

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:00 am, Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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

Also present: Jeremy Koslowski – Forest Administrator, Heidi Woldhuis – Office Manager, Mike Zimmer – Parks Manager, Jerrad Macholl – Assistant Forest Administrator, Dane Gravesen – Forester III (by phone), and Derek Jochimsen – DNR Rusk County DNR Liaison (by phone), Connie Meyer

Present from the Public:

George Sihsmann, Don Mansky, Bob Grunseth, Lionel Klein, David Engle, Kafka, Weaver

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lieffring/Biller to approve April 21, 2021 meeting minutes. No Opposed, Motion carried

Public Comment:

- Comments on ATV trails opening and maps
- Questions regarding trails and bids

Parks and Recreation Report:

Mike reported on the following:

- Interns starting next week
- Memorial Day weekend – all sites booked at campgrounds
- Water is on at all campgrounds
- New Campsite Hosts will be starting at Perch/Audie on June 1st 2021
- Weirgor – working on permits for a start date in July
- Biller – received complaints regarding loud barking dogs at Josie Creek over Fishing Opener. Questions regarding rules and enforcement regarding loud dogs.

Timber Sale Report:

Jerrad reported on the following:

- One sale started
- No piled wood has been hauled as of yet
- Marking for next fall sales
- Beaver activity continues to rise within the county forest – 5 dams destroyed to date this season
- Discussion regarding sold mills; Verso in Duluth, Domtar

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Administrator Report:

- Mill closures and how it effects the county markets
- Working through land trade proposal
- Hatch property – waiting to go to JFC (June) for funding
- Posted Forest Technician position, received 5 applications

Revisit Parks Assistant Position:

- Reviewed previous conversation regarding the position update

Motion by Biller/DuSell to forward the recommendation to the County Board. No opposed, motion carried.

Forestry Shop Building Reorganization:

- Two false walls to be removed to accommodate workspace and heating of shop

Motion by Lieffring/Biller to allow Forestry Staff to make updates to Forestry Shop Building.

Vilas County Summer Tour:

- Registration and agenda is available
- Notify the Forestry Office by Friday, May 28th if members plan to attend

9 AM Spring Timber Sale Bid Opening:

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9 am motion by Rathsack/Lieffring to close bid opening. No opposed, motion carried

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to accept high bids with the exception of 6&9 due to past performance. No opposed, motion carried.

Motion by Biller/Rathsack to accept 2nd highest bids for 6&9 due to past performance. No opposed, motion carried.

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The accepted bids are as follows:

Timber Sale Bid Summary

Tract#	Acres	Bids	High Bidder	Bid Value	Minimum Bid
1-21	83	3	Roger Hoyt Logging	87,773.80	58,710.00
2-21	148	1	Roger Hoyt Logging	124,307.50	88,515.00
3-21	82	1	Northwest Hardwoods	56,385.00	41,990.00
4-21	212	4	Northwest Hardwoods	517,660.00	258,675.00
5-21	89	2	Roger Hoyt Logging	73,312.50	49,610.00
6-21	145	2	Theodore J. Strzok Jr. Loggi	105,650.00	80,850.00
7-21	50	3	Roger Hoyt Logging	28,842.50	25,915.00
8-21	38	7	Lake States Timber	67,500.00	32,515.00
9-21	140	2	Theodore J. Strzok Jr. Loggi	104,950.00	88,860.00
10-21	109	3	Northwest Hardwoods	95,990.00	62,110.00
13-21	72	5	Allen Suzan	147,054.55	73,275.00
Bids:		33	Total Value:	1,409,425.85	861,025.00
Sales:		11			

Out of County Travel:

- Summer tour is in June 22nd – 24th in Eagle River

Budget Review:

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by Biller/DuSell to approve April AP report with correction of removal of Murphy Dam Inspection to be removed from Forestry Report. No Opposed, Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to adjourn at 9:47 am. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at Law Enforcement Government Center.