

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday March 12, 2018.

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

Also present: Jeremy Koslowski – Forest Administrator, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager and Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester, Ted East – County Administrator.

Present from the Public:

Bob Grunseth, George Sishman and Don Mansky.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Boss/Schneider to approve February 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:

- George presented a map of future ATV trail consideration to the Committee.
- Discussed the cost of the new restroom at the blue goose.
- Proposed implementing a mud run for ATV's.
- ATV Parking in Weyerhaeuser.
- Bob would like to address opening all Rusk County Parks to ATV's.
- Don was happy with meeting on Saturday and welcomed Jeremy.
- Discussion on ATV gravel available.
- April 7th is the State annual ATV meeting in Rothschild, WI.

Administrator Position:

Jeremy introduced himself to the Committee.

Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:

Jeremy informed the Committee under Forest Law, closeouts do not need to be Committee approved. He would like permission from the Committee to close out when needed and give the Committee an update. Corporate Council will be contacted with Jeremy's request.

Contract #2387 – Ted Strzok, close out contract and return letter of credit.

Contract #2500 - Bruce Burmeister, close out contract and return letter of credit

Contract #2502 – Darin Duncan, close out contract and return letter of credit.

Contract #2509 – Northwest Hardwoods, close out contract and return cash bond.

Motion my Schneider/Boss to approve all discussed close outs and return Northwest Hardwoods cash bond and Burmeister, Duncan and Strzok Letter of credit. Motion carried.

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Stake Holder Meeting on March 10, 2018:

The meeting had approximately 75 people and went well. Discussion on having an annual meeting.

WCFA Award Letter:

Jeremy presented the Committee a letter from U.W. Stevens Point. The letter congratulated the Wisconsin County Forest Association for contributing to maintaining the integrity of Wisconsin ecosystems. All organizations were invited.

UTV Trailer:

At the February Committee meeting a UTV trailer was discussed. Jeremy has 2 options to present to the Committee. Option 1 is a 3,500 lbs. axle trailer for \$1,950.00 that would only be used for the UTV. Option 2 is a 5,200 lbs. axle trailer for \$2,300.00 that would be used for the UTV and Parks.

Motion by Schneider/Boss to approve the 5,200 lbs. axle trailer for \$2,300.00. Motion carried.

Travel to WCFA Spring Meeting for Paul Teska retirement:

The Forestry Department was invited and Connie and Dane will be attending.

Motion by Boss/Schneider to approve travel for Connie and Dane. Motion carried.

Review 2018 Forestry Budgets:

None

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by Boss/Schneider to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion by Schneider/Boss to adjourn at 9:10 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be April 9, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

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January 8, 2018
