

**Minutes of the January 13th 2021 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, Ron Buckholtz, Marc Helwig, Jesse Boettcher, tweed Shuman

County Personnel Present:

Jay Kozlowski, Greg Peterson, Jessica Kujala, Tom Hoff

Also Present:

Don Mrotek, Bill Newman, Kevin Sheptick, Justin Burchett, Pat Zimmer

Call to Order- Ron Buckholtz Calls meeting to order.

Approval of December 9th Meeting Minutes- Motion by Boettcher, 2nd by Helwig to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Events- Hayward Lions, Pre-Birkie- February 13th. Motion by Paulsen, 2nd by Helwig to approve event. Boettcher opposes, Motion carries.

New FSA Representative introduction-

The USDA County Executive director Justin Introduces the New FSA rep for the Committee Kevin Sheptick.

Sawyer County Treasurers Department-

None

Land Records and County Surveyor Department-

None

Forestry Department

2021 Sawyer County Forestry Annual Workplan and Partnership meeting- Forestry Administrator Greg Peterson gives an overview of the annual work plan, it contains the basic work schedule for the year, not much has changed from the 2020 plan. He states that the county will have to rely on the diverse products our forest has to offer this year due to the closing of mills in the area. Motion by Paulsen to approve annual forestry work plan, and Partnership meeting minutes and send to county board for approval, 2nd by Boettcher, motion carried.

15 year Plan Chapters 1000, 2000 Draft Review, and update on Outdoor Rec Plan- Peterson tells the Committee he will have to push these to next months agenda as there are a few details still being iron out.

Update on Timber Theft Case- Peterson gives an update on a timber theft case that was filed in 2012-2013 where a contractor was being investigated for theft of timber from the County and State forest. The case has finally been resolved and the County has received about \$13,000.00 in restitution from 3 truckers who were involved in the case. There is still once case open involving an additional trucker. *(Information only)*

Recreational Trails

Motorized- Don Mrotek gives a brief trail report, Trails have been very busy, because we could use more snow. We are one of the few counties whose snowmobile trails are open at this time.

Non-motorized- None

County Report- Forestry Administrator Greg Peterson gives a review of current activities in the forestry department. *(Information Only)*

DNR report- Pat Zimmer of the DNR gives a quick report regarding the DNR work load on County Forest, he also speaks about the Winter ranger station saying they sale of the building has been finalized. *(Information Only)*

Zoning/Conservation Department

County Report- Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski gives a brief report of the Zoning and Conservation departments current activities. *(Information Only)*

USDA- Justin Burchett new CED of the USDA farm services gives a report, including several programs the Farm Service is currently running *(Information Only)*

LCO- Tweed Shuman, gives a report on current LCO activities including their Hemp plants and CBD products. *(Information Only)*

Adjourned – meeting adjourned