

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee
Meeting Minutes
FEBRUARY 19, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 A.M., Wednesday February 19, 2020.

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

Also present: Jeremy Koslowski – Forest Administrator, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Forest Administrator and Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager.

Present from the Public:

George Sishmann, Don Mansky, Bob Grunseth, Jeff and Dana Ebby, Tyler Kauther, Tom Paulson and Owen Martin.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to approve January 15, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Tom Paulson spoke about 1.1 mile section on Johns Creek Road winter use. He would like the winter use for Johns Creek Road to be limited to cross country skiing and snowshoeing and implement into the Rusk County Comprehensive Plan. Discussion was held.

Parks Report:

Mike reported the following:

- Request at Murphy to camp during winter months.
- Bridge permits approval for Wilson Meadow and Twin Creek Bridges.
- Grants for the April 15th deadline.

Timber Sale Report:

Jerrad reported the following:

- Report given on active sales.
- Hervas Road sale (Black Ash Swamp) is going well.

Administrators Report:

Jeremy reported the following:

- Discussed Rusk County bid opening sales.
- Dane Public Land handbook Committee.
- Strategic planning committee meeting.
- WCFA Budget committee meeting.
- Videos on YouTube - Rusk County Forest and Parks channel.
- WCFA Spring meetings in Marshfield.
- Summer Tour schedule for 2020.

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Resolutions:

The following Resolutions were presented to the Committee.

- 2020 ATV Trail Maintenance and Development.
- 2020 Recreational Boating Facilities.
- 2020 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance and Development.
- 2020 County Conservation Maintenance and Development.

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to approve 2020 ATV Trail Maintenance and Development, Recreational Boating Facilities, Snowmobile Trail Maintenance and Development, County Conservation Maintenance and Development Resolutions and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.

Bridge Bid Opening @ 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Rathsack/DuSell to close out bids for the Wilson Meadow ATV Bridge and Twin Creek Snowmobile Bridge. Motion carried.

Wilson Meadows ATV Bridge Bids:

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| • Anderson Bridge | \$41,400.00 |
| • CWI | \$39,840.00 |
| • Custom Manufacturing | \$41,700.00 |
| • Gordon J Grube Construction | \$95,876.12 |
| • Janke Contractors | \$123,380.00 |
| • Eby Portable Welding | \$44,800.00 |
| • Tyler Excavating | \$58,400.00 |
| • Gudis Sand and Gravel | \$78,688.57 |

Motion by DuSell/Lieffring to approve CWI \$39,840.00 as the winning bid. Motion carried.

Twin Creek Snowmobile Bridge Bids :

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| • Custom Manufacturing | \$49,200.00 |
| • Janke Contractors | \$120,480.00 |
| • Anderson Bridge | \$49,900.00 |
| • Gordon J Grube | \$117,531.75 |
| • Eby Portable Welding | \$38,400.00 |
| • CWI | \$46,450.00 |

Motion by Lieffring/Rathsack to approve Eby Portable Welding \$38,400.00 as the winning bid. Motion carried.

2020 Parks Budget:

Approval for \$45,000.00 from the Parks and Trails Budget to upkeep for Parks and Recreation for 2020.

Motion by DuSell/Rathsack to approve \$45,000.00 from the Parks and Trail Budget for Parks and Recreation for 2020. Motion carried.

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Rusk County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan:

Changes are as follows:

Motion by Lieffring/Rathsack to approve Chapter 600 draft with changes listed above. Motion carried.

Out of County Travel:

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to approve out of County Travel for Committee members and Forestry staff for the March 19th WCFA meeting. Motion carried.

Budget Review:

No comment

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to approve February AP reports. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday March 25, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at Law Enforcement Government Center.