

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday June 18, 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, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Forest Administrator and Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester. Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Biller/Lieftring to approve May 15, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:

- Don Mansky asked about job bids on recent Grant awards. Preferential award was discussed.
- Grunseth talked about ORV Council grant money.

Timber Sale Report:
Jerrad reported the following:

- Three current sales that are active - Lionel Klein, Ted Strzok and Futurewood.
- He is anticipating more active sales after Oak Wilt restriction, July 15th.

Parks Report:
Jeremy reported the following:

- Perch Lake Campground is open to the public. Lot to Lodge has started the pavilion and the entrance sign roof needs to be finished.
- Numerous boat landings have been graveled.
- Wilson Meadow ATV trail is getting started.
- Josie Creek will have a light put up by the back restroom as well as another pedestal to accommodate campers.
- Community Park electric is being installed.
- Chippewa Block signage is still in the process.

Administrators Report:
Jeremy reported the following:

- Spring timber sales contracts are signed and all letters of credits are in.
- Contract #2481 – Tim Vacho bond is paid and remarking of the sale will start.
- Oak Wilt sale was sold direct to Justin Kreier.
- Spoke about the ORV council money.
- Local DNR Invasive species person inspected patch in the County Forest.
- Eleven Emerald Ash Bore traps have been set by the Forestry Department.
- 15 year plan template is out to start on Rusk counties plan which should be finished by 2020.

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- A Resolution from Burnett County
- Ice Age Trail camp is coming up next week and they will stay at Murphy Flowage.
- Indianhead ATV Club emailed in support of the Camp Lake Trail.
- Summer Tour in Black River Falls is this week.

Perch Lake Campground Grand Opening:

Discussed having a monthly meeting in the campground, ribbon cutting and press release. Discussion at a later date.

ATV Maintenance Agreement:

Discussion on the 2019-2020 ATV Maintenance Agreement.

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to approve the 2019-2020 ATV Maintenance Agreement. Motioned carried.

UWSP Soil Survey:

UW Superior staff in contracted through NRCS to take soil samples in the Blue Hills.

Motion by Biller/DuSell to approve UWSP Soil Survey in the Blue Hills. Motion carried.

Clubhouse Future:

Jeremy would like the committee to look over the Josie Creek Clubhouse. He would like guidance by the committee on what to do with the clubhouse in the future.

Review and Approve Bills:

Approval at the July meeting

Adjourn:

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be July 17, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.