The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Wednesday November 20, 2019.

**Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were:** Phil Schneider, Jerry Biller, Lyle Lieffring, Allan Rathsack and Terry Dusell.

**Also present:** Jeremy Koslowski – Forest Administrator, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Forest Administrator, Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester and Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager.

**Present from the Public:** George Sihsmann and Don Mansky.

**Approval of Minutes:**
Motion by Lieffring/Rathsack to approve October 15, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**
Discussion on the Chippewa property.

**Parks Report:**
Mike reported the following:
- Parks are slowing down
- Docks are pulled out for winter.
- Preparing things for Wilson Meadow trail development.

**Timber Sale Report:**
Jerrad reported the following:
- Timber sales are picking up.
- Wood is getting hauled.
- Couple new sales have started.

**Administrators Report:**
Jeremy reported the following:
- Emergency call box was installed at Perch Lake campground.
- NoRTAC strategic planning meeting was attended by Jeremy and Mike.
- Gravel was crushed at Murphy Pit.
- Cheese Factory road – Buckthorn was sheared off using the DNR dozer. A small direct sale will be sold to cut this winter in hope of regenerating Aspen.
- Updated Rusk County Forestry economic fact sheet handed out.

**Public Forest Lands Handbook Review Team:**
The Public Forest Lands handbook is being updated. There will be a state-wide review team and Dane Gravesen would like to represent the WCFA as part of the review team.

Motion by Lieffring/DuSell to approve Dane Gravesen to represent WCFA as part of the review team. Motion carried.
**Parks Budget Cuts:**
Last month there were 3 budget cuts:
- Contracted Services were reduced from $20,000.00 to $3,000.00. This line is used contract lawn mowing services and refuse pick up services in the parks.
- Leased Equipment line ($13,004). This line is used as part of our ‘three way’ share of the tracked skid steer with highway and maintenance depts.
- Parks & Rec Maintenance line ($15,000) was eliminated. This line is used to maintain our parks and recreation areas.
- An additional approximately $20,000 was reduced with Jeremy’s knowledge.
Total of $65,000.00

The finance committee would like to use the Park Development funds in place of the cuts. Discussion held.

Motion by DuSell/Lieffring to work on a Resolution to amend the Parks Budget. Motion carried.

**2020 Rusk County Forestry Work Plan:**
Jeremy went through the 2020 workplan with the Committee.

Motion by Rathsack/Lieffring to approve 2020 Rusk County Forestry Work Plan and forward to County Board. Motion carried.

**2020 County Forest Variable Acreage Loan Resolution:**
Jeremy explained the Resolution to the Committee.

Motion by Biller/DuSell to approve the 2020 County Forest Variable Acreage Loan Resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried.

**Wilson Meadows Gravel Bid Opening – 8:30 a.m.:**
Motion by Biller/Lieffring to close bids for Wilson Meadow Gravel Bid. Motion carried.

Rusk County Highway Estimate - $195,000.00

A1 Excavating - $249,500.00
Antczak Construction - $169,740.00
Trinity Grading and Excavating - $138,627.00
Olynick’s - $165,600.00

Motion by Lieffring/DuSell to accept the low bid by Trinity Grading and Excavation per the Parks Manager’s review and approval. Motion carried.

**Rusk County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan:**
Chapter 300 draft discussion.
Changes are as follows:

300.2 on page 2-Remove the words “add features that relevant to your County Forest”
300.2.2 on page 2-Change 65% to 69%.
300.2.5 on page 4-Add ‘Other’ to the list of forest cover types at bottom of page.
300.3.1 on page 10-Replace ‘Recreation is ranked #_____’ with ‘Tourism is ranked #3’.

Motion by Biller/Rathsack to approve Chapter 300 Draft as presented with changes noted. Motion carried.

Fall Timber Sale Bid Opening – 9:00 a.m.;
Motion by Rathsack/Lieffring to close bids at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

The winning bids are as follows:

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Bids: 31  Total Value: 1,027,942.50  911,275.00
Sales: 14

Motion by Rathsack/Lieffring to approve all apparent high bidders. Motion carried.

Out of County Travel:
None

Budget Review:
No comment

Review and Approve Bills:
Motion by Biller/DuSell to approve November AP reports. Motion carried.

Adjourn:
Motion by Biller/Rathsack to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Motion carried.
The next meeting will be Wednesday December 18, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at Law Enforcement Government Center.