

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024

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

Others Present: J. Macholl, H. Woldhuis, A. Heath, P. Zimmer, B. Grunseth, G. Sihsmann, R. Ellwanger, D. Mansky, J. Waldron, T. Paulson, J. Waeltz, C. Ford

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18th, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Schneider, and second by Biller to approve the May 15, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public spoke on agenda items and other concerns

MONTHLY REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Report:

Jerrad reported on campgrounds, summer LTEs, Buck Lake ATV Trail updates, Weirgor ATV Trail updates, Graveling TROUTE roads

Timber Sale Report:

Jerrad reported on active timber sales

Administrator Report:

Jerrad updated on ATV trail Pavilion approval, educational opportunities, audit prep-work, excelsior road discussions, WCFA meeting updates, DNR time standards

Public Trail Committee Report:

The trail committee reported an agreement to use the trail inspection form. Request to change trail open dates of funded trails to the Friday before Memorial Day, and keep wood trails as June 15th. Received a quote for work on Excelsior Road to expand for ski trail use.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Trail Recommendations:

Jerrad reported on BH Trail 931

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider to close BH 931. Motion Carried

Request to advertise Public Trails AdHoc Committee Appointment:

Motion by Schneider, second by Biller, to advertise for the two available positions for the AdHoc Public Trails Committee via the website and Ladysmith News. Motion carried.

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Excelsior Road Access:

Presented estimates cost from Rusk County Highway Committee. Discussed options for trail placement or road work.

Committee requests Trail Committee members to meet with Blue Hills Trail Association to explore additional options.

Carbon Credit Revenue Allocation:

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

Resolution – DNR Shooting Range Grant:

Presented resolution to pave the driveway and parking lot area of the Josie Creek Rifle Range.

Motion by Biller, second by Zimmer to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board. Motion Carried.

Award Spring 2024 Timber Sale Bids re-bids:

The Committee reviewed as presented

Motion by Biller, second by Schneider, to approve all high bidders. Motion Carried

Discussion regarding the remaining six unsold bids.

Motion by Biller, second by Zimmer to direct sale unsold sales. Unsold sales to have specs changed if needed.

Out-of-County Travel:

Forest Management for Neotropical Migratory Birds – June 18, Flambeau River State Forest

Motion by Zimmer, second by Schneider, to approve out of County Travel. Motion Carried.

Review and Approve Bills:

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. LEC Board Room.