The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

Present from the committee were: Phil Schneider, Tony Hauser, Pete Boss, Bob Nawrocki and Roger Svoma. Also present were: Paul Teska, Forest Administrator; Pat Zimmer, Assistant Forest Administrator; Jerrad Macholl, New Parks Supervisor; Pete Wisdom – DNR Area Supervisor; From the public, Don Mansky, Jerry Carow for WRA, Jason Gillis, Jerry Gillis, Bob Grunseth.

Motion by Nawrocki to approve the minutes of the previous meeting 2nd by Hauser, carried

Teska introduced Jerrad Macholl to the Committee.

Motion to adjust the agenda as necessary by Nawrocki, 2nd by Hauser, carried.

Public Comment

North Shore Boat Landing - Funds to apply for are Sport Fish Restoration fund. Teska has made application for that. Need to have a permit to get the dock in if it is greater than 3 feet deep.

Big Falls Boat Landing Resolution – Was tabled last evening. The opportunity there was to get a boat landing put in the West Side while the lake is down. The cost is a lot less when the lake is down. Resolution that was tabled was to apply for funds. If the committee wants to apply they should pass a motion to submit the resolution to County Board for approval and get it through at the next County Board Meeting.

Further discussion held.

Motion by Nawrocki to approve the Big Falls Boat Landing Resolution applying for RBF Funds and present it to County Board for Approval, 2nd by Boss.

Hauser made motion to amend the resolution adding the request of Xcel Energy approval, 2nd by Svoma, carried.

Motion by Hauser to approve the original motion as amended, 2nd by Svoma, carried.

2011 Summer Intern - Teska reported that Rochelle Stewart has been hired. She will get college credits for working in this position. Starts May 23.

Proposed Hawkins ATV Trail - There was a meeting on April 20 with Bob Grunseth, Teska, Macholl, DNR people, Flambeau River State Forest Admin. Next step is the DNR Forest Hydrologist to walk/ATV the proposed trail and then we can look at what wetland/stream crossing issues there may be.

Discussion held.

Timber sale close-outs and renewals

Motion by Hauser to close out the following and cancel the Letters of Credit:
# 2311 – Johnson Timber and return stumpage over-payment in the amount of $2,843.54.
# 2330 - S & S Logging
# 2342 – Joe Dick Logging
# 2344 – Chris Hershey and transfer the overpayment of $ 178.58 to Contract # 2335 per Hershey’s request.
# 2327 – Tim Kafka/Kafka Forestry when final payment is made, wood is hauled and trails leveled

Return the cash bond on Cont # 2346 - Weyerhaeuser N R Company, in the amount of $29,305.75. When the wood is hauled. 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.
Timber Contract Renewals - Committee went over the Renewal Recommendation Sheet.

Motion by Hauser to approve of the staff recommendations with the changes to #2217, 2232, 2249, and 2264, -They shall be renewed for 12 months with a 10% increase in stumpage prices. If the jobs are not completed in one year, no further extensions will be given, the jobs will be closed out and the bonds confiscated. 2nd by Boss, carried.

Motion by Boss to approve the Staff Recommendations with remaining contracts with the inclusion of Cont # 2276 - Corey Flora, 2nd by Hauser, carried.

SEE ATTACHED RENEWAL RECOMMENDATION SHEETS

Motion to close timber bids at 11:00 by Hauser, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

SEE ATTACHED BID RESULTS

Teska reported that Vacho Trucking has a sale that is older than 4 years. (Policy is that if a contractor has a contract 4 years or older they are not allowed to bid on current sales.) Tract # 4-11 is being bid by Vacho Forest Prod. Teska asked the County Attorney about bidding under a separate entity. Attorney said it was allowable.

Jason Malchow turned in incorrect prospectus forms. He turned in Tract # 2-10 and 10-10. They were from 2010, the bids were rejected.

Motion by Svoma to accept all apparent high bids, 2nd Hauser, carried

Josie Creek Shooting Range – a request from the City Police Dept and County Sheriff’s Dept. have requested to do a night training shooting session past the normal shooting hours at the range. The posted hours at the range is ending at 6:00 P.M. for October 25 & 26. Motion to allow by Hauser, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

Hauser made motion to approve bills, 2nd by Boss, carried.

SFI Certification Audit will be in August. Committee Chairman is usually involved and if a couple committee members want to observe it would be good.

Phil Schneider reported that the bill from Land Information/Surveyor has been forgiven by the Finance Committee.

Motion to go into closed session, 2nd by Hauser.
Voting Yes - Svoma, Nawrocki, Boss, Hauser, Schneider, Allow Zimmer, Macholl and Wisdom to be part of the meeting.
CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Hauser to go into open session, 2nd by Nawrocki
Voting Yes – Svoma, Nawrocki, Boss, Hauser, Schneider, Carried.
OPEN SESSION

Next meeting is May 9.

Motion by Boss to adjourn at 1:10 P.M., 2nd by Hauser, carried.