

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2018

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The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Wednesday October 17, 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, Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester, Josh Spiegel – Rusk/Taylor Wildlife Biologist, Andy Albarado – County Administrator.

**Present from the Public:**  
Bob Grunseth and George Sihsmann.

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Motion by Biller/Lieftring to approve September 19, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**  
Public comment was given.

**Administrators Report:**  
Jeremy informed the Committee about the following items:

- Josh Spiegel – Rusk/Taylor Wildlife Biologist was introduced.
- Annual Partnership meeting with the DNR was explained to the Committee
- WCFA Fall Meeting – Phil and Jerrad attended in Rhinelander
- Truck Bid – Ewald in Milwaukee was awarded the bid for ¾ ton pickup.
- Jeremy received a phone call to donate 40 acres of property to Trails End.
- New informative maps for the upcoming sales were presented to the Committee.

**Timber Sale Update:**  
Jerrad had no updates to report, everything is at a standstill.

**Fall Timber Sale Ad:**  
Sixteen Sales (16) were presented to the Committee for the Fall Bid opening. The sales went from minimum bid per species to minimum of sale value. November 14, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. will be the bid opening.

Motion by Biller/DuSell to advertise for Fall Timber bid opening. Motion carried.

**ATV Maintenance Funding:**  
Jeremy and Mike met with ATV club president to discuss ATV trail maintenance. The ATV Clubs would operate like the snowmobile clubs turning in their work to the Forestry Department for reimbursement.

Motion by DuSell/Rathsack to move forward and draw up contract between the Forestry Department and Rusk Riders ATV Club. Motion carried.

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**County Conservation Aid Application:**

Jeremy would like to apply for a 50% cost share grant for the garlic mustard problem in the County Forest.

Motion by Biller/DuSell to approve application of the 50% cost share County Conservation Grant.  
Motion carried.

**Sustainable Forestry Grant Application:**

Timber Sale mats Sustainable Forestry Grant has been awarded to the Rusk County Forestry Department. A second Sustainable Forestry Grant is available and Jeremy would like to put in for a drone to help with Oak Wilt and Emerald Ash Borer problem areas.

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to apply for the second Sustainable Forestry Grant to purchase a drone.  
Motion carried.

**Gravel Crushing Advertisement:**

The Forestry Department is in need for 7,000 ton of ¾" crushed gravel for County Forest Roads.

Motion by Lieffring/DuSell to advertise for 7,000 ton of ¾" crushed gravel in the Murphy pit for County Forest Roads. Motion carried.

**Review 2018 Forestry Budgets:**

Reviewed the Budget

**Review and Approve Bills:**

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

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to adjourn at 9:10 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be November 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.