

**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,

**County Personnel Present:**

Greg Peterson, Carol Williamson, Dan Pleoger, Dale Olson, Paula Chisser  
Jessica Kujala,

**Also Present:**

Phil Nies, Jan Holmes, Don Mrotek, Roy Zubrod, Valerie Johnson, Ron Spiering, Dan Tyrolt

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

**Approval of January 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes-** Motion by Buckholtz 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette to approve January minutes, motion carried

**Events-** American Birkebeiner & Korteloped- February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 2017, Fat Bike Birkie- March 11<sup>th</sup> 2017, Birkie Trail Run & Trek- September 29<sup>th</sup> 2017. Motion by Buckholtz 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette to approve events, motion carried

**Land Records and County Surveyor Department-** Dan Pleoger gives a brief update on current projects being worked on within his department.

**Sawyer County Forestry Department**

**15 Year Plan Update- Forestry Permit Policy & 2016 Accomplishment Report-** (information only) Greg Peterson, Forestry administrator explains that both these items will need to be amendments made to the 15 year plan. Forestry Permit Policy and the 2016 Accomplishment Reports are both being worked on at this time. Peterson lets the Committee know there are still a few tweaks that need to be made. A final draft of plan will be presented to the Committee next month for approval (See materials)

**Recreational Trails Report-** Don Mrotek reports that snowmobile trails are open and in good condition.

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

**DNR-** Roy Zubrod, DNR Forestry Liaison presents the DNR Emergency Fire Warden list to the Committee, Zubrod seeks approval from the Committee to send the list to the County Board for approval. Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette to approve Fire Warden List and send to County Board, Motion carried.

**Zoning/Conservation Department**

**Memorandum of Understanding with Bass Lake-** Dale Olson, Zoning and Conservation Administrator presents the memorandum of understanding to the Committee. He explains that the County and the Town of Bass Lake have shared the responsibility of the Spring Lake Boat Landing for many years. This Memorandum of understanding is to formally document the understood responsibilities of each party in the agreement. Motion by Bisonette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz to approve memorandum and send to County Board, after minor correction is made to the document. Motion carried.

**County Report-** (see information packet)

**NRCS –** Ron Spiering introduces, Valerie Johnson the new Forest Wildlife Specialist to the Committee. Valerie will be working with landowners to assist with improving wildlife habitat and forest health, with a focus on ruffed grouse habitat. Ron also reviews several incentive programs and special initiatives they are currently working on.

**LCO Report-** Dan Tyrolt gives the Committee and update on current projects including ice testing, and the creation of an action plan in the event that emerald ash boar is detected within the reservation.

**Closed Session-** Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette to convene into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(g) of Wisconsin Statutes. Unanimous vote to move to closed session, motion carried.

Motion by Nyberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz to come out of closed session, motion carried

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

Minutes prepared by Forestry Secretary Jessica Kujala