

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 4:30 P.M., Monday May 8, 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 and Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager.

Present from the Public:

Bob Grunseth, George Sishman, Don Mansky, Daryl Kinnear and Sandy Voldberg.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Boss/Biller to approve April 10, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Comments on the Off Road Use Policy on County Forest Land.

Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:

Paul was contacted by Ben Marquardt/B&M Logging concerning contract #2473 and #2474. He would like to renew his Letter of Credit and Contract and fulfill his obligation on both sales.

Motion by Schneider/Lieffring to approve B&M Logging/Ben Marquardt request to renew contract #2473 and #2474 with a 0% increase in stumpage price under the counties normal Timber Sale renewal policy. Motion carried.

Forestry Department Equipment Trailer Quotes:

Discussed 3 quotes from Johnson, Pete's and Kauffman Trailer for a new trailer to haul the tractor and lawn mower. Forestry Committee would like Paul to look into 8,000 lb. axel and purchase the trailer as long as he stays within the Budgeted amount. Paul questioned County policy on purchases over \$1,000.00.

Motion by Schneider/Lieffring to buy an 8,000 lb. axel Trailer for the Forestry Department within his budgeted amount. Motion carried.

Off Road Use Policy on County Forest Land:

Discussion was held on the Off Road Use Policy and maps, loops for ATV's. The Policy will be put on the Forestry Website as soon corrections are made. The public input meeting will be held June 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Review 2017 Forestry Budgets:

All Forestry Budgets were presented to the Forestry Committee. Discussion held.

Closed Session – Announced by Chair:

Possible Land Acquisition – Purchase or Trade

Chair announces closed session for negotiating sale of city/county owned property: Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other

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specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, WI Stats 19.85(1) (e).

Motion by Liefkring/Schneider to enter into closed session. Roll Call: Voting Yes – Boss, Biller, Knops, Liefkring and Schneider. Motion carried.

Also Present: Derek Jochimsen – Liaison Forester, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager

Entered into Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Liefkring /Biller at 7:00 p.m.to return to Open Session. Motion carried.

Review and Approve Bills:

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

Adjourn:

Motion by Liefkring/Biller to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be June 12, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.