

**Minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 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 Paulsen, Brian Bisonette, Elaine Nyberg, Marc Helwig, James Bassett, Dale Beissel

**County Personnel Present:**

Jay Kozlowski, Greg Peterson, Jessica Kujala, Tim Seidl, Carol Williamson, Dan Pleoger, Paula Chisser, Dianne Ince, Mike Keefe, Tom Hoff

**Also Present:**

Roy Zubrod, Terrell Boettcher, Don Stover, Katie Sly, Ben Popp, Mike Robers, Jan Holmes, Don Mrotek,

**Call to Order-** Bruce Paulsen calls meeting to order 8:30 am.

**Approval of June 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes-** Motion by Bassett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette to approve June minutes. Motion carried

**Sawyer County Treasurers Department-** Dianne talks about the 2014 InRem Parcels. (Information Only)

**Budget-** Dianne also discusses her budget. (Information Only)

**Register of Deeds-**

**Budget-** Paula discusses her departments budget with the committee, there is not much that has changed from last year. (Information Only)

**Land Records and County Surveyor Department**

**Budget-** Dan Pleoger gives an overview of his department's budget for next year. Most everything has stayed the same, he is working with the sheriff's department on shared costs for a program. The department is also considering the addition of one capital improvement. (Information Only)

**Sawyer County Forestry Department**

**Direct Timber sale at OO-** Peterson explains to the Committee there are .7 acres of land near the korte star area that the Birkie would like to clean up to improve the race area. Motion by Bassett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette to approve direct timber sale. Motion Carried

**Birkie ridge selling Hay-** Peterson tells the Committee that he had been approached about selling hay from the Birkie Ridge area. Peterson tells the committee in the past the Birkie has payed to get this area hayed. As Hay is in a high demand this year it would be in the County's best interest to bid out this area to be hayed. Committee gives Peterson the ok to bid out the area to be hayed.

**Private Encroachment section 11 T42N R9W-** Peterson speaks about a section of land were a private cabin was built prior to a new survey which showed the land being owned by the County. Peterson has spoken to the cabin owner and is just bring the issue to the committee as information only. This item will be on next months agenda for further discussion. (Information Only)

**Forestry Budget-** Peterson discusses the Forestry Budget, not many changes, he is looking at one capital improvement purchase. (Information Only)

**Recreational Trails Report-** (Motorized) Mrotek gives brief report on trails, he states there has been a lot of good traffic this year, but that beavers have been causing some issues on trails.

(Non-Motorized) Ben Popp gives a report on bike trails. He lets the Committee know that the bike trails have been great this summer, but there are also some areas being affected by beavers and water on the trails.

**County Forestry Report-** Greg Peterson gives a report on last month's activities. (Information Only)

**Zoning/Conservation Department**

**Livestock Siting-** Jay discusses the idea of introducing Livestock siting to the County. He explains what this is and how it would affect current farming operations and new large scale (CAFO) operations that

may come into the County. Several Farmers speak expressing they do not see a need for adding more regulations to the already highly regulated Farm industry within the County. Jay tells the committee he also does not necessarily see a need for Livestock Siting, he wanted to bring the issue to the table and get a feel for what the board would like to see happen. This item will be on the agenda again next month for further discussion. (Information Only)

**Comprehensive Plan Update- CIP Request-** Jay explains to the Committee that this plan needs to be update by 2020. The County typically uses a third party to help update this plan which will cost the County money. The Committee states they would like to see if we can lump the Recreational Compressive plan in with this. This is one of the Items for their capital improvement request. (Information Only)

**Conservation Budget-** Jay reviews the budget with the Committee, he explains that not much has changed, there are a few capital improvement items that the department will be looking at over the next few years. (Information Only)

**Dam Maintenance/ CIP Request-** Jay tells the Committee that the Billy Boy dam needs repairs/improvements, this is one of the items for their capital improvement requests. (Information Only)

**County Report-** Jay Kozlowski give country report *(Information Only)*

**NRCS/ USDA report-** *NONE*

**LCO-** Brian Bisonette gives an update on activities taking place.

**Budget-** Mike Keefe talks about the budgets for 2020 and explains to the committee a new process the county is trying to see where we can cut costs.

**Adjourned** – Bruce Paulsen declares meeting adjourned