

**Minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup> 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: **Bruce Paulson**
- Ron Buckholtz – Vice Chair
- Jesse Boettcher -
- Brian Bisonette - Virtual
- Marc Helwig
- Kevin Sheptick

**Others Present:**

Lynn Fitch  
Mike Coleson  
Jay Kozlowski  
Greg Peterson  
Kathy LaReau  
Dan Ploegger  
Jim Kujala

**Call to Order** – Vice Chair Ron Buckholtz 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** – Barb O’Brien and Pat O’Brien

**Minutes from the previous meeting** – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022, meeting with a correction in the word “copper” dam to “coffer” dam in the Zoning report; second by Mr. Bisonette. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Events** – Mr. Peterson presented the application for the February 12, 2022 Hayward Lions Pre-Birkie for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve this event. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Sawyer County Treasurer’s Department** –

**Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report** – Mr. Ploegger advised that the survey crew has been working in the Draper and Bass Lake area.

**Sawyer County Forestry Department Report** – The motorized trail report was provided by Kathy LaReau. She indicated that the trails are in fair condition, lakes are good and the groomer is out constantly. Businesses are reporting good winter activity and local clubs are holding events for riders.

**Cooper Land Trade Proposal** – Mr. Peterson presented a 2017 land trade proposal that has been reworked and ready to be considered again. This is a 40-acre parcel owned by Richard and Denise Cooper next to Hatchery Creek Park. Mr. Helwig made a motion to accept this trade and send it to the County Board for approval; second by Mr. Bisonette. Motion carried without negative vote.

Written reports were provided for County Forestry and DNR.

A list of emergency fire wardens was presented for annual approval. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Bisonette to approve this list and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

**ACER Advisory Group Representation Request** – Without further clarification, no action was taken on this submission.

**Zoning/Conservation Department Report** – A written report was provided. Mr. Kozolowski reported on the Upper Brunet River dam project indicating that they are leaning toward performing an accelerated restock option of fish rather than to try to capture, hold and return the existing fish population back to the lake once the dam is completed. He will check on perhaps getting additional fishing privileges on the lake prior to draw down. He advised that the youth speaker/poster contest was held and we had two successful county participants, one of which who will move to the state competition in March

Mr. Bisonette advised that the LCO focus is currently on enforcement of trail activity and they are seeing that most are abiding by the trail rules.

**Other Topics for Discussion Only -**

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee will be Wednesday, February 11, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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