

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday August 14, 2017.

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

Also present: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator and Pat Zimmer - DNR NR Regional Team Supervisor, Matt Blaylock – NR Area Supervisor.

Present from the Public:
Bob Grunseth, George Sishman. Daryl Kinnear, Monty Klund and Don Mansky.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Lieftring/Biller to approve July 17, 2017 meeting minutes and July 19, 2017 Public Input meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:
Don Mansky, Monty Klund and Daryl Kinnear asked the Committee what would be the next step in the Off Road Use Policy on County Forest Land will be.

Bob Grunseth discussed ATV Trail issues.

Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:
Contract 2471 – Ted Strzok Motion by Biller/Lieftring to close out contract and cancel letter of credit after final payment. Motion carried.

Off Road Use Policy on County Forest Land:
Discussion on the next step of the Off Road Use Policy on County Forest Land. Committee would like to schedule a meeting for September 28, 2017 in the Law Enforcement Center to go over policy and comments from the Input meeting and adjust the policy if agreed upon.

2017 Forest Certification Audit:
Copies of emails were handed out from the Audit on August 9, 2017. Audit went well.

Oak Wilt and Blowdown Handout:
Handouts for Oak wilt and Blowdown were given by Paul to the committee to compare 2016 from the finding in 2017. Controlling the Oak Wilt on the County Forest is working but they may have more show up at the end of August beginning of September.

ATV Trail Project:
Rusk County Highway Department started construction on Serley Camp Bridge. Gravel has to be done on Serley Camp west.

Mike applied with the University of Wisconsin to have a senior student work on a plan for the Chippewa property.

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Budget Review:

Committee reviewed the budgets.

Review and Approve Bills:

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

Adjourn:

Motion by Lieffring/Boss to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be September 11, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.