The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, July 11, 2011. Present from the committee were: Phil Schneider, Bob Nawrocki, Pete Boss, Roger Svoma, Tony Hauser. Also present were: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator; Terry Tappon – DNR Liaison. From the public, Don Mansky.

Motion by Nawrocki to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and adjust the agenda as necessary 2nd by Boss carried.

Timber Sale Contracts – Teska reported that there are 7 or 8 sales working at present.

Island Lake Dam – Dam Failure Analysis is to be done by Morgan & Parmley; Larry Gotham talked to the DNR about extending the year end deadline because he would like to use the new Lidar information. It does sound like DNR will extend the deadline date. Concrete work to be done by Highway Dept.

County Surveyor Work on County Forest Land - Teska presented a letter to the Surveyor requesting survey work on the Stout Road Area, Lea Lake Block and Town of Atlanta (W) Project. Motion by Hauser to present the letter to the Rusk County Surveyor, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

Cabin on County Forest Land – Teska reported that there was a July 1 deadline for the cabins to be removed from County Land. There were 4 cabins and they have all been removed.

Campground fees and rates - Committee requested looking into what other counties are charging for camping fees at their county campgrounds. Teska presented a worksheet showing what other counties charge. Teska recommends to start charging $16.00 per night without electricity and $23.00 per night with electricity and keep the reservation fee at $10.00, leave the remote campsite rates at $8.00 per night and undesignated to remain at $15.00 for a 14 day period. Discussion held on making campers move from their site after 7 days. Motion by Svoma to change the campground rates in 2012 to the staff recommendation and to also give campers the opportunity to occupy a campsite for up to 14 days consecutively instead of 7 days, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

Hay Creek Snowmobile Bridge - Bid accepted by SBS Structures. They have provided us with their engineered plans and they are good to go.

County Forestry Road Brushing Projects - Moose Ear, Yuker, John Creek, Excelsior Roads. Svoma and Boss would like to have the Highway Dept. do the brushing. Svoma made the motion to have Highway Dept. do the brushing, 2nd by Hauser. Motion by Nawrocki to table this, 2nd by Hauser, carried. Motion by Hauser to bring this back to the meeting, 2nd by Boss, carried. Motion by Boss to have the Highway Dept. do the brushing, 2nd by Hauser, carried.

Motion to pay the bills by Hauser, 2nd by Boss, carried.

2011-12 Budgets - Committee went over.
Phil Schneider had to leave the meeting at 11:30 A.M. Bob Nawrocki took over the meeting as Vice-Chair. Motion by Hauser to approve and present the 2012 budgets to Finance for approval, 2nd by Boss carried.

Motion by Hauser to approve the Josie Creek Park Boat Landing Resolution and present it to County Board, 2nd by Svoma, carried.

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