

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 am, Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

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

Also present : Jeremy Koslowski – Forest Administrator, Connie Meyer – Clerk III, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Forest Administrator.

Present from the Public:
George Sihsmann and Bob Grunseth

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Lieffring/Biller to approve November 18, 2020 meeting minutes with the changes as discussed. Motion carried

Public Comment:
Public comment received on ATV trails.

Parks and Recreation:
Mike gave his report on the following:

- Updated report for campground reservations.
- Snowmobile clubs trail improvement wish list.
- Gave update on GPS units in snowmobile groomers.

Timber Sales:
Jerrad gave his report on the following:

- Report on sales that have started and finished.
- Discussed the DNR Wildlife Grant through Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- Timber marking report for future sales.

Administrators report:

- Discussed Northwest Hardwoods bankruptcy filing.
- Direct sold the 2 sales that did not sell from the fall bid opening to Roger Hoyt.
- The Forestry Department assisted with the missing person search from Sawyer County near Perch Lake. Dane made maps and met with the Sheriff's Dept.
- Jeremy sent out an article on Verso to all Committee members. Discussed impact to the County.
- Interviews will be on Friday for the Office Manager position. Jeremy congratulated Connie on behalf of the Forestry Dept. for her new position as County Clerk and also extended gratitude and commended her for her years of dedicated service to the Forestry Department.

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Dock Purchase for County Boat Landings:

The Forestry Department has to replace the docks at the following county boat landings: McCann, Perch and Murphy South. Mike read off the following estimates for docks.

- VW Docks - \$5,915.00
- AD Docks - \$6,199.44

Discussion on the dock make, model and installation.

Motion by DuSell/Rathsack to approve dock purchase from VW Docks for \$5,915.00 per dock. Motion carried.

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Application Resolution:

Discussed last month of the purchase of 600 +/- acres of land in Big Bend Township. Jeremy is working with the Trust for Public Land.

Motion by Rathsack/DuSell to approve the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Application Resolution and forward to the full County Board. Motion carried.

ATV Bid Opening:

Jerrad opened the following bids for the purchase of a new ATV for the Forestry Department.

- 2021 Honda TRX 420 FMI Rancher 4x4 ATV - \$6,189.00 from Liske Marine
- 2020 Honda Four Trax Rancher 4x4 EPS Red - \$7,299.00 from Northwest Honda

Motion by Rathsack/DuSell to purchase the 2021 Honda TRX 420 FMI Rancher 4x4 ATV for \$6,189.00 from Liske Marine. Motion carried.

Out of County Travel:

All meetings have been scheduled virtual.

Budget Review:

Nothing new.

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by Biller/Schneider to approve December AP report. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion by Lieffring/ to adjourn at 8:45 am. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at Law Enforcement Government Center.