The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday December 11, 2017.

**Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were:** Arian Knops, Pete Boss, Jerry Biller, Phil Schneider and Lyle Lieffring.

**Also present:** Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Ted East – Rusk County Human resource Director, Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager.

**Present from the Public:**
Bob Grunseth, George Sishman and Daryl Kinnear.

**Approval of Minutes:**
Motion by Boss/Lieffring to approve November 13, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**
- George Sishman reported ATV signs have been stolen. Discussed signing Weigor road.
- Bob Grunseth is attending an ATV meeting at the George Mead Wildlife area in Milladore, WI.
- Daryl Kinnear asked about berms installed on logging roads. Paul informed Daryl that they are water bard installed on the logging road because the sale is finished.

**Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:**
- Contract #2515 – Bruce Burmeister, Motion by Schneider/Lieffring to close out and cancel letter of Credit after final stumpage payment has been made. Motion carried.
- Contract #2531 – S&S Forestry, Motion by Schneider/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit after final stumpage payment has been made. Motion carried
- Contract #2504 – Dustin Nitek, Motion by Schneider/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit after final stumpage payment has been made. Motion carried
- Contract #2521 – Lionel Klein, Motion by Lieffring/Schneider to close out and cancel letter of credit after final stumpage payment has been made. Motion carried

Paul informed the Committee that 6-8 timber sales are going and the weather is favorable for the loggers.

**Forestry Department Equipment:**
Paul gave the Committee the following quotes for ATV/UTV purchase. All quotes include windshield, roof and winch.

ATV:
- Yamaha Kodiak 450 $ 5,595.00
- Honda 420 $ 5,600.00

UTV:
- Yamaha Viking 700 $11,840.00
- Honda 700 $10,849.75
- John Deere 825 Gator $12,502.68
- Cub Cadet $10,575.00

Discussion on the Rusk County Purchase Policy and the guidelines for bids and quotes.
Motion by Boss/Lieffring to purchase Honda 700 for $10,849.75. Motion carried.

**ATV Trail Development (Highway Invoices):**
Paul informed the Committee that the ATV bridge overage from the Highway Department was $16,086.05 and Highway is paying for the difference.

Break: at 8:45 a.m.
Reconvene: 9:01 a.m.

**Perch Lake Campground Bids – 9:00 a.m.:**
Motion by Schneider/Biller to close out bids at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Perch Lake Campground Bid:
- John S. Olynick $12,183.00
- Russ Thompson Excavating $16,450.00
- Rusk County Highway Estimate $18,039.60

ATV Serely Camp Road Bid:
- Rusk County Highway Estimate $14,329.50
- Russ Thompson Excavating $19,530.00
- John S Olynick $20,740.00

Motion by Lieffring/Schneider to award:
- John S. Olynick the Perch Lake Campground Bid
- Rusk County Highway the ATV Serely Camp Road Bid. Motion carried.

**Review 2017 Budgets:**
Discussion held.

**Review and Approve Bills:**
Motion by Schneider/Boss to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**
Motion by Schneider/Biller to adjourn at 9:32 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be January 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.