

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 5:00 P.M., Wednesday September 19, 2018.

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

Also present: Jeremy Koslowski – Forest Administrator, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Forest Administrator, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager, Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester and Phil Grassmann – Rusk County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy.

Present from the Public:

Bob Grunseth, George Sihsmann, Lionel Klein, Jason Klein and Don Mansky.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lieftring/Rathsack to approve August 21, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Sheriff's Department Park Patrol Budget:

Budget question on Parks Budget Transfer to the Sheriff's Department. The Committees consensus is the Sherriff's Department should patrol the Rusk County Forest and Parks as part of their job and not because it's on the Parks Budget for 92 hours per month.

Motion by Biller/Rathsack that they fully support the level of service given from the Sheriff's Dept on the Parks patrol, however, to take the Patrol Budget out of the Parks Budget and be taken directly from the Sherriff's Departments Budget. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Public comment was given.

Administrators Report:

Jeremy reported on the following Forestry and Parks items:

- 911 marker signs for ATV/Snowmobile trails
- Informational signs for ATV Trails
- 95% of the Disc Golf course is done on Dodson Road
- Meeting attending for Elk Grant of \$17,000.00 that will cost the County \$2,000.00
- Sustainable Forestry Grant was approved for \$20,000.00 for Timber Sale mats.
- Invasive Species Grant was approved for \$5,000.00.
- Reported on the 3 year DNR Grant.
- Phil Schneider and Jerrad Macholl will be attending the Fall WCFA meeting in Hayward.
- Oak Wilt flight took place, 61 pockets were spotted in the Rusk County Forest, 15 were confirmed and samples were sent in for Oak Wilt pockets in question.
- Timber Sales were moved back a month.
- The Forestry Department will be bidding out a ¾ truck.

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Parks update:

Mike reported on the following Rusk County Parks Items:

- Perch Lake Campground water and electricity has been installed.
- 2018 Grants that were approved by the ORV Council:
 - ATV Moose Ear Bridge \$ 24,800.00
 - ATV Blue Goose outhouse \$ 11,740.00
 - Snowmobile Hawkins Bridge \$ 81,600.00
 - Snowmobile L. Soft Maple Bridge \$ 49,200.00
 - Snowmobile Moose Ear Bridge \$ 24,850.00
 - ATV Motorized Stewardship \$311,702.15

Timber Sale Update:

Jerrad reported the following for Rusk County Timber Sales:

- There are 4-5 active sale
- The Foresters will start marking for Spring Timber Sales.
- Discussion on markets.

Josie Creek Rifle Range Holiday:

Discussion on defining closure during Holidays at the Josie Creek Rifle Range. Mike and Jeremy will work on Parks ordinance to define the 3 holiday closures during the summer.

Gravel Contract:

Discussion on gravel bids for projects in the Forestry Departments.

Contract Renewals and Extensions:

The following Contracts will need a 6 month extension:

2477 Tri-State Lumber
2478 Futurewood Corp.
2481 Vacho Trucking
2489 CFP Transit
2490 Norton Lumber
2494 Peter Kron
2495 Norton Lumber
2496 Peter Kron
2497 S & S Forestry
2506 Futurewood Corp.
2507 Dvorak Lumber
2514 Burmeister Logging
2516 Ron Olynick
2518 Kendall Logging
2519 S & S Forestry
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Motion by Liefkring/Dusell to approve extensions listed. Motion carried.

Review 2018 Forestry Budgets:

Motion by Liefkring/Rathsack to approve budget update. Motion carried.

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by Dusell/Biller to review and approve the bills. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion by Liefkring/Dusell to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be October 17, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.