

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

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The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Wednesday December 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 and Derek Jochimsen - DNR Liaison Forester.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Motion by DuSell/Lieftring to approve November 14, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**  
Public comment was given on the following:

- Chippewa property.
- Stewardship grant for ATV Trail crossing.
- Moose ear creek bridge installation.

**Parks Report:**  
Mike, Parks Manager gave an update on the following;

- The Well house building construction is completed. Young Plumbing will continue throughout the winter on installation of water to sites from Well house.
- Twenty five (25) Picnic tables will be built by Flambeau School for Rusk County Parks.
- Assisting Snowmobile clubs with Final Maps for distribution.
- Working on three (3) DNR/County permits for bridges (Main Creek, Moose Ear and Little Soft Maple) on Snowmobile and ATV trails.

Motion by Biller/Lieftring to advertise for bids construction of Main Creek-Hawkins Bridge. Motion carried.

**Timber Sale Report:**  
Jerrad, Assistant Forest Administrator gave an update on active Timber Sales in the County.

**Administrators Report:**  
Jeremy, Administrator gave an update in the Forestry Department:

- Rusk County is looking strong for 2018 timber stumpage.
- Time standards with the DNR went down by13%. The DNR is going refigure the standards by acreage.
- Quarterly WCFA conference call was had.
- Discussion on the 15 year plan due in 2020.
- Annual Spring Meeting will be in Marshfield on March 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>.

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- County Conservation Aid grant for Garlic Mustard was approved for 'Rutt Road'.
- Sustainable Forestry Grant was approved for a drone for recon.
- Park reservation system is proceeding forward.
- Gravel crushing was completed by Golat.
- Wildlife Biologist was approved for Rough Grouse management area around Lea Lake.
- A turnaround was completed at the End of Stout Road by the Township of Wilkinson.

**Access Permit:**

- Suzan – Would like access by Josie Creek to cut for Dairyland Power.  
Motion by DuSell/Lieffring to grant access to Allen Suzan. Motion carried.
- Klein is logging off of Hause Road cutting a State Sale and would like access and deck wood on County Property.  
Motion by Rathsack/DuSell to grant access to Lionel Klein. Motion carried.

**Advertise for gravel haul:**

Betty Lake Road – A map was passed around to Committee to shown spots on Betty Lake Road that needs gravel.

Motion by Biller/Rathsack to put out for bids. Motion carried.

**ATV Tracks purchase:**

Approval by property. Motion by DuSell/Biller to purchase tracks. Motion carried.

**Review 2018 Forestry Budgets:**

Reviewed the Budget

**Review and Approve Bills:**

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

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Lieffring/DuSell to adjourn at 8:53 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be January 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.