

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Wednesday May 15, 2019.

Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were: Phil Schneider, Jerry Biller Lyle Lieftring, Allan Rathsack and Terry Dusell.

Also present: Jeremy Koslowski – Forest Administrator, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Forest Administrator and Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester.

Present from the Public:

Bob Grunseth, George Sishman, Don Mansky, Tim Malzhan and Fred Nash

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by DuSell/Lieftring to approve the April 17, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:

ATV Club will do trail clean up on Saturday and Sunday.

Parks & Rec Report:

Mike reported the following:

- Perch Lake Campground – work on grills, electric, new entrance sign, plumbing, pay station, calendar signs, directional signs, road and installing dumpster before opening up the campground for Memorial Day weekend.
- Disc Golf Course - Disc golf maps will be installed next week and working with the Highway Dept to install a sign on highway 8.
- Environmental Day –Flambeau and Bruce schools will be cleaning at the parks.
- Spoke with Owen Martin and Jeff Ebby on snowmobile bridge engineering plans.

Timber Sales Report:

Jerrad reported the following:

- There are 2 timber sales being cut.
- Marking as weather permits.
- Some sales need road work when weather permits.
- After July 15 when oak wilt restrictions end, timber sales should pick up.
- Garlic Mustard patch off of “Rut Road” was treated by 4-Control. Follow-up control will need to be done

Administrator’s Report:

Jeremy reported the following:

- Wood ticks are out.
- CPR and blood borne pathogen training was attended by all Forestry Dept staff.
- New phones were installed in the office.
- Black Bear research – 6 sites are currently up with 4 others yet to go. Will remain for 30 days. DNR Wildlife is conducting the research.
- Vacho Trucking has not yet paid the partial bond forfeiture as agreed at the April meeting.

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- Hunting stands have been reported in the east part of the county forest. We have the Rusk County Sheriff's Dept. working on it.
- Meeting date and time for June has to be changed due to WCFA Summer Tour being held at the same time.

Ice Age Trail Association Presentation:

Tim and Fred gave a presentation on the proposed re-route of the Ice Age Trail in the county forest. They would like to relocate the trail to purely county forest and make the trail closer to landmarks in Rusk County and showcase the geology. They will work with the Rusk County Forestry Department to relocate the trail. The process is expected to continue for a few years as permits are acquired and funding becomes available.

IAT Route Approval:

Motion by Lieftring/DuSell to approve the re-route of the Ice Age Trail in the county forest located in the Blue Hills. Discussion held. Motion carried.

Rifle Range Holiday Schedule:

A 2019 summer schedule for the Josie Creek Rifle range was presented.

2019 JOSIE CREEK RIFLE RANGE CLOSURE DATES

January							February							March							April						
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May							June							July							August						
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CLOSED

Motion by DuSell/Schneider to approve schedule as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Rathsack/Biller to close out timber bids. Motion carried.

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Tract#	Acres	Bids	High Bidder	Bid Value	Minimum Bid
1-19	31	6	Peter Kron	38,325.00	24,840.00
2-19	72	1	NO BID	0.00	36,635.00
3-19	90	8	Ted Strzok	72,600.00	44,100.00
4-19	131	2	Norton Lumber	73,940.00	64,700.00
5-19	115	4	Ted Strzok	76,510.00	68,850.00
6-19	61	2	Paul Wojcik, PAW LLC	34,075.00	32,775.00
7-19	104	1	Ted Strzok	40,763.00	28,650.00
8-19	160	5	Country Forest Product	173,905.00	136,075.00
9-19	33	6	Grindstone Enterprises	35,492.50	30,150.00
10-19	195	4	Ted Strzok	185,840.00	139,800.00
11-19	90	2	Ted Strzok	71,610.00	57,350.00
12-19	101	5	Northwest Hardwoods	87,325.00	72,750.00
13-19	195	2	Darin Duncan Logging	107,800.00	101,711.00
14-19	113	3	Northwest Hardwoods	99,235.00	74,125.00
26-18	6	1	NO BID	0.00	3,816.00
Bids:		52	Total Value:	1,097,420.50	916,327.00
Sales:		15			

Motion by Rathsack/DuSell to approve all apparent high bidders. Motion carried

Set Next Meeting Time and Location:

Next meeting will be held at Josie Creek Park in the "clubhouse building" on Tuesday, June 18th at 8:00 a.m.

Budget Review:

Committee reviewed the Budget.

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by DuSell/Rathsack to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion by Lieffring/Rathsack to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be June 18, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Josie Creek Clubhouse.