

**Minutes of the January 8th 2020 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, Elain Nyberg, Jim Bassett, Brian Bisonette, Marc Helwig, Dale Beissel

County Personnel Present:

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

Also Present:

Don Mrotek, Jan Holmes, Kris Treland-Neumann, Joan Cervenka, Jerry Wright, Ben Welnak, Peter Spencer, Ron Bergin, James Kujala, Ben Popp

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

Approval of December 11th Meeting Minutes- motion by Helwig 2nd by Bassett to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Events- Seeley Hills Classic- January 18th

Birkie Tour- January 19th

Seeley Big Fat- February 1st

American Birkebeinter, Kortelpet, & Prince Haakon race- February 21-22nd

Fat Bike Birkie- March 7th

Motion by Bassett, 2nd by Bisonette to approve events. Motion Carried

Land Records- Resolution to increase 2020 Budget to continue scanning project.

Dan Pleoger Land Records Director explains to the Committee that the budget increase would be funded by a grant and would allow for their scanning project to continue. Motion by Bassett, 2nd by Bisonette to approve increase and send to County Board. Motion carried.

Sawyer County Forestry Department

Forestry 2020 Work Plan & Partnership meeting minutes- Sawyer County Forestry Administrator Greg Peterson presents to the Committee his 2020 Forestry Work Plan, as well as the minutes from the annual partnership meeting. Approval of both items is needed to receive the Annual Partnership Grant. Motion by Bassett, 2nd by Helwig to approve and send to County Board for approval. Motion Carried.

Update on Forestry and Outdoor Recreation Plans- Peterson gives a brief update on where the department is in the process of writing up these two documents. *(Information Only)*

Recreational Trails

Motorized- Don Mrotek of the Snowmobile and ATV Alliance gives a brief report on motorized trails, He explains that the rain in past weeks and the large amounts of snow have caused trails to suffer as there was not a good frozen base.

Non-motorized- Jerry Wright of CAMBA gives a report on non- motorized trails, saying that snow and rain also had a negative impact on bike trails. Ben Popp of the Birkie reports that ski trails have been much less affected by the rain, and all trails are open and in good shape for skiing.

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

DNR Report- James Kujala of WI DNR gives a review of the DNR's activity on County Forest *(Information Only)*

Event Fee's

-Silent sports local spending & Financial impact of Birkie- Bruce Paulsen gives a brief presentation to the Committee in regards to the financial impact that silent sports events have in our community as well as how the Birkie and their spending impacts our community.

-Event Fee Resolution, Voluntary Contribution Resolution, Fee for Commercial Activities Resolution- Paulsen presents the Committee with three resolutions drafts. The Event fee resolution proposes that no event fee, should be charged for events taking place on County Forest as the events positively impact the area and bring revenue into the local economy. The Voluntary Contribution Resolution proposes that those groups who use the County Forest Trails for events make an annual voluntary contribution to the County's Resource Development fund in order to assist in maintenance and improvements to the County parks and trails. The Fee for Commercial Activities Resolution proposes that organizations taking part in commercial activities on portions of the County Forest which are zoned commercial, will pay the County Resource Development Fund 5% of their gross receipts made from their commercial activities. Peterson Speaks about this resolution stating that this will need to tie into the Mou/Ground lease in place for the commercial zoned area of County Forest. This Mou is still in the process of being composed. Tom Hoff County Administrator also speaks in regards to these three resolutions, stating that all three will need to be reviewed, cleaned up and looked at by legal counsel. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Basset to approve and send all three resolutions to County Board for approval, after they have been reviewed, looked at by legal council and cleaned up. Motion Carried (Resolutions will be signed prior to County Board, after the review process is completed.

Zoning/Conservation Department

Public Hearing for "Waste Storage Ordinance" Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski gives a review of where they are in the process of the Waste Storage Ordinance. He states that the towns, DatCp had been sent the Ordinance to review, however there was not sufficient time to have a class 2 notification. Kozlowski would like to postpone the Public Hearing to allow for a class 2 notification to take place. Motion by Nyberg 2nd by Helwig to postpone public hearing until February. Motion Carried.

Live Stock Sitting Update- Tim Seidl of the Conservation department gives a brief update on what is happening at the State level with Live Stock Sitting Ordinance rules. After the discussion the Committee would like the department to look into options of creating a moratorium, but would not like to take action at this time. The discussion will come back before the Committee in February. Information Only

County Report- Kozlowski explains to the Committee that at this time of the year there is very little to report, as far as permits. Information Only

LCO- Brian Bisonette give a short review, he states he will have more information next month.

Adjourned – Bruce Paulsen declares meeting adjourned