

**Minutes of the March 8th 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**
- Vice Chair – Marc Helwig
- Ed Peters
- Brian Bisonette – virtual
- Jason Weaver
- Kevin Sheptick

Lynn Fitch
Jay Kozlowski
Cathy LaReau
Greg Peterson
Pat Zimmer

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Dan Ploeger
Linda Zillmer-virtual

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 –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 8, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Peters

Motion carried without negative vote.

Events -

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report -

Mr. Ploeger advised that survey crews are struggling to complete projects with the snow. A couple projects in the south are underway.

Sawyer County Forestry Department -

Recreational Trails Report – Ms. LaReau advised that the winter snowmobile activity has been busy; trails are being groomed. They are compiling lists of storm damage work still outstanding so they can hire individuals to clear.

County Forestry – A written report was provided. Mr. Peterson advised 15 active sales in February. Road bans may go on next week so they are cleaning up sales prior to bans. He reviewed the highlights of the timber sales report and they are preparing for the spring timber sale bid opening in May. They are preparing the ATV/UTV trail grant funding that pays for brushing and cleanup, and they submitted a special \$74,627 storm grant application but have not yet heard results. Mr. Peterson is still working on the documentation requirement for carbon credits.

2023 Recreational Trail Aids Resolution – A resolution to approve the annual outdoor recreational trail aids was presented by Mr. Peterson. A motion was made by Mr. Peters to accept the resolution and forward to County Board; second by Mr. Helwig. Motion carried without negative vote.

DNR Forestry – Mr. Zimmer reviewed the highlights of the written report and advised that Roy Zubrod has submitted a letter of resignation from his position.

Zoning/Conservation Department -

County Report – Mr. Kozlowski reported that staff have attended sessions at the Land Water conference which resulted in continuing education credits. The speaking and poster contestants took three 3rd place awards. The Billy

Boy Dam conversations with the DNR have taken place, and the issue of having flood easements is still not resolved. They will continue to work through the issues and meet the nine steps required to get to a water level change.

USDA Report – Mr. Sheptick provided a list of USDA dates for crop deadlines.

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette advised that on February 27th they received a call from the DNR notifying them of a deceased elk cow and the cause of death was wolf-kill. Snowmobile trails are still in good condition, and ice shacks need to be removed from lakes by March 15th.

Future Agenda Items -

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment -

Next Meeting: April 12, 2023 **Time:** 9:04 am **Location:** Assembly Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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