

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
JANUARY 9, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday January 9, 2017.

Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were: Arian Knops, Phil Schneider, Lyle Leiffring, Jerry Biller and Pete Boss.

Also present: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester and Mike Zimmer – Rusk County Parks Supervisor.

Present from the Public:

Bob Grunseth, Don Mansky and George Sishman

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Schneider/Leiffring to approve December 12, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Posting of the minutes on the County website.

Recreational Grant Resolutions:

RBF Grant Resolution/Boat Landing Docks, ATV Grant Resolution/Maintenance, Snowmobile Grant Resolution/Maintenance, Park Aid Grant Resolution/Perch Lake, County Conservation Grant Resolution/money for conservation project were presented to the Forestry Committee for projects in 2017.

Motion by Schneider/Leiffring to forward all the Recreational Grant Resolutions presented to the County Board. Motion carried.

Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:

Paul presented an agreement between Rusk County and Ted Strzok.

**Schedule For The Completion of Timber Sale Contracts Between
Rusk County and Theodore Strzok Logging (January 9, 2017)**

This harvest schedule is agreed to by Paul Teska, County Forest Administrator for Rusk County and Theodore J. Strzok Jr., logging contractor (hereafter referred to as “Parties”).

The parties hereby agree that it is in each party’s best interest to complete the affected Timber Sale Contracts in the sequence shown below.

The County benefits by managing a progression of work that maximizes efficient use of county staffing resource. Strzok benefits by avoiding same stumpage increase penalties.

The parties agree to work in good faith to complete the harvest schedule within the time periods shown on Attachment A. It is recognized that climate-related factors beyond either parties control may, at times, impede progress.

On January 9, 2017, Rusk County Forestry Committee approved to extend Timber Sale Contracts #2386 and #2387 with no stumpage increases pursuant to the proposed harvest schedule.

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The parties agree that:

- Timber Sale Contract #2458 or #2462 will be completed by breakup 2017.
- All Timber Sale Contract except numbers #2386 and #2387 will follow the normal Rusk County policy of contract extensions and increase in stumpage prices.
- Timber Sale Contract #2386 and #2387 will have the 25% increase in stumpage prices waved that was enacted from October 31, 2016 to April 30, 2017. These sales will be closed out and bonds confiscated if not completed by breakup 2017.

Contract No.	LOGGER	JOB LOCATION	BOND AMOUNT		EXTENTION
2386	Strzok Logging	Louler Creek Job	\$ 15,190.63	cut by breakup 2017	wave 25% increase
2387	Strzok Logging	Cty Tr W job	\$ 16,146.88	cut by breakup 2017	wave 25% increase
2434	Strzok Logging	Stout Road Job	\$ 18,286.88	cut by breakup 2017	N/A
2436	Strzok Logging	Betty Lake Rd South	\$ 32,948.13	cut by breakup 2017	N/A
2458	S & S Forestry	4 Hill C.C.	\$ 20,412.50	cut by breakup 2018	N/A
2462	Strzok Logging	O & F	\$ 32,125.00	cut by breakup 2018	N/A
2471	Strzok Logging	ATV/3 Lake Road	\$ 22,192.50	cut by breakup 2018	N/A
2497	S & S Forestry	A Frame/F	\$ 11,175.00	cut by breakup 2018	N/A
2505	Kendall Logging	Fire Tower	\$ 37,450.00	cut by breakup 2018	N/A
2509	Kendall Logging	Jew Creek Road CC	\$ 33,733.00	cut by breakup 2018	N/A

Motion by Leiffring/Schneider to approve agreement between Ted Strzok and Rusk County. Discussion held. Motion carried.

2016 County Forest Annual Report:

Discussion held on the 2016 Annual County Forest Annual Report.

Motion by Boss/Biller approve the 2016 County Forest Annual Report and forward it to County Board. Motion carried.

Forestry Department Staff County phones:

Paul explained a mapping program that would benefit the Foresters and Technicians if they had Smart phones in the County Forest. The cost to the County would be between \$30.00 and \$56.00 for each phone. Discussion held.

Motion by Schneider/Leiffring to take phone proposal to Property Committee. Motion carried.

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Snowmobile Trail Damage:

Weyerhaeuser Snowmobile Club brought to Paul's attention the damage on Snowmobile Trail Logging Road West of F going to Barron County. Trucks and ATV have been going around the gate and damaged the road.

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by Leiffring/Biller to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion by Leiffring/Knops to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be February 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.