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

Motion by Boss to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; with the elimination the entire quote by Pete Boss, regarding timber contract renewal policy. 2nd by Svoma, carried.

WCFA Forestry Tour in Oneida County: June 24 & 25. Motion by Nawrocki to allow Paul Teska and Pat Zimmer to attend on the 24 & 25. Schneider will attend for one day only. 2nd by Hauser, carried.

Big Falls Dam - Moving ahead with this is still contingent upon approval from Xcel Energy. Motion by Hauser to approve the resolution contingent upon Xcel Energy’s permission to do the project, 2nd by Nawrocki, carried.

Green Tree Retention Policy- Resolution amending the 15 year county forest comprehensive land use plan adopting Green Tree Retention Policy. Discussion held. Motion by Svoma to approve the resolution adopting the Green Tree Retention Policy and amending the 15-year Plan, and presenting it to County Board for approval, 2nd by Hauser carried.

Perch Lake Boat Landing & Campground Road Projects - Teska has already submitted an RBF Application for the Perch Lk Project. Have about $20,000.00, but cost estimates for the road project are coming in much higher. The boat landing project is to cost about $20,000.00 and the new road estimate is an additional $18,000.00. Teska to do the boat landing project first and then see where they are at budget-wise. Teska will bring this back to the committee with more information after the boat landing project is completed. Committee was in agreement. Nawrocki feels that the Road Project should be put out on bids. Discussion held. Hauser motion in favor of the boat landing being done with WRA and Hwy Dept. 2nd by Boss, carried.

Rusk Riders ATV Club is going to do a Trail Clean-up day on Saturday, May 14. Club President Dave Williams has stated that in past years they have camped near Bucks Lake, but this year they do not plan to camp.

Teska is bidding out for the snowmobile Bridge across Hay Creek and will open bids at the June meeting.

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

Motion by Hauser to adjourn at 10:13 A.M., 2nd by Boss, carried.