

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 10:30 A.M., Monday July 17, 2017.

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

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

Present from the Public:

Bob Grunseth, George Sishman and Don Mansky.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Boss/Biller to approve June 27, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Don Mansky asked about new berms on Firelane Road. Paul informed Don that the logger made the berms.

Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:

- Contract #2467 – S&S Forestry Plus
Motion by Schneider/Lieftring to close out contract and return letter of credit. Motion carried.
- Contract #2475 – Rudy Hoyt
Motion by Lieftring/Schneider to close out contract and return letter of credit. Motion carried.

A report was given to the committee for the Oak Wilt and Blow down sales. Discussed revenue loss in logging from the different pockets of blowdown and Oak Wilt.

Off Road Use Policy on County Forest Land:

Paul reminded the Committee of the Input meeting on Wednesday July 19, 2017 at the Ladysmith Auditorium in the High School at 6:30 p.m. Discussion held on meeting agenda and written comments.

2017 Forest Certification Audit:

A Forest Certification Audit will be on August 9, 2017 in Rusk County. Phil Schneider and Lyle Lieftring will be the Forestry Committee representatives for Rusk County.

ATV Development Bids:

Motion by Schneider/Boss to close bids on ATV trail Development – Fire Lane to Betty Lake Road. Motion carried

Gudis Sand and Gravel was the only bid submitted for \$12,453.38.

Motion by Lieftring/Schneider to approve Gudis Sand and Gravel Bid for \$12,453.38. Motion carried.

ATV Trail Project:

Seeding and mulching is done on Serley Camp east, gravel was done by Rusk County Highway on ATV rehab project East of W. Serley Camp west is the only project to complete.

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Budget Review:

Committee reviewed the budgets.

Review and Approve Bills:

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

Adjourn:

Motion by Liefkring/Boss to adjourn at 11:37a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be August 14, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.