

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2017

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The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Monday November 13, 2017.

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

**Also present:** Paul Teska – County Forest Administrator, Ted East – Rusk County Human resource Director, Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager.

**Present from the Public:**  
Bob Grunseth, George Sishman. Daryl Kinnear, Dave Williams, Lionel Klein and Jason Klein.

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Motion by Biller/Lieftring to approve October 9, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**

- George requested applying for grant funding for restrooms by the Blue Goose.
- Bob Grunseth asked about changes in off road policy.
- Lionel Klein asked about wood yard moving to Tony WI.
- Discussion on an ATV Parking lot in Weyerhaeuser.

**Perch Lake Campground Development:**  
Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager gave an update on Perch Lake Campground Development:

- Select Logging has started in the area.
- Shaping of the new entry road and parking area has been done by Gudis Sand and Gravel.
- A bid will be put out to start graveling the entry road with West Serley Camp.

**Rusk County Forestry 2018 Work Plan:**  
Discussion on 2018 Work Plans purpose and wording.

Motion by Biller/Lieftring to approve and forward to County Board. Motion carried.

**2018 County Forest Variable Acreage Share Payment Resolution:**  
The Variable Acreage Share Payment Resolution will be sent to the state for ½ of County Administrators salary.

Motion by Schneider/Lieftring to approve and forward to County Board. Motion carried.

**Timber Sale Bid Opening – 9:00 a.m.:**  
Motion by Biller/Lieftring to close out bid at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried.

- Tract# - 17-17      High Bid - Lionel Klein      Bid Value - \$24,550.00

Motion by Schneider/Lieftring to accept Lionel Klein's bid. Motion carried.

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**Timber Sale Contracts, Closeouts and Renewals:**

Paul would like to sell a Direct Timber Sale Tract #25-17 – Lionel Klein to clear right of way in the Town of Murry.

Motion by Schneider/Biller to sell Tract #25-17 direct to Lionel Klein. Motion carried.

Contract #2404 – Northwest Hardwoods. Motion by Boss/Lieffring to close out and return cash Bond. Motion carried.

Contract #2460 – Vacho Forest Product. Motion by Lieffring/Biller to close out and cancel Letter of Credit. Motion carried.

**2017 Oak Wilt Updates:-**

The Committee was given an update on Oak Wilt within the County Forest. The Forestry Department Staff have been working to control the number of Oak Wilt pockets which has been decreased by half from 2016.

**2017-2018 Snowmobile Club Maintenance Contracts:**

Miles have stayed the same but money per mile has changed from \$250.00 to \$300.00 in the 2017-2018 Grant.

**Rusk County Snowmobile 2017-2018 Contracts:**

<b><u>CLUB NAME</u></b>	<b><u>MILES GROOMED</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL FUNDING</u></b>
BRUCE CLUB	99.7	\$ 29,910.00
HAWKINS	55.0	\$ 16,500.00
LADYSMITH	85.00	\$ 25,500.00
SHELDON	27.2	\$ 8,160.00
WEYERHAEUSER	66.5	\$ 19,950.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>333.40 MILES</b>	<b>\$100,020.00</b>

Motion by Schneider/Biller to enter into 2017-2018 contracts. Motion carried.

**Forestry Department Equipment:**

Paul would like to get price quotes on a 4 wheeler. Derek Jochimsen spoke about a UTV the DNR purchased and how well it works. The Committee would like Paul to get price quotes and bring back to the December committee meeting.

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**Forestry Staff:**

Paul has given his resignation to the Forestry Committee and Ted East, Human resource Director. Ted informed Personnel and would like direction from the Forestry Committee on the job description and when to advertise for the position. Forestry Committee would like the job posted as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Knops/Lieffring nominated Phil Schneider to sit on County Forest Administrator interviews. Motion carried.

**Closed Session – Announced by Chair:**

*Possible Land Acquisition – Purchase or Trade*

Chair announces closed session for negotiating sale of city/county owned property: Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, WI Stats 19.85(1) (e).

Motion by Schneider/Lieffring to enter into closed session. Roll Call: Voting Yes – Boss, Biller, Knops and Schneider. Motion carried.

Also Present: Derek Jochimsen

Entered into Closed Session at 9:09 a.m.

Motion by Lieffring /Biller at 9:22 a.m.to return to Open Session. Motion carried.

**Review 2017 Budgets:**

Discussion held.

**Review and Approve Bills:**

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

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Lieffring/Biller to adjourn at 9:23a.m. Motion carried.

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