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Minutes - Sawyer County Forestry Committee
March 11, 2014

Committee Members Present: Dean Pearson, Bill Voight, Ronald Kinsley, Tweed Shuman, Jim Bassett
County Personnel Present: Greg Peterson, Kris Mayberry
DNR Personnel Present: Andy Noth
Others Present: Jan Holmes, Bill Noonan, Mike Outcalt, Don Mrotek, Warren Johnson, John Welter,

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM.

Approve agenda

Motion by Voight, second by Kinsley to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Kinsley, second by Shuman to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Audience Recognition

John Welter inquired about Trail 8 rehab (Peterson stated that the project would be re-applied for this year); Scenic overlook – loggers are plowing to bare ground (Peterson stated that this is a common problem, but would improve).

Event Dates

None requested

Approval of 2014 Emergency Fire Warden List

Voight stated that he would like to be on the list as some people do not like to call or go on computer. The list contains businesses (offices) because the DNR does not want people going to private residences due to safety issues.

Motion by Shuman, second by Kinsley to approve list as presented and send to County Board with recommendation for approval. Motion carried.

Recreational Trail Report

Mrotek: 1) Informed committee that Bryon Schroeder, President of the Sawyer County Snowmobile/ATV Alliance died in a snowmobile accident over the weekend. 2) VIP ride – not many state officials participated but 70 people did attend. 3) AWSC meeting end of month – hoping to get registration fee hike (USFS is giving a presentation). 4) Alliance is about \$40,000 over in grooming for the 2013-14 year. 5) Loggers plowing trails (Peterson stated that only 5 out of 334 miles are affected).

Mayberry: Supreme Court ruling regarding right of railroad to sell property may impact the “Rails to Trails” projects and other purchases.

Tussockia Trail maintenance discussion

Peterson stated he will be meeting with other counties at the WCFA meeting later this month. A formal proposal should be received in April or May. Motion by Voight, second by Shuman to pursue this issue. Motion carried.

ATV/Snowmobile trail proposals

The four regular maintenance grants will be submitted along with special projects – Chippewa Trail trailhead - \$15175 and Trail 8 – 4 miles of development from Dam Road to Seeley Fire Lane - \$97,000; Phipps bridge (span abandoned trestle) for \$160,000 plus approximately \$20,000 in acquisition; and try to find a solution for Trail 16.

Sawyer County Forestry report

Peterson: 1) Went through monthly report; 2) Elm Creek road project should be completed today.

DNR Forestry Report

Noth: working in Winter Block on timber sale establishment.

Out-of-county travel

Motion by Voight, second by Kinsley to approve out-of-county travel to Marshfield on March 20-21, 2014 for WCFA Spring Forest Administrator meeting. Motion carried.

Monthly expense vouchers

Motion by Pearson, second by Bassett to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Other matters for discussion only:

None

Adjourn

Motion by Kinsley, second by Shuman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Delores Dobilas, Recorder