The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, March 14, 2011. Present from the committee were: Phil Schneider, Bob Nawrocki, Pete Boss and Tony Hauser. Absent was Roger Svoma. Also present were: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Terry Tappon – DNR Forester, Randy Tatur – County Board Chairman. From the public Don Mansky.

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

Timber Sale Contracts
Motion by Hauser to close out and cancel letters/return bonds on the following Contracts, 2nd by Boss, carried.
# 2312 – Weyerhaeuser NR - Return Cash Bond in the amount of $16,575.00 when final payment is made
# 2350 – Besse Forest Prod. – Return cash bond in the amount of $31,723.75.
# 2343 – Rudy Hoyt - Cancel the letter of credit
# 2362 - Bill Kreier – Cancel the letter of credit when the final payment is made

Teska informed the committee that it is looking like the timber stumpage revenue will be about $ 1.2 million by the end of March.

Spring Timber Sale Ad - Motion to advertise the timber for sale and open bids in April. Changed the April meeting date to Wednesday April 27, 2011. Meeting to start at 9:00, open bids at 11:00.

Parks Supervisor Position – Teska reported that the combined committee hired Jerrad Macholl and he has accepted the position. He will start April 1.

2011-12 ATV Trail Dev. Funding Applications. New ATV Trail request from the Hawkins ATV Club - Teska reported that the meeting with the Hawkins ATV Club (Bob Grunseth) and the State Forest people was never able to be set up. The Flambeau State Forest Administrator wants to set up a meeting with the DNR Water Regulations People. Will have to hire engineers to do this. Motion by Hauser to postpone the application for this project until next year and continue the meetings with the ATV people and State/County people, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

Motion by Hauser to apply for Regular ATV Trail Maintenance – 24 miles @ $450.00 ($10,800.00), plus Liability Insurance of $766.00, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

Park Aid Applications - Last month a resolution to the County Board for Josie Creek Parking Lot was passed. WRA requested for North Shore Boat Landing on Dairyland with a Match from Dairyland Power for handicapped accessible fishing pier. Teska needs to talk to Ed Slaminski on this to see if the North Boat Landing needs to be an RBF Grant or if park aids will pay it. Motion by Hauser to apply for Josie Parking Lot and the North Shore Boat Landing Pier, 2nd by Boss, carried.

Motion by Boss to apply for the 2011-12 Regular Trail Maintenance - $82,300.00
New Trail 116 to Exeland and Trail 13 Extension
Ladysmith wants a bridge on Crooked Creek, and Hawkins is asking for a bridge but Teska is unsure of the exact location on that one. 2nd by Hauser, carried.
WCFA Meeting – Motion by Hauser to allow Teska to attend Wed, Thurs, Fri, March 16, 17, 18; and Pat Zimmer, Schneider, Boss and Nawrocki to attend on Thurs/Fri March 17, 18, 2nd by Boss, Carried.

Parks Summer Intern Position, deadline is March 18 for applicants. Personnel wants to have a person sit in on the interviews for that. Teska will work with Personnel Committee and bring the information back to the Forestry Committee in April.

Discussion on legal surveying on County Forest Land.

Motion by Nawrocki to approve the bills, 2nd by Hauser carried.

Motion to adjourn at 10:01 by Boss, 2nd by Hauser, carried.