

**Minutes of the November 9th 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 - virtual**
- Vice Chair – Marc Helwig
- Ed Peters
- Brian Bisonette – virtual
- Jason Weaver
- Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

Andy Albarado	Greg Peterson
Tim Seidl	Kathy Marks
Tweed Shuman	Cathy LaReau
Roy Zubrod	Linda Zillmer
John Rainville	

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 – Linda Zillmer, John Rainville

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Peters to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022, second by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events – Mr. Peterson presented the application CAMBA Global Fat Bike Day Celebration on December 3, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Weaver; second by Mr. Peters to approve the request. Motion carried without negative vote. A request for the February 11, 2023 Hayward Lions Pre-Birkie was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Weaver to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Treasurer’s Department – Preference to Previous Owner – Mr. Albarado presented a property in the name of Venturella that has back property taxes and is desired to be purchased by a relative. A motion was made to accept the offer of payment by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report – No Update

Sawyer County Forestry Department Report – Written reports were provided. Ms. LaReau provided a trail update on the seasonal closing of some of the trail system.

Timber Sale Bid Approval – Mr. Peterson explained the bid process and recommended the Committee approve the bid amounts presented. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Weaver to accept the bid and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

County Forestry Report – Mr. Peterson advised there was an increase of 18 sales in October projecting over \$720,000 of revenue for the year, and he expects to reach the 2022 budget projections.

DNR Forestry – Mr. Zubrod presented the October DNR report and reviewed the highlights answering questions about diseases mentioned in his packet.

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – Written reports were provided. Mr. Seidl provided an update. Sawyer County Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program. Mr. Seidl presented a resolution to apply for a grant to continue

county-wide programs to control invasive species. A motion was made by Mr. Weaver; second by Mr. Peters to approve the resolution. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Bisonette provided an update of LCO tribal activities.

Carbon Credit Update – Closed Session

At 9:13 am, Mr. Shuman made a motion; second by Mr. Weaver, to enter closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever complete or bargaining reasons require a closed session. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5 – 0; “aye” votes from Boettcher, Peters, Bisonette, and Weaver.

Open Session – 9:38 am. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman; second by Mr. Peters to approve the carbon tax proposal and forward to legal counsel for review and County Board for final approval. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5 – 0, “aye” votes from Shuman, Bisonette, Weaver, Peters and Boettcher.

Courthouse 2023 Fees – Mr. Albarado reviewed the projected 2023 fees that will be forwarded with the budget to the November County Board meeting.

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee will be Wednesday, December 7, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 am

Minutes recorded by Kathy Marks, documented by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk