

**Minutes of the May 13th 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:

(In Assembly Room): Bruce Paulsen, Ron Buckholtz, Jesse Boettcher (Virtually): Marc Helwig, Susie Taylor

County Personnel Present:

Jay Kozlowski, Greg Peterson, Jessica Kujala, Tom Hoff, Tim Seidl, Dan Pleoger, Tweed Shuman

Also Present:

Don Mrotek

Call to Order- Deputy County Clerk Cindy Lehner Calls meeting to order.

Approval of March 11th Meeting Minutes- motion by Paulsen 2nd by Buckholtz to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Election of Chair Person and Vice Chair- Cindy Lehner calls for nominations for Chair of Land Water and Forest Resources committee, Ron Buckholtz nominated Bruce Paulsen, 2nd by Jesse Boettcher. No other nominations, Bruce Paulsen is Chairman

Motion by Paulsen to nominate Ron Buckholtz as Vice Chair, 2nd by Jesse Boettcher. No other nominations, Ron Buckholtz is Vice Chair.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department

Dan Pleoger Land Records Director gives a brief update on staff and the work that is being done by his department.

Forestry

Timber Sale Bid Approval- Forestry Administrator Greg Peterson presents the results of the 2020 spring timber sale bid opening, he recommends approval of all high bidders. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Helwig to approve results. Motion carried

GLTPA Letter request- Peterson reviews the letter that was sent by Great Lakes Timber Professionals, the letter discusses making some short term changes to timber sale admonition to help reduce the impact Covid-19 has had on loggers and the logging industry. Peterson explains that the only suggestion that might apply to our timber program would be contract extensions without increase. He explains that this is just information at this time, and if the department receives written requests by loggers to extend without increase, he will bring them to the Committee for review and approval. (Information Only)

Recreational Trails

Motorized- Don Mrotek of the Snowmobile and ATV Alliance gives a brief report stating that ATV trails opened on May 8th, and are already seeing a lot of traffic.

Non-motorized- None

Update on 15 Year Plan and Outdoor Recreation Plan update- Peterson gives a brief overview, stating that things are a bit off from what was originally scheduled. He is working on everything that can be done while socially distancing, and what can be done without in person meetings. He tells the Committee due to this there may be a more condensed approvals process. Peterson also give a brief overview of what each plan entails for new members. (Information Only)

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

Zoning/Conservation Department

Timing Discussion for potential CAFO Moratorium public hearing process- Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski gives the Committee a review, reminding the Committee that in February they approved Zoning to start the public hearings process regarding CAFO's (concentrated animal feeding operations). Due to Covid-

19 and social distancing this process has been postponed. Kozlowski explains that this public hearing will be just to discuss with and hear from the public if they feel a moratorium is something the county should pursue. Buckholtz express concern that many farmers in the area are concerned with this and will likely want to attend. Kozlowski and Buckholtz agree that this meeting will draw a large number of people from the public and that a virtual meeting will not be appropriate. Buckholtz motions to postpone the public hearing until the governor clears large public gatherings, 2nd by Boettcher. Motion carried

County Report- Kozlowski gives a brief report (Information Only)

LCO Report- Tweed Shuman gives a report on LCO land and water activities (Information Only)

Adjourned – meeting adjourned