

Minutes of the April 13th 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
- Tweed Shuman
- Rick Lindner
- Roy Zubrod
- Pat O'Brien
- Barb O'Brien
- Janeen Abric
- Jane Schroeder

Call to Order – Chair Ron Buckholtz called the meeting to order at 9:00 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. Boettcher to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022; second by Mr. Sheptick. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events – Mr. Peterson presented the request for local events including CAMBA Women's Mountain Bike Clinic, the CAMBA Men's Mountain Bike Clinic, the Seeley Lions Pre-Fat Mountain Bike Race and the Chequamegon Mountain Bike Festival. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the upcoming events as presented. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Treasurer's Department – Over-the-Counter Land Sales – Treasurer Abric presented three OTC land sales all in the Town of Bass Lake. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Sheptick to approve land sales for #002-145-15-2900, #002-145-15-2300, and #002-103-24-1800 in the Town of Bass Lake. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Forestry Department -- Mr. Ploegger advised that the GIS staff submitted a statewide parcel database project with no issues and property listers are caught up to April 1st.

Trail Report -- Kathy LaReau advised that storm cleanup on trails is still in progress. The Alliance will work on signage for ATV season.

County Forestry – A written report was provided. Mr. Peterson reported that road bands came on in the middle of March; sale inspections were on target for the level of activity, timber sale contracts are out for advertisement for 26 tracks for sale, and they are completing trail aid grant applications now. An update of the Carbon Tax Credit process is anticipated to be available at the May meeting.

Tag Alder Beach Proposal -- Mr. Peterson presented a request from the Nelson Lake Association and Resort Association to develop a beach area off the old Tag Alder boat landing for an area approximately 10,000 square feet. It would be financially supported by the Associations requesting the project. A motion to approve this request with the stipulation that the Associations maintain the property was made by Mr. Bisonette; second by Mr. Boettcher. Motion carried without negative vote.

County Cutting Buffer Zone Update – Mr. Peterson reported he is putting a work group together to look at the trail system so a plan can be developed to review the buffer zone process. Public comments were made by: Barbara O’Brien and Patrick O’Brien.

DNR Forestry Report -- A written report was provided. Roy Zubrod reported on the wolf depredation process and white-tailed deer permit quotas.

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Kozlowski advised that the tree sale will begin at the end of April. Staff attended several training classes, and dam operations are in full swing, managing water levels on county owned land. Work flow is picking up from zoning and conservation standpoint.

Upper Brunet River Dam repair plans were presented. The draw down is scheduled to start on August 15th. A motion was made to solicit bids for the project and approve the plans by Boettcher; second by Mr. Sheptick. Motion carried without negative vote.

LCO -- 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, May 11, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 am
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk