The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, December 12, 2011. Present from the committee were: Phil Schneider, Pete Boss, Tony Hauser, Bob Nawrocki. Absent was Svoma. Also present were: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator; Terry Tappon – DNR Forester. From the public; Bob Grunseth.

Motion by Nawrocki to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with changes 2nd by Boss. Discussion on the minutes and information provided in them. Hauser made the motion to amend the minutes to correct the wording in the paragraph regarding the Assistant Forest Administrator to read: “Teska stated that if the County would have treated Zimmer the right way from Day One, the County would not be losing him.” 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

In the MIDDLE FORK MAIN CREEK SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE MINUTES: The order of the bidders needs to be corrected to read:

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Motion by Hauser, 2nd by Boss, Carried.

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

ATV Trail – East Block of the County – Bob Grunseth, Jerrad Macholl our Parks Supervisor and Carmin Hardin from the DNR have gone out and looked at the proposed trail to see what is necessary for permits and engineering. Applications are due to the state by April 15, 2012. Need to pin down the preferred route. Carmin is working on getting information together and supplying the county with what will be needed for the application.

Crooked Creek Snowmobile Bridge – After checking on the County Bidding Policy it was found that this bid exceeded $25,000.00 and the county could not award the bid to Hauser Enterprises. Motion by Hauser to award the Crooked Creek Snowmobile Bridge Project to Great Lakes Marine by following the County policy for guidelines for bids, 2nd by Boss, carried.

Elk Proposal - Appearance by Laine Stowell DNR Wildlife Specialist. Stowell made a slide presentation on Clam Lake Elk Management Zones. Discussion held. Motion by Nawrocki that the Rusk County Forestry Committee is in favor of the Proposed DNR Elk Expansion Proposal, 2nd by Boss, carried.

Motion to pay bills by Boss, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

Gonsowski/Thorson Property for sale in Town of Wilson - Discussion was held on this at the November, 2011 Forestry Committee Meeting. Teska was instructed to do some preliminary negotiating and he received an asking price of $1,300.00 per acre there are 180 Acres = ($234,000.00), with the previous conditions the landowners required in order to keep some of the land within their family. Need to go look at the timber. Discussion on Stewardship and additional funding to purchase land.
Timber Sale Contracts Closeouts and Renewals:
Contract # 2333 – Stanley Nitek, Jr. – Teska reported that 3.41 cords of unscaled Misc. Hardwood Pulp was loaded
on a truck ready to be hauled off the Nitek timber sale, Stanley stated that he was going to call Pat Zimmer the
Assistant Forest Administrator and let him know the amount of the wood. Zimmer went into the sale and found this
situation. Boss made the motion to charge Stanley Nitek, Jr., double stumpage, along with a warning that if this
occurs again the job will be closed and bond confiscated. 2nd by Hauser, carried.

Motion by Hauser to close out Contract # 2273 – Earl Flora, and cancel the letter of credit, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.
Motion by Nawrocki to close out Contract # 2276 – Corey Flora, and cancel the letter of credit, 2nd by Hauser,
carried.

Teska reported that he has been working with Assistant Finance Director – Cassandra Cameren on a program that
will allow the Forestry Dept. to charge interest to the loggers on their past due timber sale bills. It looks like it will
be capable to do everything needed along with the ability to calculate information needed to state reports, after some
bugs are worked out. The cost of the license for the software is $2,000.000 per license. Teska was instructed to see
what other county’s are doing to charge interest. Bring this back to the next meeting.

Assistant Forest Administrator - Pat Zimmer has given Teska written notice. His estimated final day is Friday,
December 16, 2011. Teska left a message for Personnel Committee Chairman, Tom Costello to meet to talk about
the filling of the Assistant Forest Administrator Vacancy.

Hackett and Skinner Creek County Forest Roads Project - Cost estimates are $91,071.92 for Skinner; $72,192.99
for Hervas/Hackett Road. Total $163,264.91. There is DOT money that Teska can possibly obtain. The county
needs to come up with a cost share of 10%. Hauser made the motion to recommend to Finance Committee, to come
up with the $16,326.49 (10%) Get the 10% from the 2012 stumpage revenue. 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

Motion by Hauser to adjourn at 12:00, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.