

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday May 14, 2018.

Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee were: Phil Schneider. Jerry Biller Lyle Lieftring and Al Rathsack. Terry DuSell - Absent

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, Lionel Klein and Don Mansky.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lieftring/Rathsack to approve May 14, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Bob road the ATV trail Memorial Day weekend. The Trails have been graded and he voiced his concern about the rocks that the grader brought up on the trails.

Parks update:

Mike Zimmer gave an update the following Parks projects:

- Josie Creek Rifle Range berms.
- Shelter at the 600 yard range.
- Replacing entrance gate and updating signs at the Josie Creek Rifle Range.
- Serley Camp west trail has been completed and signs put up by ATV Club and officially opened last Friday.
- Perch Lake campground construction will start this week.

Timber Sale Update:

Jerrad Macholl gave the following Timber Sale update:

- Timber sales are slow this time of year due to Oak Wilt restriction.
- Lionel Klein is working on aspen a sale.
- Tim Vacho is finishing up a logging job.
- 400 acres have been marked this spring; marking is short due to late start.
- The beaver contractor is working on problem areas. Discussion held on problem areas in the County Forest and ATV trails.
- Marquardt Logging/B & M Logging confiscated Letters of Credit were received. Sales will be field evaluated to potentially go on the fall timber sale.

Administrators report:

- 3 year audit – Internal DNR Audit was on May 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., they reported no negative findings and will mail a final report.
- Summer Tour – WCFA Summer Tour will be held in Florence County Phil and Lyle will be attending. Rusk County is on the list to host the Summer Tour in 2021. 29 counties are part of the association.

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- Committee approved items have been listed on Wisconsin Surplus Auction site. The items will be listed from June 8, 2018 – June 21, 2018.
- Every 5 years the DNR contributed hours have been established between the DNR and the County. Discussion will be held at the WCFA meeting on percentage to Rusk County.

Temporary Access Agreement:

A temporary access permit has been requested by GM Land Management to access private property in the Town of Cedar Rapids.

Motion by Liefkring/Biller to grant GM Land Management temporary access permit in Rusk County, Town of Cedar Rapids. Motion carried.

Community Park ATV/UTV Discussion:

Al Rathsack would like to open Community Park to ATV/UTV access. Phil does not have a problem with opening up but if there is a problem he would also like support to close it. Mike has an email into Dairyland Power for further information.

Motion by Rathsack/Biller to open Community Park to ATV/UTV access pending approval of Dairyland Power. Motion carried.

Review 2018 Forestry Budgets:

The Committee looked at Forestry Budget Review.

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by Rathsack/Liefkring to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion by Biller/Liefkring to adjourn at 8:40 a.m. Motion carried.

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

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