

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
MAY 20, 2020

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The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Forestry Committee was called to order at 8:05am, Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

**Present from the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee:** Phil Schneider, Lyle Lieftring (by phone), Alan Rathsack and Terry Dusell. Absent: Jerry Biller

**Also present:** Jeremy Koslowski – Forest Administrator, Connie Meyer-Clerk III  
Present by phone: Jerrad Macholl-Assistant Forest Administrator, Dane Gravesen-Forester III

**Present from the Public:**  
Bob Grunseth and George Sihsman  
Present by phone – Doug and Ronna Schubel.

**Approval of Minutes:**  
Motion by Biller/Lieftring to approve March 25, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:**  
Vice-Chair Lieftring called for nominations for Forestry Chairman. Motion by Biller to nominate Phil Schneider for Chairman. Vice-Chairman Lieftring called for other nominations three times. Motion by Rathsack/Biller to close nomination and cast a unanimous vote for Schneider as Chairman. Motion carried.

Chairman Schneider called for nominations for Forestry Vice-Chairman. Motion by Rathsack to nominate Lyle Lieftring for Vice-Chairman. Chair Schneider called for other nominations three times. Motion by DuSell/Biller to close nomination and cast a unanimous vote for Lieftring as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried

**Public Comment:**  
Comments received on Murphy Campground, ATV/UTV trail clean-up and Rusk County Forest Comprehensive Land Use plan.

Chairman Phil Schneider thanked the ATV clubs for all their work.

**Josie Creek Rifle Range Open/Closed Schedule:**  
The 2020 Josie Creek Rifle Range schedule was presented to the Committee.

Motion by Biller/DuSell to approve the 2020 Josie Creek Rifle Range schedule. Motion carried.

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## 2020 JOSIE CREEK RIFLE RANGE CLOSURE DATES

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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MAY							JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
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SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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CLOSED

### Parks and Recreation:

Jeremy read Mike's Parks and Recreation report on the following:

- Campgrounds are getting cleaned and will be ready to open this week.
- RBF Grants will be submitted by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- County D dock donation.
- Two Interns will start on May 19<sup>th</sup> and the third on May 26<sup>th</sup>
- There is a power outage at Audie campsites 1 and 3. Meyer electric will be out to fix it before the weekend.

### Timber Sales:

Jerrad gave his report on the following:

- He gave a recap on the winter sales.
- Bruce Pettit will start cutting on his sale this summer.
- Six to seven sales are marked for the fall timber sale.

### Administrators report:

Jeremy gave his report on the following:

- He has received positive reviews timber sale extensions given at 0% increase due to the current pandemic
- Great reviews on offering 4 year contracts for the spring opening . (Great Lakes Timber Producers letter was read.)
- Office has a lot of changes – field staff moved back to the office. Talked about the phone calls on Monday. Parks reservation website will be launched soon, ready to go.
- 121 Beavers were trapped last year in the County Forest.
- Josie Creek has hail damage on many different buildings that have a metal roof. Insurance does not cover a metal roof and most of them are metal. The shingled roofs are depreciated for anything over 14 years old. Discussion was held.
- The Chippewa property 8 x 12 sign on the highway has been vandalized.

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**Campground Fee Schedule:**

Jeremy is seeking guidance on the \$10.00 fee that is implemented in the new Parks reservation system. It's charging \$10.00 for each reservation and not per person. He is going to look into what other counties charge and the cost of changing the system and get back to Committee.

**Opening Campgrounds:**

Jeremy discussed with Public Health and Mike anticipating opening the Rusk County campgrounds on May 21<sup>st</sup>. He spoke to the committee on steps that will be taken to keep the staff safe during cleaning as well as the recommendations from Rusk County Public Health.

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to approve opening all campgrounds as well as all the bathrooms on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

**Skinner Creek Road Gravel Project:**

Skinner Creek Road located in South Fork and Cedar Rapids townships needs some work in the County Forest. Jeremy is seeking 1.35 miles to be graveled by August 31, 2020. It will need 3,213 yards of crushed gravel more or less hauled and spread which will be supplied by the contractor. The expense will come out of the Road Aid budget.

Motion by DuSell/Lieffring to approve bidding Skinner Creek Road Gravel Project. Motion carried.

**9:00 Timber Bid Opening:**

Motion to DuSell/Lieffring to close bids at 9:00 a.m. for May Timber Bid opening. Motion carried.

The accepted bids are as follows:

Tract#	Acres	Bids	High Bidder	Bid Value	Minimum Bid
1-20	117	4	Theodore J. Strzok Jr. Loggi	69,500.00	62,045.60
2-20	155	1	NO BID	0.00	57,878.00
3-20	100	2	Futurewood Corporation	128,625.00	67,266.50
4-20	108	3	Theodore J. Strzok Jr. Loggi	66,115.00	59,440.00
5-20	43	2	Theodore J. Strzok Jr. Loggi	52,849.50	38,149.60
6-20	164	1	King's Logging and Tree	67,010.00	66,351.00
7-20	104	1	NO BID	0.00	69,712.50
8-20	91	2	Theodore J. Strzok Jr. Loggi	88,510.00	82,300.00
9-20	116	2	Country Forest Product	117,695.00	110,348.00
10-20	101	2	Theodore J. Strzok Jr. Loggi	98,275.00	88,130.00
11-20	55	3	Theodore J. Strzok Jr. Loggi	86,025.00	73,465.00
12-20	157	3	Theodore J. Strzok Jr. Loggi	212,955.00	182,252.00
13-20	104	1	NO BID	0.00	8,215.00
14-20	206	3	R.M. Bay Logging Inc.	214,330.50	161,904.00
Bids:		<b>30</b>	Total Value:	<b>1,201,890.00</b>	<b>1,127,457.20</b>
Sales:		<b>14</b>			

Motion by Biller/Lieffring to approve all apparent high bidders and to hold the 3 unsold sales for the Fall Timber Sale. Motion carried.

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**Chapter 800:**

Presented and Discussed.

Changes are as follows:

- 830.4 logging lamps should be logging camps

**Chapter 900:**

Presented and Discussed.

Changes are as follows:

- 930.4 last bullet point typo - be left
- 935.2 Trails End should be added along with a description.
- 940.2.2.1(2) Summer only trails lists summer winter in description
- 940.2.2.1(5)(5c) – typo second word These are
- Page 15 first paragraph – Trails must be developed to sustainably
- 945.1 –supposed to read completion
- 950 Should have additional language to support future development and staffing needs

Motion by Lieftring/DuSell to approve Chapters 800 and 900 with changes listed above. Motion carried.

**Out of County Travel:**

NONE

**Budget Review:**

Discussed 2020 Timber Sale revenue.

**Review and Approve Bills:**

Motion by Rathsack/Lieftring to approve March and April AP reports. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Lieftring/Schneider to adjourn at 10:45am. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at Law Enforcement Government Center.