
Rusk County Forestry Department

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RUSK COUNTY LAND AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH 2024
PLACE: RUSK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER MEETING ROOM
TIME: 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 15, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT – limit of 3 minutes per person

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Report
2. Timber Sales Report
3. Administrator's Report
4. Public Trail Committee Report

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

1. Trail Recommendations
2. Request to advertise Public Trails AdHoc committee Appointment
3. Excelsior road Access
4. Carbon Credit Revenue Allocation
5. Resolution - DNR Shooting Range Grant
6. Award Spring 2024 Timber Sale re-bids
7. **Closed Session** – Announced by chair

Timber Sale Contract Extensions and bond confiscation Pursuit to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e).
Chair announces closed session for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Open Session – Discussion/action as may be necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in closed session.

8. Out of County Travel
 - ORV/Snowmobile Council – Aug 27-28 – Weston, WI
 - Forest Management for Neotropical Migratory Birds – June 18 – Flambeau River State Forest Headquarters
9. Review and Approve Bills
10. Set the Next Meeting Date
11. Adjourn

Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the County Clerk's Office at 715-532-2100 with as much advance notice as possible. At any time, a quorum of a County Committee or of the County Board may be present at the meeting to observe the proceedings, but no action will be taken except by those Committee Members for the stated Committee meeting and only on noticed agenda items.

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

Land and Forestry Committee Present: P. Schneider, P. Unterschuetz, J. Biller, A. Hampton, S. Zimmer

Others Present: J. Macholl, H. Woldhuis, D. Jochimsen, B. Grunseth, G. Sihsmann, R. Ellwanger, D. Mansky, J. Waldron, J. Waeltz, R. Fisher, R. McEathron Kramer, G. Searfoss, E. Lindberg

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 15th, 2024.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Schneider called for nominations for Land and Forestry Chairman.

Zimmer nominated Unterschuetz for the Land and Forestry Chairman.

Schneider called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Zimmer, second by Hampton to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Unterschuetz as Chair. Motion Carried.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Unterschuetz called for nominations for Land and Forestry Vice-Chairman.

Hampton nominated Zimmer for Land and Forestry Vice-Chairman.

Unterschuetz called for additional nominations three times.

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Zimmer as Vice-Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Biller, and second by Schneider to approve the April 10, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public spoke on agenda items and other concerns

MONTHLY REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Report:

Mike reported on current campground work. Updated committee members on county campground information, boat landings, other areas maintained by the parks department, grant funding, and construction projects.

Timber Sale Report:

Jerrad reported on active timber sales, staff are marking new upcoming sales

Administrator Report:

Jerrad invited the committee to the Summer Tour June 19-20. County Forest Certification Audit, ATV signage update.

Public Trail Committee Report:

Trail committee reported a request to open Excelsior Road to the public, John Creek Road to be shared but signage from the ski trail to be removed. Continuous work on the trail inspection form.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Set meeting schedule, date, and time:

Committee discussed

Motion by Biller, second by Hampton to schedule Committee meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm. Motion carried.

County Forest Law Orientation:

Introduction of D. Jochimsen, DNR Forest Liaison, and job duties.

Jerrad presented a brief overview of the 15-year plan

Trail Recommendations:

Committee will continue inspections once forest roads are open again.

Sand Lake – AIS Presentation:

Lake association members presented a request to install an ILID at the County Boat Landing at Sand Lake.

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider, to approve the installation of ILID system at the County Board Landing at Sand Lake. Motion carried.

Carbon Credit Revenue Allocation:

Jerrad presented a recommendation for the allocation of future Carbon Credit revenue.

Parks/Trail Development Funds:

4-hill ATV trail, graveling, and ditching for approximately \$2500

Motion by Biller, second by Zimmer to recommend \$2500 from Parks/Trail Development fund and forward to Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

Ski Trail – Excelsior/John Creek Access:

The Committee discussed widening Excelsior Road for multi-user winter use.

The committee directed the Forest Administrator to look into options for widening Excelsior Road.

Advertise ATV Trail Opening Dates:

The Committee discussed a request to advertise ATV Trail and County Wood Roads opening dates in the newspaper.

Motion by Hampton, second by Schneider to advertise in the LS News, RL, Chetek, Barron from Parks and Trail Development and forward to Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Wilson Meadow Trail ATV Pavilion Request:

The Committee discussed the proposal from Rusk Riders.

Motion by Jerry, second by Hampton to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

Recreation Maintenance Agreements:

The Committee reviewed updates as presented

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider to approve 2024 Recreation Maintenance Agreements as presented.

Motion carried.

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Award Spring 2024 Timber Sale Bids:

The Committee reviewed as presented

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider, to approve all high bidders pending no conflicts. Motion Carried

Motion by Biller, second by Hampton to advertise unsold sales from Spring 2024 Timber Sales for bid. Motion Carried

Bid opening June 17th, 2024.

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider to enter into a closed session at 5:24 PM. All responded Yes.

Closed Session – Announced by Chair

Timber Sale Contract Extensions pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e). Chair announces closed session for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Open Session at 5:33 PM.

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider, to award a 1 year, 40% increase to sales 2585 and 2613, provide cash bond to replace Letter of Credit. Award a 1-year, 0% increase to sales 2611, 2612, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2618, and 2619, provide a cash bond to replace Letter of Credit. Motion Carried.

Out-of-County Travel:

Committee discussed members attending WCFA Summer Tour

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider, to approve the April AP report as presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Zimmer, second by Hampton to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. LEC Board Room.

Minutes prepared by:
Heidi Woldhuis, Forestry Department Office Manager

APPROVAL FOR OUT-OF-COUNTY TRAVEL

NAME: Jerrad Macholl

DEPARTMENT: Forestry

Mike Zimmer

Date of travel: August 27-28

Location: Weston, WI

Meeting Purpose:

ORV/Snowmobile Council Meetings

Registration Fee: \$\$

Estimated Meals: \$\$ 86.00

Estimated Lodging: \$\$ 100.00

Miles @ .655cents: \$\$ 242 158.51

Other: \$\$

TOTAL \$\$ 344.51

COMMITTEE SIGNATURES:

Three to five signatures needed.

APPROVAL FOR OUT-OF-COUNTY TRAVEL

NAME Dane Gravesen, Alex Stauber

DEPARTMENT: Forestry

Jake Moore

Date of travel: June 18th, 2024

Location: Flambeau River State
Forest Headquarters

Meeting Purpose:

Forest Management for Neotropical Migratory Birds

Registration Fee: \$\$

Estimated Meals: \$\$

Estimated Lodging: \$\$

Miles @ .655cents: \$\$ 80 52.40

Other: \$\$

TOTAL \$\$ 52.40

COMMITTEE SIGNATURES:

Three to five signatures needed.

Report Criteria:

Detail report.

Invoices with totals above \$0 included.

Paid and unpaid invoices included.

Invoice Detail.GL account = "10052"-10054", "10060"-10062", "204"-206", "10024450", "1008056114000"-1008056114999", "1005955201000"-1005955201999", "10081"-10083", "10085"-10089"

Invoice Detail.Created date = 05/08/2024-06/11/2024

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	GL Account and Title
4 CONTROL INC	9165	GRANT CC23-55MM GARLIC MUSTARD	05/20/2024	4,934.18	100-60-56115-000 COUNTY CONSERV AIDS EX
BUCHHOLZ FEED STORE	0332	50# LOGGERS SEED MIX	05/01/2024	250.00	204-62-56122-817 ATV-4320 WEIRGOR TRAIL
BUCHHOLZ FEED STORE	0332	(4) 56# RYE	05/01/2024	92.00	204-62-56122-817 ATV-4320 WEIRGOR TRAIL
FREUDENTHAL MANUFACTURING	214083	(5) 192" 2 BAR FORESTRY GATES	05/20/2024	2,475.00	100-61-56111-217 FORESTRY-TIMBER SALES E
FREUDENTHAL MANUFACTURING	214083	(5) 192" 2 BAR FORESTRY GATES GRANT ATV 4746	05/20/2024	2,475.00	204-62-56122-816 ATV-BUCKS LAKE TRAIL DEV
JUMP RIVER ELEC COOP INC	17501001 0501	04/01/24-05/01/24 ACCT 17501001 MTHLY CHG	05/05/2024	76.18	100-52-55201-229 PARKS & REC - UTILITIES
JUMP RIVER ELEC COOP INC	17501005 0501	04/01/24-05/01/24 ACCT 17501005 MTHLY CHG	05/05/2024	48.33	100-52-55201-229 PARKS & REC - UTILITIES
JUMP RIVER ELEC COOP INC	17501006 0430	04/01/24-04/30/24 ACCT 17501006 MTHLY CHG	05/05/2024	68.42	100-52-55201-229 PARKS & REC - UTILITIES
JUMP RIVER ELEC COOP INC	17501008 0501	04/01/24-05/01/24 ACCT 17501008 MTHLY CHG	05/05/2024	53.10	100-52-55201-229 PARKS & REC - UTILITIES
JUMP RIVER ELEC COOP INC	17501009 0501	04/01/24-05/01/24 ACCT 17501009 MTHLY CHG	05/05/2024	53.55	100-52-55201-229 PARKS & REC - UTILITIES
JUMP RIVER ELEC COOP INC	17501010 0501	04/01/24-05/01/24 ACCT 17501010 MTHLY CHG	05/05/2024	58.78	100-52-55201-229 PARKS & REC - UTILITIES
LADYSMITH ACE HARDWARE	98242 1	TWIST MO	05/21/2024	13.49	100-52-55201-349 PARKS & REC-WORKING SU
LADYSMITH ACE HARDWARE	98242 1	BUCKET 3 GAL	05/21/2024	8.99	100-52-55201-349 PARKS & REC-WORKING SU
LADYSMITH ACE HARDWARE	98242 1	DISP GLOVES	05/21/2024	17.99	100-52-55201-349 PARKS & REC-WORKING SU
LADYSMITH ACE HARDWARE	186599/1	KWIKSET KEYS	04/25/2024	5.38	100-61-56111-349 FORESTRY-WORKING SUPP
LADYSMITH ACE HARDWARE	186599/1	(2) PADLOCK	04/25/2024	5.38	100-61-56111-349 FORESTRY-WORKING SUPP
LADYSMITH ACE HARDWARE	189320/1	WET DRY VAC	05/02/2024	107.99	100-61-56111-349 FORESTRY-WORKING SUPP
LADYSMITH NEWS	17942	MAY 2 AND MAY 9 TIMBER SALE BID ADVERTISEMENT	05/09/2024	118.00	100-61-56111-217 FORESTRY-TIMBER SALES E
LADYSMITH NEWS	18097	ADVERTISE TRAIL OPEN DATES	05/30/2024	43.88	100-59-55201-349 PARK & TRAIL DEVELOP-WO
LADYSMITH NEWS	18166	TIMBER SALE BIDS MAY 30, JUNE 6	06/06/2024	108.25	100-61-56111-217 FORESTRY-TIMBER SALES E
MARTIN, OWEN	8800	LAWNMOWER TIRE	05/10/2024	49.50	100-52-55201-249 PARKS & REC-MAINTENANC
MARTIN, OWEN	8800	TRAILER TIRE	05/10/2024	109.00	100-61-56111-249 FORESTRY - REPAIRS
MARTIN, OWEN	8800	TIRE DISPOSAL	05/10/2024	12.00	100-61-56111-249 FORESTRY - REPAIRS
MARTIN, OWEN	8800	PROCUREMENT FEE	05/10/2024	5.12	100-61-56111-249 FORESTRY - REPAIRS
POINT & PAY LLC	9669 5302024	APRIL 2024 92 CAMPSITE CHARGES	05/30/2024	282.70	100-52-55201-290 PARKS & REC-POINT & PAY
RASSBACH COMMUNICATIONS	8400	MONTHLY NETWORK REPEATER MAY 2024	05/09/2024	125.44	100-61-56111-225 FORESTRY-COMMUNICATIO
RASSBACH COMMUNICATIONS	8400	CALLBOX DISPATCH RADIO	05/09/2024	35.84	100-52-55201-225 PARKS - COMMUNICATIONS
REPUBLIC SERVICES #930	930-00132877	MAY 2024 FORESTRY SHOP	04/25/2024	63.50	100-61-56111-216 FORESTRY- CONTRACT SER
RUSK RIDERS ATV CLUB	6062024	GRANT ATV4638 FINAL REIMBURSEMENT	06/06/2024	3,785.36	204-62-56122-366 ATV-TRAIL MAINTENANCE
RUSS THOMPSON EXCAVATING INC	49980	GRADE FOREST ROAD	05/29/2024	180.00	100-82-56113-366 FOREST RD AID- MAINTENA
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	903332294	(4) CHERRI-D, (2) MORNING FRESH MAT, (1) D STROY MORNIN	05/02/2024	1,670.76	100-52-55201-249 PARKS & REC-MAINTENANC
VERIZON WIRELESS	9963362138	05/05/24-06/04/24 ACCT 983216421-00001 MTHLY CHRGS 996336	05/04/2024	45.45	100-61-56111-225 FORESTRY-COMMUNICATIO
WALLY'S SAW & GUN	71659	HARNESS	06/06/2024	49.99	100-52-55201-349 PARKS & REC-WORKING SU
WALLY'S SAW & GUN	71659	(2) SPEED LOAD	06/06/2024	7.98	100-52-55201-349 PARKS & REC-WORKING SU

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WALLY'S SAW & GUN	71659	(2) GAL BAR&CHAIN OIL	06/06/2024	25.98	100-52-55201-349 PARKS & REC-WORKING SU
WALMART	088522	WASH WAX, DAWN SOAP	04/26/2024	14.41	100-61-56111-349 FORESTRY-WORKING SUPP
WE ENERGIES	5020587078	04/03/24-05/03/24 ACCT 0717772340-00001 MTHLY CHRGS 50158	05/08/2024	69.67	100-61-56111-229 FORESTRY- SHOP/ UTILITIE
WEYERHAEUSER SNOWMOBILE CLU	05012024	GRANT S5672 GATE REIMBURSEMENT	05/01/2024	323.98	205-54-55440-812 SNOW TRAIL-S5672 POTATO
XCEL ENERGY	873609780	03/05/24-04/03/24 ACCT 52-6703448-6 MTHLY CHRGS 110142178	04/16/2024	136.88	100-61-56111-229 FORESTRY- SHOP/ UTILITIE
XCEL ENERGY	874709706	03/25/24-04/23/24 ACCT 5263578043 MTHLY CHG	04/24/2024	39.10	100-52-55201-229 PARKS & REC - UTILITIES
XCEL ENERGY	877651003	04/03/24-05/02/24 ACCT 52-6703448-6 MTHLY CHRGS 110690114	05/15/2024	120.55	100-61-56111-229 FORESTRY- SHOP/ UTILITIE
Grand Totals:				18,167.10	

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Net Invoice Amount	GL Account and Title
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We, the undersigned committee, have reviewed and approve the attached list of invoices and purchasing card statement(s).

Phil Unterschuetz - Chair

Date

Stacy Zimmer- Vice Chair

Alec Hampton

Jerry Biller

Phil Schneider
