

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday October 9, 2017.

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

Also present: Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager and Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Forest Administrator.

Present from the Public:
George Sishman. Daryl Kinnear and Don Mansky.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Biller/Schneider to approve September 11, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:

- George Sishman would like to thank Paul and his staff for getting the new trail open during Leave it to Rusk. Compliments were given at the brat feed during Leave it to Rusk on Rusk County Trails.
- Pete spent the weekend in a campground in Minong where the bathrooms/shower house being managed by the ATV Club.

ATV Trail Project:
Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager spoke about the gravel that needs to be finished in the winter from Dejung to Betty Lake Road.

A Grant was received for Perch Lake Campground for \$187,013.00 for improvements. There is also a Timber Sale at the bid opening to an ATV Trail that will connect with the campground. Mike would like to bid out the trail project to Perch Lake.

Motion by Schneider/Biller to bid out the trail entrance road project to Perch Lake. Motion carried.

Chippewa River Property Park Development Planning:
2017-2018 Capstone Project was awarded to Rusk County by UW Madison Landscape and Architecture for the Chippewa River Property Development. The student is a 5 year who must be in the professional program in Landscape Architecture and required to complete a two-semester “Capstone Project” during their senior year. Throughout the project the student makes several site visits with Rusk County. Rusk County is responsible to pay for meals, motels and mileage.

2018 Forestry Budgets:
Discussion was held on the Budget changes Finance made the Forestry/Parks Budget for 2018 and the impact on the Department. .

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Timber Sale Bid Opening – 9:00 a.m.:

Motion by Schneider/Biller to close out bid at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried

Paul read off bids.

Bid winners are as follows:

<u>Tract#</u>	<u>High Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Value</u>
11-17	Northwest Hardwoods	\$100,990.00
12-17	Russ Thums Construction	\$23,945.00
13-17	CFP Transit	\$52,820.00
14-17	Angry Beaver	\$162,260.00
15-17	Ron Olynick	\$54,075.00
16-17	Country Forest Product	\$57,170.00
18-17	Allen Suzan	\$113,462.50
19-17	S&S Forestry Plus	\$32,250.00
20-17	Schloer Logging	\$57,000.00
21-17	Futurewood Corporation	\$34,205.00
23-17	Corey Flora	\$11,350.00
2017-B	Peter Kron	<u>\$33,100.00</u>
	TOTAL VALUE	\$732,627.50

Motion by Schneider/Biller to accept all apparent high bidders. Motion carried.

Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:

There was approximately 30 MBF and 75 Cords, valued at \$6,400.00 of blow down found South of Betty Lake Road. Paul would like to sell Direct to Lionel Klein.

Motion by Biller/Schneider to approve Blowdown Direct Timber Sale, Tract 24-17 to Lionel Klein. Motion carried.

Contract # 2458 - S&S Forestry, transfer overpayment of \$1,564.00 to #2531, close out, Letter of Credit.

Contract # 2465 - Country Forest Product, paid and ready to close out, Letter of Credit.

Contract # 2464 - Country Forest Product, paid and ready to close out, Letter of Credit.

Contract # 2534 - Ted Strzok Logging, haul wood and bill for final stumpage before close out.

Contract # 2513 - Futurewood – paid and ready to close out, return cash bond of \$6,194.73.

Motion by Schneider/Biller to close out contracts return letter of credit or cash bond on Paul's recommendations. Motion carried.

Paul reported to the Committee that all the OaK Wilt is cut and treated and he will have the figures at next month's Committee meeting.

Motion by Biller/Schneider to approve Renewal/Amendment policy as recommended for the Rusk County Forest in the winter 2017-2018 as determined by the Rusk County Forest Administrator). Motion carried.

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**OCTOBER 2017
TIMBER SALE CONTRACT RENEWALS AND CLOSEOUTS
(STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS)**

OCTOBER 31, 2017 Contract Ending Date.

Contracts that are 6.0 years old
(SOLD 10-11)

	<u>6.5 Years Old 4-30-18</u>
2386 Ted Strzok (Oak Wilt)	0 – 2.0 Initial Contract
2387 Ted Strzok (Oak Wilt)	2.0 – 2.5 0%
	2.5 – 3.0 5%
	3.0 – 3.5 10%
	3.5 – 4.0 10%
	4.0 – 5.0 0% Oak Wilt Amendment
	5.0 – 5.5 0% 1-9-17 by Agreement
	*5.5 – 6.5 0% Weather Renewal

No Action Required at this time

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4 YEAR POLICY CHANGE

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Contracts that are 4.5 years old
(SOLD 04-13)

	<u>5.0 Years Old 4-30-18</u>
2434 Ted Strzok (Oak Wilt)	0 – 2.0 Initial Contract
	2.0 – 2.5 0%
	2.5 – 3.5 0% Oak Wilt Amendment
	3.5 – 4.0 5%
	* 4.0 – 5.0 0% Weather Renewal

No Action Required at this time

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Contracts that are 4.5 years old
(SOLD 04-13)

	<u>5.0 Years Old 4-30-18</u>
2433 New Page	0 – 2.0 Initial Contract
	2.0 – 2.5 0%
	2.5 – 3.0 5%
	3.0 – 3.5 10%
	3.5 – 4.0 10%
	*4.0 – 5.0 0% Weather Renewal

No Action Required at this time

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Contracts that are 3.5 years old
(SOLD 04-14)

4.0 Years Old 4-30-18

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2445 Northwest Hardwoods	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2448 Northwest Hardwoods	2.0 – 2.5	0%
2456 Lionel Klein	2.5 – 3.5	0% Amendment for Blowdown Policy
	*3.5 – 4.0	0% Weather Amendment

No Action Required at this time

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Contracts that are 3.0 years old

(SOLD 10-14)

4.0 Years Old 4-30-18

2459 Vacho Trucking	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2460 Vacho Forest Product	2.0 – 2.5	0%
2461 Vacho Forest Product	2.5 – 3.0	0%
2462 Ted Strzok	*3.0 – 3.5	0% Weather Amendment

No Action Required at this time.

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Contracts that are 3.0 years old

(SOLD 10-14)

3.5 Years Old 4-30-18

2469 Lionel Klein	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
	2.0 – 2.5	0% Amendment for Blowdown Policy
	*3.0 – 3.5	0% Weather Amendment

No Action Required at this time

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Contracts that are 2.5 years old

(SOLD 4-15)

3.0 Years Old 4-30-18

2481 Vacho Trucking	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
	* 2.0 – 3.0	0% Weather Amendment

No Action Required at this time

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Contracts that are 2.5 years old

(SOLD 4-15)

3.0 Years Old 4-30-18

2472 Park Falls Hardwood	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2474 B & M Logging	2.0 – 2.5	0%
2473 Marquardt Trucking	*2.5 – 3.0	5%
2477 Tri State Lumber		

Renew Timber Sale Contract for 6 months with a 5% increase in Stumpage Price.

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Contracts that are 2.5 years old

(SOLD 4-15)

3.0 Years Old 4-30-18

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2478 Futurewood	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2480 Lionel Klein	* 2.0 – 3.0	0% Amendment for Blowdown Policy

No Action Required at this time.

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Contracts that are 2.0 years old

(SOLD 10-15)		<u>2.5 Years Old 4-30-18</u>
2489 CFP	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2490 Norton Lumber	* 2.0 – 2.5	0%
2494 Peter Kron		
2495 Norton Lumber		
2496 Peter Kron		

Renew Timber Sale Contract for 6 months with a 0% increase in Stumpage Price.

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Contracts that are 2.0 years old

(SOLD 10-15)		<u>2.5 Years Old 4-30-18</u>
2497 S & S Forestry/Strzok	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
	* 2.0 – 3.0	0% Weather Amendment

No Action Required at this time.

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Contracts that are 2.0 years old

(SOLD 10-15)		<u>3.0 Years Old 10-31-18</u>
2491 Futurewood	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2498 Futurewood	* 2.0 – 3.0	0% Amendment for Blowdown Policy

No Action Required at this time.

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Contracts that are 1.5 years old

(SOLD 4-16)		<u>2.0 Years Old 4-30-18</u>
2500 Bruce Burmeister	* 0 – 2.0	Initial Contract
2503 Dustin Nitek		
2504 Dustin Nitek		
2505 Kendall Logging		
2507 Dvorak Lumber		
2509 Kendall Logging		

No Action Required at this time

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Contracts that are 1.0 years old

(SOLD 10-16)		<u>1.5 Years Old 4-30-18</u>
2501 Kreier Forest Product	0 – 2.0	Initial Contract

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2502 Darin Duncan
2506 Futurewood

* 2.0 – 3.0

0% Amendment for Blowdown Policy

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2512 Darin Duncan	Blowdown	Expires 10/31/17
2513 Futurewood	Blowdown	Expires 10/31/17
2521 Lionel Klein	Blowdown	Expires 10/31/17
**2523 Roger Hoyt	Blowdown	Expires 10/31/17

Ready to close out?

**** Renew Timber Sale Contract for 6 months with a 0% increase in Stumpage Price.**

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Contracts that are 1.0 years old

1.5 Years Old 4-30-18

2514 Burmeister Logging
2515 Burmeister Logging
2516 Ron Olynick
2517 Northwest Hardwoods
2518 Kendall Logging
2519 S & S Forestry
2522 Ron Olynick
2524 S & S Forestry Plus
2525 Kreier Forest Product
2526 Kreier Forest Product
2527 Kreier Forest Product
2528 King Logging

* 0 – 2.0

Initial Contract

No Action Required at this time

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Contracts that are .5 years old

1.0 Years Old 4-30-18

2529 Suzan Logging
2530 Suzan Logging
2531 S & S Forestry (Ready to Close)
2532 JW Logging
2533 Northwest Hardwoods
2534 Strzok Logging (Ready to Close)
2535 Ron Olynick
2536 Paul Wojcik
2537 S & S Forestry
2538 JW Logging
2539 Vacho Trucking
2540 Kendall Logging

* 0 – 2.0

Initial Contract

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Czekalski Maple Leaf Dairy Farm Oak Wilt Timber:

Czekalski Maple Leaf Dairy Farm claimed County property in 2010, adverse possession. The line was mistaken when the Forestry Department marked Oak Wilt. Paul contacted corporate council Rich Summerfield, who did a release of all claims on the wood that was cut and gave Czekalski Maple Leaf Dairy Farm a check for \$1,000.00 to release the County of any damages. Paul suggested that the lines should be established so it will not happen in the future.

Motion by Schneider/Boss to accept release and payment made to Czekalski Maple Leaf Dairy Farm from the County. Motion carried.

Off Road Use Policy on County Forest Land:

Discussion when the Off Road Use Policy will be presented to the County Board. Pete will send a final draft from the Committee to County Board.

Budget Review:

Committee reviewed the 2017 budgets.

Review and Approve Bills:

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

Phil gave a report on Wisconsin County Forest Association meeting.

Adjourn:

Motion by Biller/Schneider to adjourn at 10:20a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be November 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.