

**Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Land, Water and Forestry Resources  
Committee Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse**



**Committee Members Present:**

Bruce Paulson, Brian Bisonette, Elaine Nyberg, Ron Buckholtz, James Bassett

**County Personnel Present:**

Tom Hoff, Greg Peterson, Carol Williamson, Dan Pleoger, Kimberly Wendt, Brian DeVries, Dale Olson  
Jessica Kujala,

**Also Present:**

Linda Zillmer, Phil Nies, Jerry Wright, Don Mrotek, Roy Zubrod, Joan Cervanka

**Call to Order-** Bruce Paulson calls meeting to order at 8:30am

**Approval of December 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes-** Motion by Bassett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nyberg to approve December minutes, motion carried

**Events-** Seeley Big Fat Race- January 22, 2017, Borah Epic- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, Birkie Tour- January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion by Bassett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz to approve events contingent on receiving proper insurance, motion carried

**Land Records and County Surveyor Department**

**Presentation on GIS** – Kimberly Wendt and Brian DeVries of the Land Records Department give a presentation on the GIS mapping program and how the department is using it on a daily basis. They explain that this program is not only used by their department but also used in Forestry and Zoning. The products of this program are a helpful tool for many other departments as well. A few examples of the tasks in which they use the program for are creating new addresses, and Parcel mapping. The department has also created zoning maps, and online mapping applications to assist the public in things such as; land sales, finding voting location, and they are even working on a public safety application using the GIS program.

**County Report** – Nothing to report

**Sawyer County Forestry Department**

**Work Plan/ DNR partnership meeting minutes-** Greg Peterson, Forestry administrator reviews the SCF Annual work plan for 2017. (See materials) He explains the goals for the forestry department including the expected number of timber sales for the coming year, and the timber types that will be included in those sales. He also reviews the annual DNR Partnership meeting minutes and shares the department's plans for improving in certain areas. Peterson seeks committee approval to send the plan on to the County Board. Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bassett to approve the annual work plan and send it on to County Board for approval. Motion Carried

**Recreational Trails Report-** Don Mrotek reports that snowmobile trails are open and looking good. He also reminds the committee that the snowmobile alliance always has updated trail conditions on their website, to keep riders informed.

**County report-** (See information packet)

**Zoning/Conservation Department**

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**Zoning/Conservation Department presentation-** Dale Olson, Zoning and Conservation administrator presents a power point to the committee reviewing the range of duties covered by his department. Olson touched on a variety of topics from water quality studies, erosion control, and soil testing, to wildlife damage programs, and building ordinances and permitting. Olson also mentioned the numerous accreditations in which he and his staff are required to have in order to carry out tasks they perform regularly.

**Adjourned** - Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bassett, to adjourn. Motion carried

Minutes prepared by Forestry Secretary Jessica Kujala