



Sawyer County

Agenda

Land, Water, & Forest Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2022 @ 8:30 AM
Assembly Room

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/99719807086> You can also use the dial in at **1-312-626- 6799** with the Webinar ID: 997 1980 7086. Use *9 to Raise/lower hand and *6 to Unmute/mute. If additional assistance is needed please contact the Sawyer County Forestry Office at 715-634-4846 prior to the meeting. This meeting will be recorded and will be available on our website at: <https://sawycountygov.org>. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial *9 and wait to be recognized.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
 - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
 - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.
 - Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. [1\) LWFR Committee DRAFT Minutes](#)
[2\) 11.9.22 Addendum to Minutes](#)

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7. EVENTS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

8. LAND RECORDS AND COUNTY SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT REPORT

9. SAWYER COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

- a. Recreational Trails Report
Motorized-
Non-motorized-
- b. County Forestry Report
[November 22 forestry report](#)
- c. DNR Forestry Report - No December report

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10. ZONING/ CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

- a. County Report
[Conservation Department Update Dec 2022](#)
- b. USDA report
- c. LCO report

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11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

13. ADJOURNMENT

DISCLAIMER:

A quorum of the County Board of Supervisors or of any of its committees may be present at this meeting to listen and observe. Neither the Board nor any of the committees have established attendance at this meeting as an official function of the Board or committee(s) or otherwise made a determination that attendance at the meeting is necessary to carry out the Board or committee's function. The only purpose for other supervisors attending the meeting is to listen to the information presented. Neither the Board nor any committee (other than the committee providing this notice and agenda) will take any official action with respect to this noticed meeting.

Copy sent via email to: County Clerk and News Media. Note: Any person wishing to attend whom, because of a disability, requires accommodation should call the Sawyer County Clerk's office (715.634.4866) at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Mission Statement: *"Develop, guide and implement policies that protect and ensure the sustainability of our bio-diverse community."*

**Minutes of the November 9th meeting of the Sawyer County
Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- Chair: **Jesse Boettcher - virtual**
- Vice Chair – Marc Helwig
- Ed Peters
- Brian Bisonette – virtual
- Jason Weaver
- Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

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| Andy Albarado | Greg Peterson |
| Tim Seidl | Kathy Marks |
| Tweed Shuman | Cathy LaReau |
| Roy Zubrod | Linda Zillmer |
| John Rainville | |

Call to Order – Chair Jesse Boettcher called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; a quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer, John Rainville

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Peters to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022, second by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events – Mr. Peterson presented the application CAMBA Global Fat Bike Day Celebration on December 3, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Weaver; second by Mr. Peters to approve the request. Motion carried without negative vote. A request for the February 11, 2023 Hayward Lions Pre-Birkie was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Weaver to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Treasurer’s Department – Preference to Previous Owner – Mr. Albarado presented a property in the name of Venturella that has back property taxes and is desired to be purchased by a relative. A motion was made to accept the offer of payment by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report – No Update

Sawyer County Forestry Department Report – Written reports were provided. Ms. LaReau provided a trail update on the seasonal closing of some of the trail system.

Timber Sale Bid Approval – Mr. Peterson explained the bid process and recommended the Committee approve the bid amounts presented. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Weaver to accept the bid and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

County Forestry Report – Mr. Peterson advised there was an increase of 18 sales in October projecting over \$720,000 of revenue for the year, and he expects to reach the 2022 budget projections.

DNR Forestry – Mr. Zubrod presented the October DNR report and reviewed the highlights answering questions about diseases mentioned in his packet.

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – Written reports were provided. Mr. Seidl provided an update. Sawyer County Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program. Mr. Seidl presented a resolution to apply for a grant to continue

county-wide programs to control invasive species. A motion was made by Mr. Weaver; second by Mr. Peters to approve the resolution. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Bisonette provided an update of LCO tribal activities.

Carbon Credit Update – Closed Session

At 9:13 am, Mr. Shuman made a motion; second by Mr. Weaver, to enter closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever complete or bargaining reasons require a closed session. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5 – 0; “aye” votes from Boettcher, Peters, Bisonette, and Weaver.

Open Session – 9:38 am. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman; second by Mr. Peters to approve the carbon tax proposal and forward to legal counsel for review and County Board for final approval. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5 – 0, “aye” votes from Shuman, Bisonette, Weaver, Peters and Boettcher.

Courthouse 2023 Fees – Mr. Albarado reviewed the projected 2023 fees that will be forwarded with the budget to the November County Board meeting.

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee will be Wednesday, December 7, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 am

Minutes recorded by Kathy Marks, documented by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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Addendum to 11/9/22 LWRC Minutes

November 9, 2022 Land, Water, and Forest Resources Closed Session Record item 12a.
Carbon Credit Update –

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At 9:28 am, a motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Shuman to send the agreement to the County Board meeting pending legal review. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5-0 with “aye” votes from Peters, Weaver, Boettcher, Bisonette and Shuman.

A motion was made to enter open session by Mr. Shuman; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative voice vote.

Recorded by Kathy Marks; documented by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

Active Sales

20 sales listed as active in month of November

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
11/3/17	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4/6/18	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/2/18	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/3/19	2	163	\$41,725.00	\$10,246.01	\$31,478.99
11/01/19	4	333	\$185,069.50	\$47,401.19	\$138,970.87*
5/5/20	1	31	\$59,311.40	\$7,078.23	\$52,233.17
11/3/20	2	206	\$293,366.50	\$91,338.13	\$202,028.37
5/7/21	3	280	\$395,848.00	\$346,322.93	\$68,365.91*
10/22/21	2	183	\$59,860.00	\$23,715.80	\$36,144.20
5/11/22	5	385	\$280,330.40	\$85,650.91	\$194,679.49
11/1/22	1	136	\$51,924.10	\$7,788.62	\$44,135.48
Totals	20	1717	\$1,367,434.90	\$619,541.82	\$768,036.48

Inactive Sales

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
11/3/17	3	413	\$172,365.00	\$10,000.00	\$162,365.00
4/6/18	1	91	\$50,440.00	\$0	\$50,440.00
11/2/18	4	264	\$116,751.75	\$42,294.77	\$74,456.98
5/3/19	3	186	\$82,150.00	\$10,000.00	\$72,150.00
11/1/19	1	83	\$83,319.14	\$56,223.74	\$27,095.40
5/5/20	6	430	\$326,098.86	\$27,830.95	\$298,267.91
11/3/20	5	478	\$233,295.00	\$100,828.97	\$132,466.03
5/7/21	16	1278	\$974,056.60	\$138,641.46	\$850,483.60*
10/22/21	11	845	\$838,204.20	\$0	\$838,204.20
5/11/22	16	1071	\$1,075,419.72	\$1,135.00	\$1,074,284.72
11/1/22	13	1128	\$668,624.20	\$0	\$668,624.20
Totals	79	6267	\$4,620,724.47	\$386,954.89	\$4,248,838.04

* Sales having overruns

** Sales having underruns

Two sales closed out in November.

Timber Sale Value (sold contracts-uncut) on file = \$5,016,874.52

<u>Timber Revenue</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Timber Sales (county forest)	\$233,830.01	\$1,460,318.84
(Non-County Forest Lands)	\$0	\$14,027.66
<u>Christmas Trees/Boughs</u>	\$70	\$70
<u>Performance Bond Cashed</u>	\$0	\$0
<u>Other Revenue</u>		
<u>Camping/Firewood/Access/Hay</u>	\$31	\$974
<u>Park Reservations</u>	\$50	\$800
		<u>Budget</u>
Gross Timber Sale Revenue	\$1,460,318.84	\$1,850,000
10% Payment to Towns	\$ 146,038.88	
Non-County Forest Sale Revenue	\$ 14,027.66	
Net Timber Sale Revenue	\$1,314,349.96	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,774.00	
Timber Sale Revenue Billed Out	\$134,746.40	

Timber Sale Inspections	<u># month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	43	240

Comments: Goal for timber sale inspections is generally one inspection per week while sale is actively being harvested or wood is being hauled.

Tract Establishment	<u># sales month/ YTD</u>	<u>acres month/YTD</u>	<u>Goal</u>
	0/33	0/2492	3600

Comments:

Recon Acres Updated	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Annual Goal</u>
	174	9,350	6,000 acres

Comments: Recon is the assessment of geographic, structure and compositional attributes of forest stands. Field information is stored in the Wisconsin Forest Inventory & Reporting System (WisFIRS). Basic resource information is collected, stored and updated systematically and continuously. Database is used to analyze existing resources, evaluate management alternatives and assist in the development and implementation of management plans.

<u>Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Hours</u>		
<u>November</u>	<u>FY22 Contract</u>	<u>YTD</u>
19.25	242.75	385.5
<u>Current Contract:</u>		
Sawyer County – DNR FY22 Stands		
Approximately 575 hours timber sale admin. \$40,046.54.		

Comments: Under the federal Good Neighbor Authority, the USDA Forest Service is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with states to perform forest management activities on national forest lands. WDNR has entered into a GNA agreement with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF). WDNR is authorized to contract with counties to assist with forest management activities on national forest lands. The focus of the GNA program is to assist in the implementation of the CNNF Forest Plan, which will provide:

- Forest products to the local economy
- Collaboration between federal, state and county forest managers
- Improved health and resiliency of forestlands and watersheds within Wisconsin

Oak Wilt:
Nothing new to report, treatments done for the season.

Mountain Bike Trails:
Nothing new to report.

Birkie Trail:
Nothing new to report.

ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Trails:
Tussockia rehab project is completed, Hofer Rd. to Hwy 40.

Parks:
Hatchery Park: Nothing new to report.

Nelson Lake Park: Nothing new to report.



Conservation Department Update November 2022 – December 2022

Prepared by Jay Kozlowski, Zoning & Conservation Administrator

- Tree sale is up and running and can be ordered through the County website.
- Poster and Speaking Contest: School have been notified. Judging will be conducted in the end of January. This year's theme is "One Water".
- Price Dam Update: We finally heard back from some of the repair work for the clutch/gear mechanism that has ceased up on one of the gates. We were able to track someone down in Georgia that can do the repair work. This specialized repair work comes with a specialized cost in which half of the cost will be distributed to the Town of Winter.
- Discussion held with DNR regarding petition filed by Whitefish Lake Property Owners Association for an official water level increase on the Billy Boy Flowage. This would be the water elevation for Little LCO, LCO, Grindstone, and Whitefish. Currently County is looking through potential flood and flowage easement documents dating back to the 1930's and tracking down what organization now regulates the "State Drainage Control Maps". Updates to follow
- The Zoning Department continues to see above average work flow and permit issuance. A end of year summary will be presented and the County Board Meeting this month.