The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday February 12, 2018.

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

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

**Present from the Public:**
Bob Grunseth, George Sishman and Don Mansky.

**Approval of Minutes:**
Motion by Biller/Schneider to approve January 8, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**
None

**Parks Update:**
Mike gave the Committee an update on the progress for Perch Lake Campground Development and Serley ATV West side trail construction.

**Blue Goose Restroom:**
The cost for a restroom pre made is around 12-15 thousand and that does not include the excavating. A blue print was shown to Committee. Mike will try to get quotes for a stick built restroom to compare.

**Mapping Snowmobile Trails:**
The DNR has requested an updated GPS Snowmobile trail map, which needs to be in place before the new Grant is applied for April 15, 2018. Mike has spent time with each club and is currently GPS ing the trails. Tornado Grant has been submitted for clean up on the snowmobile trails.

**Recreation Grant Resolutions:**
Discussion on Recreation grants for 2018.

Motion by Biller/Schneider to approve 2018 RBF, ATV, Snowmobile, County Conservation Resolutions and forward to County Board. Motion carried.

**Trailer for UTV:**
Argo trailer has been used for the UTV but the trailer is bending because of too much weight. The Committee recommended getting quotes and bringing them to the next committee meeting.

**USDA, APHIS Beaver Management Contract:**
The Committee was presented with the 2018 APHIS contract for 2018. Motion by Biller/Schneider to approve 2018 contract. Motion carried.
Forestry Staff:
Jeremy Koslowski will start February 26, 2018. Pete would like to do a meet and greet at a restaurant in the area on March 10th if possible.

Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:
- Contract #2459 – Tim Vacho, close out contract and return letter of credit.
- Contract #2461 – Tim Vacho, close out contract and return letter of credit.
- Contract #2448 – Northwest Hardwoods, close out and return cash bond.

Motion Lieffring/Schneider to close out and return letter of credit and cash bonds. Motion carried.

Review and Approve Bills:
Motion by Lieffring/Biller to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:
Motion by Biller/Lieffring to adjourn at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 12, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.