

# Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee

## Meeting Minutes

### April 9, 2018

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The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday April 9, 2018.

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

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

**Present from the Public:**  
Bob Grunseth, George Sishman and Don Mansky.

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Motion by Lieftring/Biller to approve March 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried

- Public Comment:**
- George Sihsmann informed the Committee that Bob Grunseth was awarded Trail Guardian by the ATV Association. Donations for the restrooms (Blue Goose): Rusk Riders \$2,000.00 and Bruce Snowmobile Club are willing to pay for the excavating.
  - Bob Grunseth gave a report on ORV Council meeting in Wausau.

**Timber Sale Extensions:**  
Timber Sale 6 month Extensions are as follows:

• Ted Strzok	0%	2462
• Ted Strzok	0%	2497
• Ted Strzok	0%	2386
• Lionel Klein	0%	2542
• Park Falls Hardwood	10%	2472
• Tri State Lumber	10%	2477
• Peter Kron	5%	2496
• CFP Transit	5%	2489
• Peter Kron	5%	2494
• Lionel Klein	5%	2456
• Ted Strzok	0%	2434
• Norton Lumber	5%	2490
• Norton Lumber	5%	2495
• Futurewood	0%	2491
• Futurewood	5%	2478
• Darin Duncan	0%	2512

Motion by Boss/Biller to approve six month Timber Sale Extensions. Motion carried.

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**Timber Sale Closeouts changes:**

Jeremy would like to close out Timber Sale Contracts internally, without Committee approval. Discussion will be held on Agenda Item - Delegation of Authority for Timber Sale Closeouts.

**Auction Items:**

Jeremy asked for approval to auction 2 trailers, ATV, ARGO, lawnmower and a truck.

Motion by Lieftring/Schneider to approve the sale of the county property listed. Motion carried.

**Hackett Road road Aid:**

Chris Bender – Property manager for Flambeau River State Forest contacted Jeremy and informed him that they would be applying for a grant to upgrade 1 ½ miles of Hackett Road commencing at the NW corner of Section 19 going south. He is asking for monetary help with the upgrade from the County since it's a main artery to haul wood out of a large portion of County Forest.

Motion by Biller/Lieftring to approve 5% of project cost (\$3,801.25) or match the Town of South Fork's commitment to the Hackett Road project and submit in 2019 budget. Motion carried.

**Wilson Meadow ATV Grant Application:**

Mike Zimmer presented a project for 2019 Park and Trail Development money (\$75,000.00 – 20% match for grant) would be used for a Motorized stewardship ATV Grant for 5.3 miles of new trail development on the Wilson Meadow project.

Motion by Biller/Lieftring to approve the use of 2019 Park and Trail Development Budget on the Wilson Meadow ATV Grant. Motion carried.

**Review 2018 Forestry Budgets:**

No comment on the budgets. Jeremy informed the Committee that the income for Timber sales are over 1,000,000.00, it was a great winter.

**Review and Approve Bills:**

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

**Delegation of Authority for Timber Sale Closeouts:**

Pete informed the committee that Ted East has looked into previous resolutions to make sure that there was no delegation of authority on Timber Sale closeouts.

Motion by Boss/Lieftring to delegate authority to the Forest Administrator to follow contractual language for the operation of the Forestry Department Timber Sale Contracts. Motion carried.

Jeremy thanked Arian Knops and Peter Boss for their County Board service and support of the Forestry Department.

Recess: 8:43 a.m.

Reconvene: 9:00 a.m.

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**Timber Sale Bid Opening – 9:00 a.m.:**

Motion by Schneider/Biller to close bids at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Biller/Schneider to accept listed bid winners. Motion carried.

Bid winners are as follows:

<b><u>Tract#</u></b>	<b><u>High Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Value</u></b>
1-18	Ted Strzok	\$ 132,625.00
2-18	Ted Strzok	\$ 81,850.00
3-18	Kendall Logging	\$ 88,100.00
4-18	Ted Strzok	\$ 61,225.00
5-18	Ted Strzok	\$ 62,860.00
6-18	NO BID	\$
7-18	Ted Strzok	\$ 64,000.00
8-18	Kendall Logging	\$ 50,400.00
9-18	Ted Strzok	\$ 120,475.00
10-18	Allen Suzan	\$ 81,651.25
<b>Total Value:</b>		<b>\$743,186.25</b>

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Lieftring/Biller to adjourn at 9:34 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be May 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

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