

Minutes of the February 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

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch	Dan Ploeger
Jay Kozlowski - virtual	Linda Zillmer – virtual
Tim Seidl	Andy Albarado-virtual
Seth Zesiger – virtual	
Janeen Abric - virtual	
Tweed Shuman	

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: **January 11, 2023**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Peters

Second by: Mr. Weaver

Motion carried without negative vote.

Events -

Sawyer County Treasurer’s Office --

Tax Deed Land Sales Parcels List – A list of foreclosed on properties was provided. The list does not include deed or ad fees that the County had expensed over the past five years. Mr. Albarado, Ms. Abric and Mr. Kozlowski had previously met to review the list and they have not yet been offered to the public for sale, as fair market value prices needed to be established. A motion was made by Mr. Peters to approve the fair market value and minimum bid prices listed on pages 1-3 for 2016/17 in rem properties; second by Mr. Boettcher. A voice vote was taken and passed without negative vote.

Current Direct Sale Land List – A written list was provided and posted online. Ms. Abric advised that the Committee had already approved the minimum bid amount, and the list is placed on the auction site. After the close of the auction, the County Board would need to approve any bids submitted in the case parcels did not meet the minimum bid.

Consider demolition of 3693N Clark St., Village of Radisson, 1st Addition Lots 8-11, Block 19 – A quote has been submitted for demolition of the parcel listed; it is listed for \$10,500 on the land sale list. Mr. Albarado advised that the building has become a health hazard and the local municipality is not interested in a swap of the property. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher to lower the minimum bid amount to \$1; second by Mr. Peters. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5-0

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report -

Mr. Ploeger advised that survey crews are having difficulties moving through much of the area with the snow impediments. He would like to get a more accurate map of the reservation boundaries.

Sawyer County Forestry Department -

Recreational Trails Report – No update

County Forestry – A written report was provided.

DNR Forestry – A written report was provided.

Zoning/Conservation Department -

County Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Siedl reviewed the highlights and advised that the tree sales have been having good activity. The local area poster and speaking contest was held and 29 individuals participated. Local contestants did well and several are heading to the state level. The repairs on the gear mechanism at the Price Dam is in process. Gates are still being fabricated for the Lake Loretta/Upper River Dam project and it is hoped to install them this spring. The Fish Trap Dam is likely to be the next project to review.

2022 Wildlife Damage Claims – A list of damage claims was submitted for the packet. The program for claims maxes out at \$10,000 so the \$29,000 claim will not fully recover and the recovery fees come from the state through licenses sold, etc. There are 12 claims that need action. A motion was made by Mr. Sheptick; second by Mr. Peters to approve the list of claims. A voice vote was held and passed without negative comment.

USDA Report – Mr. Sheptick provided a list of pertinent upcoming due dates.

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette advised that a segment of their bike path has not been able to be maintained during the heavy snow fall but is now open. Their motorized trails are in good condition.

Future Agenda Items -

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment -

Next Meeting: March 8 **Time:** 9:20 am **Location:** Assembly Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk