

County Forest Report 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- I. This is to convey to you a report of the operations and accomplishments of the Rusk County Forestry Department for the calendar year of 2012.
- II. Parks and Recreation
1. Parks and boat landings were supervised and maintained by the Forestry Department staff.
 - A. Boat landing improvements and repairs were done in cooperation with:
 - i. Wildlife Restoration Association
 - ii. Rusk County Land and Water Conservation Dept.
 - iii. Rusk County Highway Dept.
 - iv. Wisconsin DNR
 - B. Boat landing improvements included the following.
 - i. Amacoy Lake Boat Landing
 1. Installed new boat dock.
 - ii. Sand Lake Boat Landing
 1. Addition to concrete approach ramp.
 - iii. Josie Creek Boat Landing Parking Lot
 1. Black topped new expansion to parking lot.
 - iv. Potato Lake Boat Landing
 1. Installed ADA fishing pier. (Elsie's dock)
 2. Built ADA path to the pier.
 - C. Funding Sources

i. Recreational Boating Funds (50/50 RBF Grant)	\$ 9,334.04
ii. Power line Funds (RBF match from parks budget)	\$ 9,334.04
iii. County Conservation Aids (50/50 CC grant)	\$ 2,452.00
iv. County Conservation Aids match from Levy	\$ 2,452.00
v. <u>County Parks Budget</u>	<u>\$ 1,264.00</u>
Total	\$ 24,836.08
vi. Land and Water Conservation Dept. W.R.A	\$ 3,413.57
vii. Wildlife Restoration Association donated the ADA Fishing Pier for the Potato Lake project.	
 - D. Expenses **\$ 28,249.65**
 2. Aerators at Audie Lake and Lea Lake were maintained by the Forestry Department Staff.

3. CAMPGROUND REVENUE

CAMPGROUND/PARK	2009	2010	2011	2012
Non-Designated Camping Permits	\$ 517.54	\$ 511.85	\$ 336.49	\$ 483.48
Remote Sites	\$ 756.40	\$ 588.63	\$ 360.19	\$ 613.25
Audie Lake Campground	\$12,482.64	\$12,818.97	\$13,384.83	\$13,005.69
Josie Creek Park	\$10,700.28	\$11,725.12	\$11,163.98	\$13,631.37
Murphy Dam Campground	\$ 4,832.40	\$ 5,159.24	\$ 6,926.05	\$ 6,199.00
Perch Lake Campground	\$ 1,657.82	\$ 1,747.87	\$ 1,373.46	\$ 2,188.48
Murphy/Community Pavilion Rent			\$ 118.48	\$ 236.95
Dump Station				\$ 112.32
TOTAL REVENUES	\$30,947.08	\$32,551.68	\$33,663.48	\$36,470.50

4. Non-Designated Camping Permits Issued: (Regular Camping Season and Gun-Deer Season)

YEAR	2009	2010	2011	2012
# OF PERMITS ISSUED	Regular 7 Deer Season 29	Regular 6 Deer Season 32	Regular 4 Deer Season 31	Regular 5 Deer Season 32

5. The cross-country trail system in the Blue Hills was again maintained by the Rusk County Trails Association, mowing was done by the Forestry Department.
6. State Funded Rusk County Snowmobile Trails. 329.2 miles of Rusk County Snowmobile Trails were maintained by Rusk County Snowmobile Clubs in the **2011-2012** Season. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>SNOWMOBILE-CLUB NAME</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Maintenance Cost</u>
Bruce Trailblazers	98.2	\$ 24,550.00
Hawkins Sno-Hawks	55.0	13,750.00
Ladysmith Drifbusters	85.0	21,250.00
Sheldon Rough Riders	27.2	6,800.00
Weyerhaeuser	<u>63.8</u>	<u>15,950.00</u>
	329.2 Miles	\$ 82,300.00

LEVIED MONIES

Salary/Benefits	\$ 1,114.64
Liability Insurance	\$ 660.00

Reimbursed by State/ (Spent for 2011-2012) \$ 82,300.00

III. Timber Sales

1. 28 timber sales were established in 2012 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	22	\$1,057,994.00	2,264	1,845.0	15,865	3,020	10	1,850	575
ASPEN	5	\$ 118,436.00	213	30.0	1,285	2,730	20	50	230
Red Pine	4	\$ 34,524.00	87	2.0	85	145	935	0	0
SALVAGE	0	\$ 0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	28	\$ 1,210,954.00	2,564	1,877.0	17,235	5,895	965	1,900	805

TOTAL = 26,800 Cords Established

2. 28 timber sales were sold in 2012 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	22	\$ 935,636.06	1,786	1,223.0	12,565	2,905	10	1,375	525
ASPEN	5	\$ 155,821.44	231	30.0	1,285	2,845	20	50	280
Red Pine	4	\$ 51,830.00	87	2.0	85	145	935	0	0
SALVAGE	0	\$ 0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	28	\$ 1,143,287.50	2,086	1,255.0	13,935	5,895	965	1,425	805

TOTAL = 23,025 Cords Sold

3. 47 Timber Sales Contracts were closed out in 2012 consisting of the following totals:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	37	\$1,631,782.04	3,659	2,259.4	28,325.39	3,984.54	111.59	5,060.43	616.26
ASPEN	9	\$ 189,002.37	351	8.9	2,791.26	3,698.72	0	0	665.93
Red Pine	1	\$ 42,425.55	38	0	14.21	191.73	667.78	0	0
SALVAGE	0	\$ 0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	47	\$1,863,209.96	4,048	2,268.3	31,130.86	7,874.99	779.37	5,060.43	1,282.19

TOTAL = 46,127.84 Cords Closed Out

4. Timber products reported cut on 55 sales were:

	2009	2010	2011	2012
MBF OF LOGS	1,061.53	1,790.45	1,921.12	1,936
CORDS OF MISC. HDWD PULP	17,601	27,145	24,765	25,126
CORDS OF ASPEN	5,339	10,840	6,781	6,755
CORDS OF WHITE BIRCH	729	2,045	331	299
CORDS OF BASSWOOD	2,075	3,579	3,264	3,461
CORDS OF RED PINE	744	507	184	873
TOTAL CORDS	26,488	44,116	35,325	36,514
NUMBER OF SALES	41	58	50	55

5. Timber products paid for

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Timber Products Paid for	\$ 965,483.60	\$1,509,176.78	\$ 1,613,191.58	\$ 1,574,078.35
Non Co. Forest Timber Sales Rev	00	00	00	00
Bonds Conf./Transferred for Stumpage	\$ 200.00	00	\$ 3,372.56	\$ 1,100.00
Bonds Conf. For Non-Performance	\$ 37,787.50	00	00	\$ 35,843.25
GROSS STUMPAGE REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 1,003,471.10	\$1,509,176.78	\$ 1,616,564.14	\$ 1,611,021.60
10% payment to Towns	-\$ 96,554.37	-\$ 150,917.75	-\$ 161,656.47	-\$ 157,517.91
20% payment to State	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31
TOTALS AFTER PAYMENT TO TOWNS/STATE	\$ 862,515.42	\$1,313,857.72	\$ 1,410,506.36	\$1,409,102.37
1% Land Acquisition Account	00	00	00	-\$ 16,110.22
Wood Permits Issued	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 970.00
Other County Forest Revenue	\$ 400.00	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 0.00	00
50% Admin Salary Grant	\$ 36,879.83	\$ 37,849.14	\$ 38,986.71	\$ 41,329.07
REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 901,465.25	\$1,361,596.86	\$ 1,410,506.36	\$ 1,435,291.22
Total County Forest Expenses	-\$ 349,101.43	-\$369,839.30	-\$ 384,554.23	- \$ 388,902.30*
Levy Reduction (To General Fund)	\$ 552,426.32	\$ 991,757.56	\$ 1,022,072.54	\$ 1,046,388.92

*INDICATES 2012 YEAR EXPENSES ARE AN ESTIMATE

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Timber Stumpage due Rusk County @ 12/31	\$ 28,653.12	\$ 109,770.57	\$ 17,563.76	\$ 50,895.74
Timber Sales cash bonds on hand @ 12/31	\$ 175,197.48	\$ 186,529.25	\$ 168,421.32	\$152,0101.82
Irrevocable Letters of Credit on Hand at 12/31	\$ 772,884.12	\$737,320.82	\$ 726,569.21	\$578,085.14
Land Acquisition Fund Bal 12/31	00	00	00	\$ 16,033.28
Est. Timber Value Under Cont @ 12/31	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$1,800,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,700,000.00
Timber Value scaled by Co Forestry Staff	\$ 963,454.62	\$1,341,300.83	\$ 1,468,840.45	\$ 1,365,126.43
50¢/Acre Loan Acct Balance Balance as of 12/31	00	00	00	00

2011 Annual Payments to Townships with County Forest Lands for 10% Severance on timber stumpage revenue.

<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>TOWN ACREAGE</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>2012 PAYMENT</u>
Atlanta	4,922.84	5.5309	\$ 8,712.16
Big Bend	1,320.00	1.4831	\$ 2,336.15
Cedar Rapids	9,998.65	11.2337	\$ 17,695.09
Dewey	240.00	0.2696	\$ 424.83
Hubbard	8,545.16	9.6007	\$ 15,122.82
Murry	18,969.59	21.3128	\$ 33,571.48
South Fork	6,715.73	7.5453	\$ 11,885.20
Strickland	3,859.23	4.3359	\$ 6,829.82
True	669.14	0.7518	\$ 1,184.22
Wilkinson	17,731.53	19.9218	\$ 31,380.40
Wilson	16,033.75	18.0143	\$ 28,375.75
TOTALS	89,005.62	100.00	\$

Timber Sales Under Contract:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>
- Marked Hardwood	40	4,988
- Aspen	10	547
- Pine/Spruce	5	145
- Salvage Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	55	5,680

IV. County Forest Land Acquisition

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| 1. County Land Acquisition Account | # 100-61-57030/48306 |
| 12-31-12 Account Balance | \$ 16,110.22 |

V. Wildlife Department on County Forest.

1. 25 Miles of secondary roads and 20 acres of wildlife openings were mowed.
2. Game surveys were conducted by D.N.R.
3. No Trail Development Occurred in 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

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