

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday April 10, 2017.

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

Also present: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant County Forest Administrator and Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester.

Present from the Public:

Don Mansky, Bob Grunseth and George Sishman

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Biller/Schneider to approve March 13, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Approval by the County Board on March 28, 2017 to put signs on County Vehicles. Tribal permits in the County Forest were discussed.

Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:

Motion by Schneider/Biller to close out and cancel letter of credit on Contract #2436, Ted Strzok when final payment is made. Motion carried.

Motion by Biller/Schneider to close out and confiscate bond on Contract #2474, B&M Logging. Motion carried.

Paul recommended the following exceptions to our Timber Sale Contract Renewal Policy.

RUSK COUNTY FOREST
TIMBER SALE RENEWAL/AMENDMENT POLICY
APRIL 10, 2017

Do to the fact that there was a lack of frozen ground this winter (2016-2017); Rusk County will make a one (1) time exception to their Timber Sale Renewal Policy.

All Timber Sales with expiration date of April 30, 2017 or October 31, 2017 and worked in good faith this winter (2016-2017) shall be renewed with no increase in stumpage price to allow winter logging next winter (2017-2018).

All Timber Sales not making a good faith effort to complete sales this last winter (2016-2017) will have Timber Sale Renewals under Rusk Counties existing Renewal Policy.

Again these exceptions to Rusk Counties Timber Sale Policy are a one (1) time exception due to the lack of frozen ground conditions early spring breakup and early weight restrictions on local roads.

Motion by Biller/Schneider to approve Renewal/Amendment policy as recommended for the Rusk County Forest in the winter 2016-2017 as determined by the Rusk County Forest Administrator). Motion carried.

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**APRIL 2017
TIMBER SALE CONTRACT RENEWALS AND CLOSEOUTS
(STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS)**

APRIL 30, 2017 Contract Ending Date.

Contracts that are 5.5 years old
(SOLD 10-11)

2386 Ted Strzok (Oak Wilt)
2387 Ted Strzok (Oak Wilt)

6.5 Years Old 4-30-18

0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2.0 – 2.5	0%
2.5 – 3.0	5%
3.0 – 3.5	10%
3.5 – 4.0	10%
4.0 – 5.0	0% Oak Wilt Amendment
5.0 – 5.5	0% 1-9-17 by Agreement
*5.5 – 6.5	0% Weather Renewal

Renew Timber Sale Contract 1 year with 0% increase

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Contracts that are 4.5 years old
(SOLD 4-12)

2404 Northwest Hardwoods (Oak Wilt)

5.5 Years Old 10-31-17

0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2.0 – 2.5	0%
2.5 – 3.0	5%
3.0 – 3.5	10%
3.5 – 4.5	0% Oak Wilt Amendment
* 4.5 – 5.5	Amendment for Blowdown Policy

No Action Required at this time

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4 YEAR POLICY CHANGE

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Contracts that are 4.0 years old
(SOLD 04-13)

2434 Ted Strzok (Oak Wilt)
2436 Ted Strzok

5.0 Years Old 4-30-18

0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2.0 – 2.5	0%
2.5 – 3.5	0% Oak Wilt Amendment
3.5 – 4.0	5%
* 4.0 – 5.0	0% Weather Renewal

Renew Timber Sale Contracts for 12 months with a 0% increase in stumpage price.

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Contracts that are 4.0 years old

(SOLD 04-13)

2433 New Page	<u>5.0 Years Old 4-30-18</u>	
	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
	2.0 – 2.5	0%
	2.5 – 3.0	5%
	3.0 – 3.5	10%
	3.5 – 4.0	10%
	*4.0 – 5.0	0% Weather Renewal

Renew timber sale contracts for 12 month with a 0% increase in stumpage price.

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Contracts that are 3.0 years old

(SOLD 04-14)

2445 Northwest Hardwoods 2448 Northwest Hardwoods 2456 Lionel Klein	<u>4.0 Years Old 4-30-18</u>	
	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
	2.0 – 2.5	0%
	2.5 – 3.5	0% Amendment for Blowdown Policy
	*3.5 – 4.0	0% Weather Amendment

Amend Timber Sale Contract for 6 months with a 0% Increase in Stumpage Price.

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Contracts that are 2.5 years old

(SOLD 10-14)

2464 Country Forest Product 2465 CFP Transit	<u>3.0 Years Old 10-31-17</u>	
	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
	2.0 – 2.5	0%
	*2.5 – 3.0	5%

Renew Timber Sale Contract for 6 months with a 5% Increase in Stumpage Price.

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Contracts that are 2.5 years old

(SOLD 10-14)

2458 S & S Forestry 2459 Vacho Trucking 2460 Vacho Forest Product 2461 Vacho Forest Product 2462 Ted Strzok 2467 S&S Forestry Plus	<u>4.0 Years Old 4-30-18</u>	
	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
	2.0 – 2.5	0%
	2.5 – 3.0	0%
	*3.0 – 3.5	0% Weather Amendment

Renew Timber Sale Contract for 12 months with a 0% Increase in Stumpage Price.

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Contracts that are 2.5 years old

(SOLD 10-14)

2469 Lionel Klein

3.5 Years Old 4-30-18
0 – 2.0 Initial Contract
2.0 – 2.5 0% Amendment for Blowdown Policy
***3.0 – 3.5** 0% Weather Amendment

Amend Timber Sale Contract for 6 months with a 0% Increase in Stumpage Price.

Contracts that are 2.0 years old

(SOLD 4-15)

2471 Ted Strzok
2481 Vacho Trucking

3.0 Years Old 4-30-18
0 – 2.0 Initial Contract
*** 2.0 – 3.0** 0% Weather Amendment

Renew Timber Sale Contract for 12 months with a 0% Increase in Stumpage Price

Contracts that are 2.0 years old

(SOLD 4-15)

2472 Park Falls Hardwood
2477 Tri State Lumber

2.5 Years Old 10-31-17
0 – 2.0 Initial Contract
*** 2.0 – 2.5** 0%

Renew Timber Sale Contract for 6 months with a 0% increase in Stumpage Price.

Contracts that are 2.0 years old

(SOLD 4-15)

2474 B & M Logging

CLOSE OUT AND CONFISCATE BOND FOR NON – PERFORMANCE.

2.5 Years Old 10-31-17
0 – 2.0 Initial Contract

Contracts that are 2.0 years old

(SOLD 4-15)

2478 Futurewood
2480 Lionel Klein

3.0 Years Old 4-30-18
0 – 2.0 Initial Contract
*** 2.0 – 3.0** 0% Amendment for Blowdown Policy

No Action Required at this time.

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Contracts that are 1.5 years old

(SOLD 10-15)	<u>2.0 Years Old 10-31-17</u>	
2489 CFP	* 0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2490 Norton Lumber		
2494 Peter Kron		
2495 Norton Lumber		
2496 Peter Kron		

No Action Required at this time.

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Contracts that are 1.5 years old

(SOLD 10-15)	<u>2.5 Years Old 4-30-18</u>	
2497 S & S Forestry/Strzok	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
	* 2.0 – 3.0	0% Weather Amendment

Amend Timber Sale Contract for 12 months with a 0% Increase in Stumpage Price.

Contracts that are 1.5 years old

(SOLD 10-15)	<u>3.0 Years Old 10-31-18</u>	
2491 Futurewood	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2498 Futurewood	* 2.0 – 3.0	0% Amendment for Blowdown Policy

No Action Required at this time.

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Contracts that are 1.0 years old

(SOLD 4-16)	<u>1.5 Years Old 10-31-17</u>	
2500 Bruce Burmeister	* 0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2503 Dustin Nitek		
2504 Dustin Nitek		
2505 Kendall Logging		
2507 Dvorak Lumber		
2509 Kendall Logging		

No Action Required at this time

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Contracts that are .5 years old

(SOLD 10-16)		<u>3.0 Years Old 4-30-19</u>
2501 Kreier Forest Product	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2502 Darin Duncan	* 2.0 – 3.0	0% Amendment for Blowdown Policy
2506 Futurewood		
2508 Darin Duncan		

No Action Required at this time

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2512 Darin Duncan	Blowdown	Expires 10/31/17
2513 Futurewood	Blowdown	Expires 10/31/17
2521 Lionel Klein	Blowdown	Expires 10/31/17
2523 Roger Hoyt	Blowdown	Expires 10/31/17

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Contracts that are .5 years old

	1.0 Years Old 10-31-17
2514 Burmeister Logging	* 0 – 2.0 Initial Contract
2515 Burmeister Logging	
2516 Ron Olynick	
2517 Northwest Hardwoods	
2518 Kendall Logging	
2519 S & S Forestry	
2522 Ron Olynick	
2524 S & S Forestry Plus	
2525 Kreier Forest Product	
2526 Kreier Forest Product	
2527 Kreier Forest Product	
2528 King Logging	

No Action Required at this time

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Motion to by Boss/Schneider to approve April 2017 Timber Sale Contract Renewals and closeouts (Staff Recommendations). Motion carried.

Recreational Development/Maintenance Grant Applications:

Last month Grant applications were approved. ADLP 50/50 Perch Lake Campground development grant will be finished and sent to the state by the end of April.

Timber Bid Opening:

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

Paul read off bids.

Bid winners are as follows:

<u>Tract#</u>	<u>High Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Value</u>
1-17	S & S Forestry Plus/Strzok	\$ 64,650.00
2-17	J.W Logging	\$ 37,975.00
3-17	Northwest Hardwoods	\$ 39,171.00
4-17	Ted Strzok	\$160,815.00
5-17	Ron Olynick	\$ 58,225.00
6-17	Paul Wojcik	\$ 45,765.00
7-17	S & S Forestry Plus/Strzok	\$ 79,325.00
8-17	J.W Logging	\$ 52,845.00
9-17	Tim Vacho	\$ 83,887.50
10-17	Kendall Logging	\$ 62,015.00
31-16	Allen Suzan	\$ 20,740.00
32-16	Allen Suzan	\$ 20,205.50
Total Value:		\$725,619.00

Motion by Biller/Schneider to accept all apparent high bidders. Motion carried.

Motion by Boss/Schneider to accept \$400.00 per acre shearing bid on Tract #9-17. Motion carried.

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Off Road Use Policy on County Forest Land:

Maps and a draft of the Rusk County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan were presented to the Committee. Discussion held. Committee would like the Off Road use Policy put back on next months agenda for further discussion.

Perch Lake Campground Development Project:

Applying for 4 grants towards the Perch lake Campground renovation.

Review Forestry Budgets:

Starting in April 2017 County Supervisors/Committee members have to oversee Budget for Parks/Forestry with the Department Administrator.

Parks Intern Position:

Motion by Schneider/Boss to approve the hire of Nathan Kosewski for the Parks Intern Position. Motion carried.

Review and Approve Bills:

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

Adjourn:

Motion by Biller/Schneider to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be May 15, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.