

**Minutes of the November 3rd 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 Paulsen**
- Ron Buckholtz – Vice Chair
- Jesse Boettcher
- Brian Bisonette - Virtual
- Marc Helwig
- Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch
Mike Coleson
Jay Kozlowski
Greg Peterson
Don Mrotek
Roy Zubrod
Dianne Ince

Barb O’Brien
Pat O’Brien
Tom Guyer
Cindy Ferarro
Linda Zillmer- Virtual

Call to Order – Chair Bruce Paulson 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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Boettcher. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events – Mr. Peterson presented a request for Camba’s Global Fat Bike Day, a guided tour and not a race. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Boettcher to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Treasurer’s Department – Two OTC land sales were presented by Treasurer Ince. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Boettcher to accept OTC Sale #002-121-11-0103 in the Town of Bass Lake and move forward to County Board for approval. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Boettcher to accept OTC Sale #030-190-04-0302 in the Town of Weirgor and move forward to County Board for approval. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report –

Sawyer County Forestry Department

Motorized Trails Mr. Mrotek reported that the October shoulder season for motorized trail use was busier than previous years. In January, the snowmobile association will host a statewide meeting here in Hayward. He advised that the NorTac meeting and trail ride was held in Rusk County. Sawyer has over 200 miles of trails while Rusk County has 20-30 miles. NorTac members are working on by-laws and strategic planning.

Nonmotorized Trails

County Forestry Written reports were distributed. Mr. Peterson stated stumpage revenue will meet budget.

Timber Sales

Seeley Buffer Request -- Mr. Peterson distributed a Timber cutting aesthetics policy and map. Parts of the policy as they pertain to the Seeley Trail system were reviewed. Public comment was made by Barb O’Brien, Pat O’Brien, Tom Guyer, Don Mrotek, and Cindy Ferarro. Going forward Mr. Peterson will work with the Seeley Lions Club and Mr. Guyer to get a better idea as to how we can mitigate aesthetic issues without going through the official buffer process.

Mr. Kozlowski introduced the new zoning conservation technician assistant, Natalie Ehrler. Natalie is a recent Northland College graduate. He noted that the department has been busy addressing zoning violations and will provide an update on that in January.

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – A written report was provided.

Budget Discussion – No recommendations came forth.

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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