carried.

Park Supervisor Position:

Ad Hoc Interview Committee: Paul received approximately 25 applicants for the Park Supervisor Position. After reviewing all applicants, five were chosen to be interviewed. Interviews will be held March 21, 2012, starting at 8:30 A.M. Discussion on who was going to attend interviews. Tony motioned for Phil and Bob to be on ad Hoc Interview Committee; also, to interview the following: Roy Zubrod, Joshua Waukau, Douglas Johnson, Nicholas Rickady, and Aaron Wallace, 2nd by Pete. Motioned carried.
10:00 A.M. Closed Session – Announced by Chair

For conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. WI Stats 19.85(1)(g).

Island Lake Dam Property Boundaries

Motion by Boss to go into closed session, 2nd by Hauser: Boss – Yes, Hauser – Yes, Nawrocki – Yes, Schneider – Yes, Carried. Attendance: Randy Tatur; Rich Summerfield, County Corporate Council.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Hauser to return to open session, 2nd by Boss: Boss – Yes, Hauser – Yes, Nawrocki – Yes, Schneider – Yes, carried.

OPEN SESSION

Josie Creek Park/Camping Fees: Rosemary Bisson is present to address the increased camping rates at Josie Creek Park. She handed out her packet of information to committee members and discussed her concerns regarding the raised rates for this park.

New monthly Billing Summary was passed out and discussed.

Motion by Pete Boss, 2nd Bob Nawrocki to adjourn at 11:15 A.M. Motion carried.