

# RUSK COUNTY PUBLIC LAND AD COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 7, 2023

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**Forestry Committee Present:** DuSell and Schneider

**Ad Hoc Committee Present:** Don Mansky, Ross Ellwanger, Jay Waeltz, George Sihsmen, Dave Williams and Ralph Fischer

**Others Present:** Jon Runstrom, Nick Stadnyk, Jerrad Macholl, and Phil Unterschuetz

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Forestry Committee Member DuSell at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2022 and February 28, 2023

*Motion by Phil Schneider, seconded by Ralph Fisher to approve both the November 10, 2022 and February 28, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.*

## Rusk County Motorized Operation Ordinance - Discussion and Possible Motion

Jerrad Macholl handed out ordinance and presented Forestry Dept map of open trails.

Discussion of proposed map and closed trails as pertains to Rusk County Motorized Operation Ordinance.

Committee discussed concerns related to water quality, logging damage to County Forests and carbon credit revenue.

## Discussion on open County Forest Roads to Motorized Recreational Vehicle to maintain BMP (Best Management Practices)

Discussion by committee members on forest certification importance to Rusk County, trails that can be opened now based on BMPs. Field verification process proposed by Nick Stadnyk and Terry DuSell suggested field verification could be done by qualified individuals outside the Forestry Dept.

*Motion by Jay Waeltz, seconded by Ross Ellwanger to approve ordinance. Motion failed.*

## ADJOURN

*Motion by Jay Waeltz, seconded by Ross Ellwanger to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried*