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11. OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
12. **FUTURE TOPICS**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

A quorum of the County Board of Supervisors or of any of its committees may be present at this meeting to listen and observe. Neither the Board nor any of the committees have established attendance at this meeting as an official function of the Board or committee(s) or otherwise made a determination that attendance at the meeting is necessary to carry out the Board or committee’s function. The only purpose for other supervisors attending the meeting is to listen to the information presented. Neither the Board nor any committee (other than the committee providing this notice and agenda) will take any official action with respect to this noticed meeting.

**Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Mission Statement:**
"Develop, guide and implement policies that protect and ensure the sustainability of our biodiverse community."
January 3, 2020, 12:30 pm
Note: The following committees, commissions, and boards may take action on any or all items listed
on the agendas for the meetings included in this notice.

Sawyer County Record WRLS Radio WOJB Radio
pkilian@sawyercountyrecord.net j.irvine@cheqnet.net frontdesk@wojb.org

Sawyer County Gazette WHSM Radio members – Sawyer County
gazette@centurytel.net radio@whsm.com Board of Supervisors

The Economic Development and University of Wisconsin-Extension Committee of the Sawyer
County Board of Supervisors will meet on Monday; January 6, 2020; at 8:30 a.m.; in the Assembly
Room of the Sawyer County Courthouse. The agenda will include: Meeting agenda; Public
Comments; Minutes of December 9, 2019 meeting; Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association
report; Broadband Update; University of Wisconsin-Extension Department report; Hayward Area
Visitor and Convention Bureau report; Northwest Regional Planning Commission report; Economic
Development Corporation report; Bike/Ped Citizens Advisory Committee; Future Agenda Items; Other
matters for discussion only.

The Sawyer County Health and Human Services Board will meet on Tuesday; January 7, 2020; at
6:30 p.m.; in the Assembly Room of the Sawyer County Courthouse. The agenda will include:
Meeting agenda; Minutes of December 10, 2019 meeting; Audience Recognition; Committee Reports
including LCO Liaison and Senior Resource Center; Child Protective Services update; Fiscal
including Budget Performance Report and Purchased Services Recap; Any Items for discussion
only/Future agenda items.

The Sawyer County Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee will meet on Wednesday;
January 8, 2020; at 8:30 a.m.; in the Assembly Room of the Sawyer County Courthouse. The
agenda will include: Meeting agenda; Public Comments; Minutes of December 11, 2019 meeting;
Events-Discussion and Possible Action: Seeley Hills Classic January 18th 2020 (Birkie), Birkie Tour
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Records and County Surveyor Department report including Resolution to Increase 2020 Budget to
continue scanning Zoning Department Permits (Approval Needed); Forestry Department report
including 2020 Forestry Work Plan and Partnership meeting minutes (Approval Needed), Update on
Forestry and Outdoor Recreation Plans (Information Only), recreational trails report, County and DNR...
forestry reports; Event Fees including Silent Sports local spending discussion only, Financial Impact of Birkie discussion only, Event Fee Resolution discussion and action, Voluntary Contribution Resolution discussion and action, Fee for Commercial Activities Discussion and action; Zoning and Conservation Department including Public Hearing for “Waste Storage Ordinance” discussion and action, Livestock Sitting Update discussion only, County Report, USDA report, and LCO report; Other topics for discussion only; Future Topics.

The Public Works Committee of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors will meet on Wednesday; January 8, 2020; at 6:30 p.m. at the Ojibwa Ambulance Station. The agenda will include: Meeting agenda; Public Comments; Minutes of December 11, 2019 meeting; Sawyer County Airport report, including Hayward Aviation (contracted Airport management) report, and Report of Entitlements: Received, spent, and remaining; Highway Commissioner’s report, including Fund Balance and Overtime Report; Maintenance Department report, including Project report and Southern Ambulance Station; Future Agenda Items, Other matters for discussion only.

The Public Safety Committee will tour the Ojibwa Ambulance facility at 6:15 p.m. on January 8, 2020.

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday; January 9, 2020; at 8:30 a.m.; in the Assembly Room of the Sawyer County Courthouse. The agenda will include: Meeting agenda; Public Comments; Minutes of December 12, 2019 meeting; Supplemental Information including the Treasurer’s Financial report and the sales tax report and the Accounting Manager’s Budget Watch List; Future Agenda Items; Other matters for discussion only.

The Administration Committee will meet on Thursday; January 9, 2020; at 10:00 a.m.; in the Assembly Room of the Sawyer County Courthouse. The agenda will include: Meeting agenda; Public Comments; Minutes of December 12, 2019 meeting; Veterans Service Department report; County Clerk’s report; Information Technology Department report; Human Resources Report; County Administrator’s report; Future Agenda Items; Other matters for discussion only.

The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors will meet on Thursday; January 16, 2019; at 6:30 p.m., in the Large Courtroom of the Sawyer County Courthouse. The agenda for the meeting will be provided on the Friday before the meeting.

Carol Williamson, Sawyer County Clerk

Any person wishing to attend whom, because of a disability, requires accommodation, should call the Sawyer County Clerk’s Office (715.634.4866) at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Copies (by email) to Sawyer County Record, Sawyer County Gazette, WRLS, WHSM, WOJB, and the Hayward Library and Village of Winter for posting
Call to Order- Bruce Paulsen calls meeting to order 8:30 am.

Approval of November 6th Meeting Minutes- motion by Nyberg 2nd by Bassett to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Zoning/Conservation Department

Ad Hoc steering Committee “Planning Committee” for comprehensive Plan Update- Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski explains to the committee that he wishes to create a Planning Committee, that would assist in developing the Comprehensive Plan update. Kozlowski reads a list of interested parties, and seeks a motion to approve the creation of the committee. Motion by Nyberg 2nd by Bassett to approve and send the compressive list of the Planning Committee members to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Tiger Cat Dam Update- Kozlowski gives a brief update stating that the majority of work has been complete there is only some earthwork that needs to be completed this spring.

Carlson Dam Update- Kozlowski again gives a brief update stating that this project is 95% complete, all that remains is earthwork that will be completed in spring.

County Report- Kozlowski gives report on the department’s activities from last month.

NRCS/ USDA report- Tim Seidl USDA report- Information Only

LCO- Brian Bisonette give an overview of LCO activities

Sawyer County Treasurers Department-
Application to Purchase County Owned Land (OTC) Town of spider Lake 028-642-29-2301- Bruce Paulsen speaks on behalf of Dianne Ince Sawyer County Treasurer. He tells the committee that Ince recommends approval of land sale. Motion by Bassett, 2nd by Helwig to approve land sale and send to County Board for approval. Motion Carried

Land Records-
Dan Pleoger Land Records Director gives a review of last month’s activities. (Information Only)

Sawyer County Forestry Department
Northwoods ATP Trail Insurance and non-metallic mine Zoning request- Sawyer County Forestry Administrator Greg Peterson gives the Committee some background on the Northwoods ATP trial, and how long the process of getting insurance for this trail took. He suggests that the County does not tie the trail insurance with the non-metallic mine request, as it may cause complications for the trial. (Discussion Only)

Low Use Access Permit- Peterson tells the Committee that a request came in for a Low Use Access Permit for access to land through County Forest Land off of Seeley fire lane. This is a 5-year permit for a $25 fee to the applicant. Motion by Nyberg 2nd by Bassett to approve application. Motion carried.

Recreational Trails
Motorized- Don Mrotek of the Snowmobile and ATV Alliance gives a brief report on motorized trails.

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

DNR Report- Pat Zimmer of WI DNR gives a review of the DNR’s activity on County Forest (Information Only)
Climate Change No HR 763-

Bruce Paulsen presents the resolution to the Committee, explaining that this resolution states that if the HR 763 Carbon fee is brought back for discussion, that instead of bringing it to the Land Water and Forestry Committee it be taken right to County Board. Motion by Nyberg to reject the resolution, motion failed with no second. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Bisonette to approve the resolution and send it to County Board. Motion carried.

Adjourned – Bruce Paulsen declares meeting adjourned
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE 2020 SAWYER COUNTY LAND INFORMATION GRANT BUDGET FOR DOCUMENT SCANNING

WHEREAS, the Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee recommends increasing the 2020 Land Information Grant budget to allow document scanning of Zoning Department records; and,

WHEREAS, the Zoning Department document scanning fits within the allowable projects per the 2019 – 2021 Land Information Plan and funding for the project was approved by the Sawyer County Land Information Council on December 17, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Information Grant budget has accumulated funds on hand to pay the document scanning; and,

WHEREAS, there are not funds in the current 2020 budget to fund the project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors hereby approves increasing the 2020 Land Information Grant budget (Fund 212) for the Zoning Department document scanning using available Land Information Grant Fund Balance.

Fiscal Impact: $20,000 Land Information Grant Fund Balance Applied

Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors by the Sawyer County Finance Committee this 16th day of January, 2020.

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Bruce Paulsen, Chair                          Ron Kinsley, Vice Chair

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Brian Bisonette, Member                      Troy Morgan, Member

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Dawn Petit, Member

Resolution

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2019-20 Sawyer County Forest and Wisconsin DNR Annual Partnership Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25th, 2019
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Location: Hayward DNR Service Center, 10220 State Highway 27, Hayward, WI 54843

Personnel Present:
Patrick Zimmer, DNR Hayward Team Leader
Nichol Martin, DNR Park Falls Forestry Area Staff Specialist
Matt Blaylock, DNR Park Falls Area Supervisor
Randy Sobralski, DNR Forestry Technician
Roy Zubrod, DNR Forester
James Kujala, DNR Forester
Holly Petry, DNR Forester
Dan Yankowiak, Natural Resources Property Supervisor
Logan Wells, DNR Forester-Adv, Forest Products Team
Greg Peterson, Sawyer County Forest Administrator
Jeff Steidl, Forester, Sawyer County
Kyle Cummings, Recreational Coordinator/Forester, Sawyer County
Erik Schielke, Forester, Sawyer County

Agenda Items:

1. **Review Last Year’s Minutes**
   Discussion by Roy Zubrod. No thoughts or comments made.

2. **Wildlife Management**
   Discussion by Roy Zubrod and Mike Bulgrin. Talking points gathered during one-on-one meeting with Laine Stowell, Wildlife Biologist, on 9-10-2019.

   A) **Wildlife Funds.** Current wildlife account balance is slightly over 3 three allotment. Currently, money being spent on approximately 103 acres of scarification for oak regeneration. Going forward, projects are being planned for the oak savanna conversion project and maintenance of approximately 100 acres of natural openings on the county forest.

   B) **Wildlife Projects.** 60 elk were released from captivity on the Flambeau River State Forest. The elk release comprised of 45 adults and 15 calves. All elk from the state of Michigan which were re-introduced to Wisconsin in the 1990’s are now gone as cow #13 died last winter.
On the Sawyer County Forest, elk are currently utilizing habitat at Parks Farm and Deer Creek. A proposed project to improve habitat at Parks Farm was mentioned. This would encompass re-tilling and re-planting a portion of field. Approximately 25 acres have been mowed at parks farm this year. A hunter walking trail at the intersection of Thornapple Grade and Haystack Road is also scheduled for mowing yet this year.

Going forward, wildlife would like to expand the elk population in the western portion of the Winter Block of the Sawyer County Forest. Other sites mentioned were Seeley Hills and adjoining Bayfield County Forest to the north. Sites for holding pens will be needed if this occurs. The rationale behind elk relocation is to utilize acreage where intensive forest management is taking place, which is key for elk habitat.

3. **Forest Health Update**

A) Oak Wilt.
Flights were conducted in mid-August over Sissabagama, Stoney Hill and Seeley Hills blocks. Results yielded three new detections and Sawyer County found one by ground search near Weirgor Lake for a total of 4 new sites. All sites were treated using frill girdle by herbicide. 125 trees were treated.

The use of aerial drones after initial flyovers with an airplane were discussed. Efficiencies with time savings and precision can be realized. Sawyer County does have access to a drone and has been explored in the past.

Two new treatment options for oak wilt were presented. Treatments discussed were: stripped down version of frill girdle with herbicide and single stump removal. For these methods to work, oak wilt must be caught in early stages, it is not appropriate if no leaves are left on the tree. MTE (Menominee Tribal Enterprises) reported 80-100% success for both methods combined. Recommendations from the DNR will be forthcoming in the future.

B) Emerald Ash Borer
Sawyer County has been monitoring 10 traps on their own with assistance from Paul Cigan and will be taking down traps at the end of September. Results of survey season are pending but as of mid-season checks, no additional EAB detections in Sawyer County.

Revised EAB Silviculture guidelines are now available on-line on the DNR website. Strategy in marking northern hardwood and oak stands has not changed from last year, with that being foresters and technicians will have to weigh extra reason on risk on ash. Sale establishment on lowland ash sites was mentioned and will be explored if opportunities are present.
4. **DNR 3 Year Internal Audit**
Discussion by Nichol Martin.

Preliminary results indicate a good audit overall. Results are still being compiled in draft form and should be released in about a month. Draft will be circulated for review and will be made final after comment period is over.

5. **2019 Forest Certification Discussion**
Discussion by Roy Zubrod.

Nothing discussed for 2019 in terms of CARS, OFIs/OBS as nothing was cited for the 2019 CFL SFI and FSC audits. Discussion took place regarding 2018 audit and potential issues likely to be re-visited. Topics discussed were:

**SFI – 2018**

**NO CARS**

**Opportunities for Improvements (OFI)**

**OFI 2018-01: There is an opportunity to improve road maintenance to comply with Wisconsin BMP’s.**
SFI Indicator 3.1.1: Program to implement federal, state or provincial water quality best management practices during all phases of management activities.

When new roads are constructed, or existing roads are improved, expectations are discussed with the contractor during pre-sale meetings. Periodic inspections take place when harvesting and hauling is active. The Chapter on Forest Roads from Wisconsin’s Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality Field Manual is used for reference. Sawyer County Forest has no roads where gas tax is collected.

Sawyer County has an access management plan covering the entire county forest. The plan spells out open and closed designations to address sustainable roads and trails vs. closed areas with no infrastructure.

**OFI 2018-02: There is an opportunity to improve in the timeliness of training for forest chemical applications regarding state-certified applicators.**
SFI Indicator 2.2.7: Supervision of forest chemical applications by state or provincial-trained or certified applicators.
All certifications needed for personal who perform this work is current for both Sawyer County and WI DNR.
FSC – 2018

Observations (OBS)

FSC Indicator 6.5.B – *Forest operations meet or exceed Best Management Practices (BMPs) that address components of the Criterion where the operation takes place.*

Same as SFI finding

FSC Indicator 6.6.D – *Whenever chemicals are used, a written prescription is prepared that describes the site-specific hazards and environmental risks, and the precautions that workers will employ to avoid or minimize those hazards and risks and includes a map of the treatment area.*

The only application of chemicals on the Sawyer County Forest is for Oak Wilt. Sources of information looked upon to formulate treatments are: Paul Cigan- Plant Pest and Disease Specialist, labeling information for the chemical used and Wisconsin Pesticide Applicator Training Manual for Forestry. Written records are kept for all chemical treatments.

6. Forest Management
Discussion by Greg Peterson (Points a,b,f,g,i,k), Roy Zubrod (Points c,d,h,), James Kujala (Point e) and Pat Zimmer (Point j).

a) *County forest department budget and accounts.* Sawyer County is currently working on budgets for all departments but revenue will be approximately 1.8 to 1.85 million dollars.

b) *Timber sale establishment goals.* The harvest goal will be approximately 3,700 acres.

c) *DNR Time Standards.* New base hour time standard is 2189 hours. This is a reduction of 108 hours from the previous standard (2297 hours). Pat Zimmer mentioned DNR can exceed base hours this contract term but not in the future. In 2018-19 hours worked totaled 2484.75, a difference of +187.75 hours (2484.75 – 2297 = 187.75).

d) *Dozer hours/projects.* During 2018-19 DNR completed two scarification projects to promote oak regeneration totaling 65 acres. In 2019-20 DNR was assigned three scarification projects discussed earlier in the wildlife discussion. If time and money is available, Sawyer County requested assistance for road repair projects.

e) *Prescribed burning.* The oak savanna conversion project and approximately 100 acres of natural openings are scheduled for prescribed burning next spring.

f) *Reforestation projects.* No projects planned other than possible small-scale tree planting for educational purposes geared towards elementary school students.

g) *Recon % - acreage update.* The amount of recon backlog acreage over 20 years old is approximately 7.5% of total acreage. Aspen less than 40 years old makes up most of the
backlog recon data. Sawyer County is prioritizing these backlog acres by cover type to get them up to date.

h) Update on invasive species. Sawyer County will monitor and address as needed.

i) Discussion on any of the Forestry Grants. No applications will be submitted other than the Forest Administrator Grant due in January.

j) Good Neighbor Authority. Talking points provided by David Todus in e-mail on 9-24-2019.

   FY19
   All stand establishment is completed as of the contract deadline June 30th, 2019. Two sales were sold, Wilson and Patsey Lake, and will be administrated by Sawyer County.

   FY20
   Work has been assigned, this includes all stands in the Blue Gill Trap Area. Work has been given to Greg Peterson to complete and then David Todus can write program contract.

   FY21
   Anticipate on receiving work in November. Once received work will be planned out. Due date will not be until June 30th, 2021.

   FY22
   Anticipate on receiving work February 2020
   At the end of this purge, will be one year ahead of the normal due dates.

k) Recreation.
   Sawyer County re-bid six projects for motorized trail work. Three bids were accepted, all for graveling on the Tuscobia Trail. Of the other three, one project will have the length shortened and the other two projects will be on hold.

7. Tuscobia Trail
   Discussion by Dan Yankowiak

   a) Box culvert project east of Winter. DNR project to fix infrastructure. Project 99% completed, and trail is open.

   b) Radisson Creek bridge. DNR project to fix infrastructure. Project finished and trail will re-open soon.

   c) Winter Depot. Joint project with DNR and Friends of Tuscobia Trail. Renovations moving forward. DNR contributing $110,000.00 towards project. Friends of Tuscobia needs to come up with $40,000.00. Sawyer County has pledged a $15,000.00 contingency.

   d) Ojibwa storm cleanup. DNR timber salvage sale. Completed and trail open.

   e) Trail inspections. Sawyer County will take over responsibility twice a year plus storm damage inspections.

   f) Beaver control. Options being explored by DNR. Many problems with culverts and streams being blocked along trail.
8. Any Other Items Requiring Attention/Discussion

a) Forest Regeneration Metric. Discussion by Roy Zubrod.
An update on the regeneration monitoring program supervised by Casey Menick was discussed. In Sawyer County 15 stands were selected to be sampled. Field work is currently in progress and depending on time and resources, not all stands may get sampled. If there are any stands remaining, the plan is to finish next field season. Completed stands will have raw data summarized and reports compiled. The purpose is to have data sets for the CDAC's to use vs. FIA data when discussing deer management goals.

b) 15-year comprehensive land use plan. Discussion by Greg Peterson.
As a starting point, a committee will be formed to provide input into the plan. Members will represent a broad array of stakeholders from various user groups. Templates have been distributed and work will begin in approximately one month.

c) Wood markets. Discussion by Logan Wells.
Due to tariffs imposed on China by U.S., red oak and ash markets have been significantly impacted. Before tariffs, 1 in 4 boards manufactured were exported to China. Lower value products are stable at this time (pallets, ties and mats) which is important when other markets are challenging. Recent hurricane activity in the southeastern U.S. has the potential to boost the housing market.
SAWYER COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR 2020

Following is the proposed Sawyer County Forest work plan for the year 2020. The plan gives direction and meaning to the proposed County Forest budget. The plan further defines and supplements the Sawyer County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan and emphasizes the current needs of the County Forest and Recreational System.

• FORESTS

The Sawyer County Forest (SCF) is 115,197 acres in size.

The following list shows the acreage of productive forested land by various timber types on the SCF:

- Forest Cover:
  - Aspen 39,999
  - Northern Hardwood 24,866
  - Oak 9,818
  - Black Spruce 5,305
  - White Pine 4,633
  - Swamp Hardwood 3,770
  - Red Pine 2,121
  - Tamarack 1,740
  - Red Maple 1,098
  - Cedar 887
  - White Spruce 623
  - Hemlock 448
  - Jack Pine 136
  - Balsam Fir 52
  - White Birch 45

Total Productive Forested Acres 95,845

*Non-productive/Non-forested acreage accounts for 19,352 acres
I. TIMBER HARVEST

Timber harvests are not only important for the economic well being of Sawyer County, but also for the health and vigor of the forest. This includes all aspects of the forest including wildlife, watershed protection, air quality, recreation, and many other noncommercial values. Professional implementation of proper forest management and harvest techniques is essential. The timber management goal is to produce sustained yields of forest products by scheduling timber sales to achieve the average annual allowable cut. The long-term goal is to develop a regulated harvest in which the same number of acres or same volume of wood could be harvested each year for perpetuity. A regulated harvest can occur when there is a proper balance in age class distribution and uniform growth rates for each forest type. Compartment reconnaissance information from the Wisconsin Forest Inventory & Reporting System (WisFIRS) will be used to determine where timber harvesting is needed. Sawyer County Forest plans to assess approximately 7500 acres for harvest. From that acreage, SCF plans to offer for sale approximately 3700 acres of timber in accordance with the 2020 Annual Allowable Cut (excluding salvage operations due to unknown occurrences) in the following timber types in 2020:

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II. TIMBER SALE ESTABLISHMENT

A. Set up and offer for sale approximately forty (40) sales totaling approximately 40,000 cords and 1,000 MBF. Two timber sale bid openings will be conducted in 2019. Each bid opening will offer approximately ½ of the annual allowable cut acres.

III. TIMBER SALE INSPECTIONS

A. Maintain a continual program of inspections on all of the timber sale contracts for the purpose of checking completion status, contract compliance, and to prevent timber theft. Active timber sales will be visited a minimum of once per week. SCF staff with assistance from the DNR Liaison Forester will be responsible for this work.

IV. FOREST REVENUE

A. Projected 2020 timber sale revenue $1,850,000

V. FOREST RECONNAISSANCE

A. Continue to update and maintain SCF recon data. SCF staff will be responsible for updating recon records on their assigned compartments. The Liaison Forester is responsible for updating recon records on DNR assigned compartments. The target for recon updates for 2020 is 6000 acres to be updated in the SCF recon system.

VI. REFORESTATION

A. Conduct pre-sale scarification on timber sales for red oak, white pine, and white birch regeneration where conditions are advantageous.

B. Conduct tree planting with Hayward and Winter School Districts.

C. Evaluate possible sites for future regeneration projects such as pre- and post-sale scarification, possible planting sites.

VII. TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT

There are no non-commercial TSI projects planned.
VIII. COUNTY FOREST ROADS

The SCF does not have any officially designated county forest roads and does not receive any county forest road aid.

IX. ROADS AND TRAILS

A. Road and Access Plan.
   1. Make maps available to the public for all recreational activities on the county forest.
   2. Inform public of changes made to access.
   3. Continue to maintain signs on roads and trails in accordance with Road and Access Plan.
   4. Review road and access plan with Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee for possible changes in road/trail designation.

B. Continue to plan all roads and access.

C. Continue to berm or gate roads and trails as need arises for erosion control to assure BMP issues are addressed or to protect sensitive areas.

D. Enforce seasonal closure period for forest roads and trails during spring break up.
   1. Inform public of road closure.

E. Improve trails for timber sale access and roads open to public motor vehicle access with a priority on those areas where damage is occurring due to high public use, or problem areas identified as part of the GPS classification. Permanent secondary trails should also be given a priority.

X. LAND ACQUISITION

A. Follow direction of 15-Year Plan and as approved by Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee:
   1. Evaluate land purchases as presented to Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee for possible County Board approval.
   2. Evaluate land trades as presented to Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee for possible County Board approval.
   3. Pursue grant funding sources for any approved acquisition project.
XI. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)/COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

A. Continue to operate and maintain currency of GIS system including roads and trails, historical timber sales, and other layers for public information.

XII. SURVEYING

A. Utilize Trimble GPS unit to locate interior property corners where section corners are available and to establish approximate county forest property boundaries where necessary for tract establishment.
B. Present to committee problem areas for certified survey or re-monumentation efforts. Surveys generally are needed to prevent timber trespass or to clarify boundaries in order to continue management.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS FOREST ACTIVITIES

A. Monitor camping policy on County Forest for possible problems and/or changes to policy that will improve camping opportunities on forest.
B. Issue and administer firewood, Christmas tree, camping, and bough harvesting permits.
C. Continue to detect and treat confirmed positive oak wilt sites on County Forest to prevent further spread. Continue to monitor previously detected and treated sites.
D. Continue to monitor and plan for positive confirmation of Emerald Ash Borer.

XIV. RECREATION TRAILS

A. Snowmobile Trails
   1. Provide 68.6 miles of state funded snowmobile trails on County Forest. Sawyer County will continue to maintain 383.2 miles of state funded snowmobile trails including 50.5 miles of Tuscobia State Trail contracted with the Sawyer County Snowmobile/ATV Alliance. Grant funded, $114,954.00
   2. Apply for grant funding where needed for any trail improvements or bridge repairs/replacement.
B. ATV/UTV Trails
   1. Provide 50 miles of summer ATV/UTV trails on County Forest. Sawyer County will continue to maintain 148 miles of state funded summer ATV/UTV trails including 50.5 miles of Tuscobia State Trail contracted with the Sawyer County Snowmobile/ATV Alliance. Grant funded, $104,822.
   2. Provide 50 miles of winter ATV trails on County Forest. Sawyer County will continue to maintain 149.8 miles of winter state funded ATV trails including 50.5 miles of Tuscobia State Trail contracted with the Sawyer County Snowmobile/ATV Alliance. Grant funded $14,980.
   3. Complete Tuscobia Rehab Chafer Rd. 1.35 miles, grant funded $19,550
   4. Complete Tuscobia Rehab project, Schrock Rd. 3.3 miles, grant funded $47,460
   5. Complete Tuscobia Rehab project, Price County Line to Uncle Tom's Rd. 9.3 miles, grant funded $170,010
   6. Complete Trail 8 Rehab project, “OO” to Boedecker Rd. 1.65 miles, grant funded $24,750
   7. Complete Trail 8 Rehab project Camp 38 Rd to Telemark Rd. 0.72 miles, grant funded $16,062.50
   8. Complete installation of 911 location signs.
   9. Apply for grant funding where needed for any trail improvements or enhancements.

C. Ski Trails
   1. American Birkebeiner Trail
      The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation (ABSF) maintains and grooms the Birkebeiner Trails including the Birkie, Birkie Classic, and “OO” Loop Trails as a skiing and hiking trail for Sawyer County. Maintenance and grooming costs are largely paid by the Foundation itself.
   2. Hatchery Creek Park Trails
      ABSF maintains and grooms the Fish Hatchery Park ski trail. Continue cooperation with the ABSF
   3. Seeley Trails
      The Seeley Trails are maintained and groomed primarily by the Seeley Lions Club.
D. Bike Trails
1. Continue to work with Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association (CAMBA) to maintain mountain bike trails both the singletrack trail system and two track trails located on forest roads within the SCF.

2. Continue working with bike groups to provide snow/fat bike opportunities within County Forest.

E. Hunter Walking Trails
1. Maintain established trails.
2. Mow approximately twenty percent of existing trails; work in conjunction with DNR Wildlife and local conservation groups.
3. Identify new possible trail locations based on need and habitat considerations

F. Hiking Trails
1. Continue working with Southwest Sawyer County Non-motorized trail group to maintain Green Lake trail, and assist with any further developments of hiking trails.

G. NoRTAC (Northern Region Trail Advisory Committee)
1. Continue participation in regional trail committee to address trail needs and issues within the region.

XVI. FISH and WILDLIFE
A. Nickel an Acre
County receives $5,760/year for Wildlife Management related activities on County Forest. A maximum of three years of funding can be accrued.

Approved Funding Activities
1. Prescribed burning and development of oak savanna conversion project located in Town of Winter along Thornapple River.
2. Building of berms/ installation of gates on closed access roads. (In accordance with the Access Management Plan).
3. Scarification work for red oak regeneration.
4. Purchase of grass seed for seeding and stabilizing forest roads after harvest.
5. Construction of access roads to facilitate logging operations in isolated areas.
6. Mowing of hunter walking trails.
7. Wildlife opening maintenance and construction, specifically within the expanded elk range.
8. Purchase of prescribed fire equipment for county staff.

XVII. Parks

A. Hatchery Creek Park
   1. Continue maintenance and development of park and pavilion building.
   2. Continue cooperation with ABSF, CAMBA, and other community groups with park projects and recreational trails.

B. Eagles Landing
   1. Continue maintenance of park.

C. Nelson Lake Boat Landing/Park
   1. Continue maintenance and development of park in cooperation with the Town of Lenroot.

XVIII. Land Use and Recreation Plans

A. County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan
   1. Complete the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use plan for 2021-2036, must be completed by December 31st 2020.

B. Sawyer County Outdoor Recreation Plan
   2. Plan must be completed by December 31st 2020.

Information about timber sale activities or any other Forestry Department program may be obtained by contacting the Sawyer County Forestry Department, Sawyer County Courthouse, 10610 Main Street, Suite 100, Hayward, WI 54843. Phone: 715-634-4846  FAX: 715-638-3234.

• REFERENCES:

Forestry Report December 2019

Active Sales

9 sales listed as active in month of December

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* Sales having overruns
** Sales having underruns

Timber Sale Value (sold contracts-uncut) on file = $3,531,265.52
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**Christmas Trees/Boughs**
- $15
- $40

**Performance Bond Cashed**
- $0
- $815.96

**Other Revenue**

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<td>Camping/Firewood/Access/Hay</td>
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**Event User Fees**
- $175
- $3,103

**Park Reservations**
- $50
- $600

**Budget**

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Comments: Goal for timber sale inspections is generally one inspection per week while sale is actively being harvested or wood is being hauled.

### Tract Establishment

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Comments:

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### Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Hours

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### Oak Wilt:
Nothing new to report.

### Mountain Bike Trails:
Nothing new to report.

### Birkie Trail:
Nothing new to report.

### ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Trails:
Nothing new to report.

### Parks:
- Hatchery Park: Nothing new to report.
- Nelson Lake Park: Nothing new to report.
The following schedule is an estimate of what non-local silent sports participants spent in the Hayward area 2/22/19-11/30/19

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<td><strong>Total Birkie sponsored events</strong></td>
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<td>Seeley Loins Seeley Hills Classic</td>
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**Sources:** Sawyer County Forester, Greg Peterson, & Ben Popp, Birkie Executive Director
## Sawyer County
### Financial Impact of the Birkie

**Estimated spending by out of town participants in Birkie events**  
$2,728,000

**Amount Birkie spent in 50 radius of Hayward**  
$2,550,000

### Birkie Trail Maintenance

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<td>Local Organizations that volunteer</td>
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<td>Total donated by Birkie</td>
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### Payment to County Departments 2019

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<td>Total Birkie paid Sawyer County</td>
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### Developments Spawned by Birkie Trail

- Mosquito Brook
- Seeley Highlands
- Hatchery Creek
- Peterson Road/Whippoor Will Lane
- Nordic Ridge

### Payments to Organizers to Attract Events

- Paid by Visit Cook County for Lutsen 99er  
  $20,000
- Paid by Visit Milwaukee for triathlon  
  $40,000

Source: Ben Popp, Birkie Executive Director

BLP
12/30/2019
RESOLUTION TO NOT CHARGE AN EVENT FEE FOR USE OF THE COUNTY FOREST TRAILS

WHEREAS, most users of the County forest trails derive economic benefit from the use of the forest in the form of entry fees, required donations and fee for services.

WHEREAS, the following is a partial list of entities that derive an economic benefit from use of the County forest:

- CAMBA
- Seeley Lions
- Hayward Lions
- American Birkebener Foundation
- Hayward High School
- Nordic kids
- Hunting guides
- Private entities offering guided trail events
- ATV & snowmobile clubs (poker runs)
- Mt Borah Epic

WHEREAS, other than the staff costs associated with the ATV and snowmobile trails ($40,000 estimated) Sawyer County costs to maintain the motorized and non-motorized trails is naggable.

WHEREAS, the scheduled events using the County forest motorized and non-motorized trails generate a significant positive economic impact for the County, to wit:

- Estimated amount the out of town silent sports participants spend locally: $2,943,000
- Motorized trail state money spent on maintenance; net: $240,000
- Birkie revenue spent within 50 miles of Hayward: $2,700,000
- Birkie reimbursement to Sawyer County for services provided: $24,400
- Amount out of town ATV/snowmobile riders spend locally: Not Determined

WHEREAS, other communities pay the event organizer to hold events in their communities to wit:

- Visit Cook County for the Lutsen 99er: $20,000
- Visit Milwaukee for a triathlon: $40,000

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County will not charge an event fee to those using the County forest motorized and non-motorized trails.

Financial Impact, Resource Development fund loses about $5,000 in revenue.

Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors by the Sawyer County Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee this 8th day of January, 2020

_________________________________  ________________________________
Bruce Paulsen, Chair  Brian Bisonette, Vice Chair

_________________________________  ________________________________
Jim Bassett  Marc Helwig

_________________________________
Elaine Nyberg
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THOSE THAT USE THE SAWYER COUNTY FOREST MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTE TO THE SAWYER COUNTY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FUND

WHEREAS, the users of motorized and non-motorized trails in the County forest realize they as well as the County derive significant benefit from the use of these trails

WHEREAS, as the silent sports community has agreed to contribute $20,000 in 2020 for the improvement of the County parks and trails in the County forest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the users of the County forest motorized and non-motorized trails be asked to make an annual contribution to the County’s Resource Development fund to be used as follows:

1. Allocate up $5,000 to the County Forest Department for the improvement and maintenance of County parks.
2. Pay for trail and County park improvements as approved with the annual budget or by the Sawyer County Board for unbudgeted improvements.

Financial Impact, Resource Development fund gains $20,000 in 2020

Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors by the Sawyer County Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee this 8th day of January, 2020

_________________________________  ________________________________
Bruce Paulsen, Chair                  Brian Bisonette, Vice Chair

_________________________________  ________________________________
Jim Bassett                          Marc Helwig

______________________________
Elaine Nyberg
Resolution ______

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SAWYER COUNTY TO CHARGE A FEE FOR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON SAWYER COUNTY FOREST LAND ZONED COMMERCIAL

WHEREAS, various organizations and entities conduct commercial activities on that portion of the County forest which is zoned commercial.

WHEREAS, commercial activities are defined as the sale of food and beverages, sale of commemorative merchandise, room rental, fees charged for service and like activities.

WHEREAS, the commercial activities generate income for those engaging in that activity

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that those engaging in commercial activities on that portion of the County forest zoned commercial will pay to the County Resource Development fund 5% of gross receipts.

Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors by the Sawyer County Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee this 8th day of January, 2020

_________________________________ ________________________________
Bruce Paulsen, Chair Brian Bisonette, Vice Chair

_________________________________ ________________________________
Jim Bassett Marc Helwig

_________________________________
Elaine Nyberg
Sawyer County Waste Storage Ordinance

Published and Effective xx/xx/xxx

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Sawyer does hereby ordain as follows:

1-1 General Provisions
1-2 Definitions
1-3 Activities Subject to Regulation
1-4 Performance Standards and Prohibitions
1-5 Manure Storage Permits
1-6 Administration
1-7 Violations
1-8 Appeals and Variances

Sec. 1-1 General Provisions.

(1) Authority and purpose. The general purpose of this ordinance is to protect and promote the health, safety, prosperity, aesthetic conditions and general welfare of the people and communities within Sawyer County, under authority granted by section 92.16, Wisconsin Statutes.

(2) Title. This Ordinance shall be known as, referred to, and may be cited as the Sawyer County Manure Storage Ordinance and is hereinafter known as the Ordinance.

(3) Findings and Declaration of Policy. The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of our quality groundwater and surface water resources and the need to maintain these resources for our future generations.

The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors also recognizes that the proper management of animal waste contributes to the protection of groundwater and surface water, public health, and natural resources.

(4) Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the location, design, construction, installation, alteration, operation, and maintenance of all new waste storage facilities. This ordinance also regulates the closure of waste storage facilities and assures safe handling and spreading of manure in order to prevent water pollution. It is further intended to provide for the administration and enforcement of this article and to provide penalties for its violation.

(5) Applicability. The permit and other requirements in this Ordinance apply to all of the unincorporated areas of Sawyer County.

(6) Interpretation. In its interpretation and application, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be minimum requirements and shall be liberally construed in favor of Sawyer County, and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other power granted by the Wisconsin Statutes (Stats.).
Abrogation, Greater Restrictions, Severability and Repeal Clause.

(a) Abrogation and Greater Restrictions. This Ordinance is not intended to repeal, annul, abrogate, impair or interfere with any existing covenants, deed restrictions, agreements, ordinances, rules, regulations or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law. However, wherever this Ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern.

(b) Severability. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word and provision of this Ordinance is severable and if any portion shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance nor any part there of other than the portion affected by such decision.

(c) Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of Sawyer County inconsistent or conflicting with this Ordinance to the extent of the inconsistency only, are hereby repealed.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, and publication.

Sec. 1-2 Definitions.

(1) “Abandoned manure storage facility” means where the facility is located ceases operations, or manure has not been added or removed from the facility for a period of 24 months.

(2) “Animal unit” means a unit of measure used to determine the total number of single animal types or combination of animal types which are fed, confined, maintained, or stabled in an animal feeding operation. For the purpose of this ordinance, one animal unit is equivalent to 1000 pounds of livestock live weight.

(3) “Applicant” means any person who applies for a permit under this Ordinance.

(4) “As-built report” is the documentation showing proper construction.

(5) “Bedrock” means the solid or consolidated rock formation typically underlying loose surficial material such as soil, alluvium or glacial drift. Bedrock includes but is not limited to limestone, dolomite, sandstone, shale and igneous and metamorphic rock.

(6) “DATCP” means Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

(7) “Direct conduits to groundwater” means wells, sinkholes, swallets, fractured bedrock at the surface, mine shafts, non-metallic mines, tile inlets discharging to groundwater, quarries, or depressional groundwater recharge areas over shallow fractured bedrock.

(8) “DNR” means the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

(9) “Earthen Manure Storage Facility” means a facility constructed of earth dikes, pits or ponds used for temporary storage of manure including other allowed wastes.
(10) “Groundwater” means any of the waters of the state, occurring in a saturated subsurface geological formation of rock or soil.

(11) “Land Water Forest Resource Committee (LWFRC)” acting as the “Land Conservation Committee (LCC)” is a committee made up of members of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors and others, by authority from Chap.  92, Wis. Stats., determine policy and give direction for soil and water conservation activities, and provides direction for the Zoning and Conservation Department (ZAC).

(12) “Manure” means livestock excreta and the following when intermingled with excreta in normal farming operations: debris including bedding, water, soil, hair, and feathers; processing derivatives including separated sand, separated manure solids, precipitated manure sludges, supernatants, digested liquids, composted bio solids, and process water; and runoff collected from barnyards, animal lots, and feed storage areas.

(13) “Manure Stack” means an uncontained deposit of animal waste placed on an earthen, concrete or other surface for limited periods necessary to facilitate daily or periodic land spreading.

(14) “Manure Storage Facility” means one or more impoundments made by constructing an embankment, excavating a pit or dugout, or fabricating a structure specifically for the purpose of temporarily storing manure and related wastes. A facility includes stationary equipment and piping used to load or unload a manure storage structure if the equipment is specifically designed for that purpose and is an integral part of the facility, and specifically includes components to transfer waste from milking centers, runoff from barnyards, and leachate and contaminated runoff to feed storage.

(15) “Margin of safety level” is the maximum operating level of a manure storage facility. This includes one foot of free board plus the increase in elevation necessary to store the volume of runoff and precipitation that enters the facility from a 25-year, 24-hour storm event.

(16) “Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)” is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture which, for purposes of this Ordinances , develops and maintains a technical guide with conservation practice standards and specifications, engineering manuals and handbooks, and other technical documentation related to manure storage facilities, nutrient management plans, and other technical matters covered by this Ordinance.

(17) “NRCS technical guide” means the most current stated version of the NRCS field office technical guide. Copies of the NRCS technical guide are on file with the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies of individual standards contained in the NRCS technical guide may be obtained from the county ZAC or from an NRCS field office.

(18) “Nutrient Management Plan” means an annual written plan detailing the amount, form, placement, and timing of the application of plant nutrients, including animal manure. The plan must meet NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 590.

(19) “Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM)” means the point on the bank or shore up to which the presence and action of surface water is so continuous as to leave a distinctive mark such as by erosion, destruction or prevention of terrestrial vegetation, predominance of aquatic vegetation or other easily recognized characteristics.
(20) **“Permit”** means the signed, written statement issued under this Ordinance authorizing the applicant to construct, install, reconstruct, extend, enlarge, substantially alter or close a manure storage facility, and to use or dispose of waste from the facility.

(21) **“Permitting Authority”** means the entity within the county government legally responsible for administering and enforcing this Ordinance. The LCC shall have full authority for carrying out the duties under Ordinance, including the decision making authority, unless the authority is delegated to the ZAC and its employees under s. 92.09, Stats.

(22) **“Permittee”** means any person to whom a permit is issued under this Ordinance.

(23) **“Person”** means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, agency, unincorporated association, municipal corporation, county or state agency within Wisconsin, the federal government, or any combination thereof.

(24) **“Safety Devices”** means devices, which are designed to protect humans and livestock from the hazards associated with a storage facility.

(25) **“Stop Work Order”** means an order to cease any activity in the operation of, or construction of an activity subject to regulation.

(26) **“Substantially altered”** means a change initiated by an owner or operator that results in a relocation of a structure or facility or significant changes to the size, depth, or configuration of a structure or facility including:

Replacement of a liner and liner reconstruction in a manure storage structure.

An increase in the volumetric capacity or area of a structure or facility.

A change in a structure or facility related to a change in livestock management from one species of livestock to another such as cattle to poultry or changes in manure consistency such as what would occur in using a separator.

(27) **“Technical Standard 313”** is a practice standard within the Technical Guide that covers the proper location, design, construction, installation, alteration, operation and maintenance of a manure storage facility.

(28) **“Technical Standard 360”** is a practice standard within the Technical Guide that covers decommissioning of facilities, and/or the rehabilitation of contaminated soil, in an environmentally safe manner, where agricultural waste has been handled, treated, and/or stored and is no longer used for the intended purpose.

(29) **“Technical Standard 634”** is a practice standard within the Technical Guide that covers the design, material types and quality, and installation of components such as conduits, pumps, valves, and other structures or devices to transfer manure and waste from buildings and yards and other sources to storage, loading areas, crop fields and other destinations. The standard establishes the minimum acceptable requirements for design, construction, and operation of waste transfer system components.

(30) **“Technical Standard 590”** is a practice standard within the Technical Guide that covers managing the amount, form, placement and timing of plant nutrients associated with organic wastes (manure and organic by-products), commercial fertilizers, legume crops and crop residues.
(31) “Waste Transfer System” means components such as pumps, pipes, conduits, valves, and other mechanisms installed to convey manure, leachate and contaminated runoff, and milking center wastes from livestock structures to a storage structure, loading area, or treatment area.

(32) “Unpermitted manure storage facility” means a manure storage facility constructed, modified, or placed in use without first obtaining permit, including facilities constructed before the first date of the adoption this ordinance, and may include an earthen structure or impoundment made a concrete liner which fully or partially covers the bottom and/or the sidewalls of the impoundment.

(33) “Water Pollution” means contaminating or rendering unclean or impure the ground or surface waters of the state, or making the same injurious to public health, harmful for commercial or recreational use, or deleterious to fish, bird, animal, or plant life.

(34) “Water Quality Management Area” or “WQMA” means the area within 1,000 feet from the ordinary high watermark of navigable waters that consist of a river or stream; and a site that is susceptible to groundwater contamination, or that has the potential to be a direct conduit for contamination to reach groundwater.

(35) “Zoning and Conservation Department (ZAC)” means the staff for enforcing and providing technical and administrative support for this ordinance.

Sec. 1-3 Activities Subject to Regulation.

(1) Permit Requirements. Any person who constructs, substantially alters, changes use of or closes a manure storage facility and related transfer systems, or who employs another person to do the same, shall be subject to the permit requirements of this Ordinance.

(2) New Construction. New or substantially altered manure storage facilities shall be designed, constructed and maintained to minimize the risk of structural failure of the facility and minimize leakage of the facility. Permit requirements include design, construction and as-built plans approved by a professional engineer or engineer practitioner and meeting requirements of NRCS standards and specifications. Permit requirements also include an approved nutrient management plan and an updated checklist submitted annually, with the updated plan available to the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department upon request.

(3) Safety Devices. All manure storage facilities shall be equipped with safety devices including fences and warning signs intended to protect humans and livestock from the hazards associated with such facilities. Safety devices shall be designed and installed as required by Technical Standard 313.

(4) Abandoned manure storage facility. Closure of a manure storage facility shall occur when an operation where the facility is located ceases operations, or manure has not been added or removed from the facility for a period of 24 months. Any person who owns a storage facility that has been determined to have been abandoned must lower the level of the facility to an elevation of one foot above the floor of the facility within a period of six months from the date the facility was determined to be abandoned. The abandoned facility shall be subject to Standard 360, Closure of Waste Impoundments. The animal waste shall be uniformly spread on cropland or pasture according to a Nutrient Management Plan.
The owner or operator may retain the facility for a longer period of time by demonstrating to the ZAC that all of the following conditions are met:

The facility is designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with subsection (2).

Retention of the facility is warranted based on anticipated future use.

(5) **Existing facilities.** Manure storage facilities that pose an imminent threat to public health, surface water, or groundwater shall be upgraded, replaced, or abandoned in accordance with this section.

Levels of materials in storage facilities may not exceed the margin of safety level.

**Sec. 1-4 Standards.**


(2) The standards for management and utilization of animal waste are those in Code 590 “Nutrient Management” of the NRCS Technical Guide and shall comply with ATCP 50.04(3).

**Sec. 1-5 Manure Storage Permits.**

(1) **Permit Required.** No person may undertake any activity subject to this ordinance without obtaining a permit from the ZAC.

(2) **Exception to Permit Requirement.** A permit is not required for emergency repairs, such as repairing a broken pipe or equipment, leaking dikes, or the removal of stoppages may be performed without a permit. If repairs will alter the original design and construction of the facility, a report shall be made to the ZAC within two working days of the emergency for determination on whether a permit will be required for any additional alteration or repair to the facility.

(3) **Fee.** All fees under this ordinance are established pursuant to a Fee Schedule duly adopted by the County Board/LCC. Copies of the current fee schedule are kept on file at the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department. A non-refundable permit application fee is payable upon submission of a permit application. Permit fees will double if a facility is constructed or closed prior to issuance of a permit. Separate fees may apply for engineering assistance provided by the county to design a manure storage facility.

(4) **Manure Storage Facility Construction Plan and Nutrient Management Plan Required.** Each application for a Waste Storage Facility Construction Permit or Waste Storage Facility Closure Permit shall be filed with the ZAC department.

Each application for a Waste Storage Facility Construction Permit under this ordinance shall include a Waste Storage Facility Plan and a Nutrient Management Plan. Plans for the storage facility (including transfer system) and the management of manure shall be
prepared in accordance with following requirements:

(a) A narrative of the general criteria required within Technical Standard 313, and of other applicable Technical Standards including management and site assessments. The narrative should include, but is not limited to:
   1. The number and type of animals for which storage is provided, the duration for which storage is to be provided, daily gallons and/or cubic feet of waste and manure produced, bedding type, and manure handling practices.
   2. A description and construction plan of the method of transferring animal waste into and from the facility.
   3. Soil test pit or boring logs and their locations with soil descriptions and test results. Soil test pit or boring criteria should follow Technical Standard 313V.A.2.b and characterize the subsurface (soils, saturation, and bedrock). This includes the elevation of redoximorphic features (mottling), gleyed soil and moisture condition.

(b) A general location map drawing of the site which shall include:
   1. The location of structures in relation to buildings, homes, property lines, roads, wells, karst features, public or private drainage ditches and creeks, flowages, rivers, streams, lakes, or wetlands within one thousand (1000) feet of the proposed facility or system.
   2. The location of any wells within 250 feet of the facility.
   3. The scale of the drawing and the north arrow with the date the general location map was prepared.
   4. The location of any floodplains.

(c) Engineering design drawings of the manure storage facility or transfer system which shall include:
   1. Specific design components that shall comply with Technical Standard 313, and additional applicable Technical Standards such as 634.
   2. A recoverable benchmark(s) including elevation(s) expressed in feet and tenths.
   3. The scale of the drawings and the north arrow. The engineering design drawing shall be drawn to a scale no smaller than one (1) inch equals one hundred (100) feet.
   4. The date the engineering design drawings were prepared.

(d) The structural details, including but not limited to dimensions, cross-sections, concrete thickness, concrete joint design and placement, design loads, design computations, reinforcement schedules, thickness and placement of groundwater protection liners, and all material specifications.

(e) Provisions for adequate drainage and control of runoff to prevent pollution of surface water and groundwater.

(f) A construction site erosion control plan.

(g) Estimated start of construction and construction schedule.
(h) A safety plan that identifies hazards to animals and people in the production area, and
design features to minimize those hazards.

(i) An operation and maintenance plan for installed practices.

(j) A nutrient management plan prepared in compliance requirements of this Ordinance,
including sub. (6).

(k) Other additional information requested by the county to comply with this Ordinance.

(5) **Manure Storage Closure Plan Required.** Each application for a closure permit under
this ordinance shall include a site-specific design for closure as specified in Standard 360
of the Technical Guide. The plan shall include:

(a) A general location map drawing of the manure storage facility which shall include:
   1. The location of the manure storage facility in relation to buildings, homes, property
      lines, roads, wells, karst features, public or private drainage ditches and creeks,
      flowages, rivers, streams, lakes, or wetlands within one thousand (1000) feet of the
      existing facility.
   2. The scale of the drawing and the north arrow.
   3. The date the general location map was prepared.

(b) A description of the method and specifications in transferring manure into and from the
manure storage facility to ensure proper closure of transfer systems.

(c) Provisions to remove or permanently plug the manure transfer system serving the manure
storage facility.

(d) Provisions to remove and properly dispose of all accumulated manure in the manure
facility in compliance with applicable Technical Standards.

(e) For all waste impoundments, plan requirements and provisions shall be in compliance
and consistent with applicable Technical Standards.

(f) *Use conversion option.* The manure storage facility may be converted to other uses, where
as it is demonstrated the conversion will not result in a degradation of ground and/or
surface waters or be a threat to public health, safety or general welfare. A detailed
description of intended alternative use must be described for all manure storage facility
conversions for determination if conversions will be allowed.

(g) Manure storage facility closures and conversions shall implement safety measures to
ensure the protection of the public from hazardous conditions.

(h) Any other additional information required by the County to protect water quality and
achieve compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.
(6) **Permit Standards**

(a) **Manure Storage Construction.** Permit applications shall provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that a new or substantially altered storage facility:
   1. Is designed in accordance with the following technical standards:
      b. Technical Standard 634.

(b) **Manure Storage Closure.** Permit applications under shall provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that the plan for manure storage facility closure meets Technical Standard 360.

(c) **Manure and Nutrient Management.** Nutrient management plans shall comply Technical Standard 590, s. ATCP 50.04 (3), Wis. Admin. Code, and s. NR 151.07, Wis. Admin. Code.

(d) **Other Standards.** Other technical guides such as AWMFH or EFH may be used to evaluate compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

(e) **Incorporation of Standards and Specifications.** All standards and specifications are incorporated by reference and made part of this Ordinance. Any future amendment, revision or modification of the standards or specifications incorporated herein are made a part of this ordinance, unless the LCC specifically affirmatively acts to a different version. Copies of all applicable standards and specifications may be obtained from the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department.

(f) **Certification.** All permit applications must include a certification provided by a qualified person that designs and plans meet the technical standards and specifications in this subsection.

(g) **Variances.** Variances from these standards and specifications can only be granted in accordance with sec. 1-9 of this Ordinance.

(7) **Review of Application.** The Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department shall receive and review all permit applications and shall determine if the proposed facility meets required standards set forth in this section. Within 45 calendar days after receiving the completed application and fee, the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department shall inform the applicant in writing whether the permit application is approved or disapproved. If additional information is required, the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department shall so notify the permit applicant. The Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department has thirty (30) calendar days from the receipt of the additional information in which to approve or disapprove the application. No construction may commence without the final approval form issued by the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department.

(8) **Permit Approval Conditions.** All permits issued under this Ordinance shall be issued subject to the following conditions and requirements:
(a) Facility and system design, construction, and closure shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and applicable standards.

(b) Permittees must obtain all required permits and authorizations before commencing construction activities.

Note: DNR and other permits may be needed for construction site erosion control and stormwater management, floodplain and shoreland construction, and livestock facilities with 1,000 or more animal units.

(c) The permittee shall give five (5) working days written notice to the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department before starting any construction activity authorized by the permit.

(d) Approval in writing must be obtained from the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation prior to making any changes or modifications to the approved plans and specifications.

(e) Following completion of construction and prior to use, an agricultural or civil engineer registered in the State of Wisconsin or DATCP or NRCS or ZAC engineering practitioner and the permittee and, if applicable, the contractor, shall certify in writing on forms provided by the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department that all facilities and systems were installed as planned, including as-built dimensions and changes or modifications as authorized per sub. (8)(d) made during construction.

(f) The Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department shall provide onsite inspection and final approval for all construction projects conducted under a permit issued under this Ordinance. To receive final approval, a manure storage facility must be fully constructed as designed including the marking of the maximum operating level and implementation of all safety devices.

(g) No permitted manure storage facility may receive manure until the county provides its final approval. No manure may be emptied from permitted manure storage facility until the county approves the nutrient management plan submitted by the applicant.

(9) Permit Expiration. All activities authorized by a permit shall be completed within two (2) years from the date of issuance after which time such permit shall be void.

(10) Permit Revocation. In addition to any other actions authorized under this ordinance, the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department may revoke any permit issued under this Ordinance if the holder of the permit has misrepresented any material fact in the permit application, plan or specification, or if the holder of the permit violates any of the conditions of the permit. The decision of the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department may be appealed to the Board of Adjustment.

Sec. 1-6 Administration and Enforcement

(1) Delegation of Authority. The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors/LCC hereby designates the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Administrator as the permitting authority, and delegates the authority to administer and enforce this Ordinance.
(2) **Administrative Duties.** In the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance, the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department shall:

(a) Keep an accurate record of all permit applications, animal waste facility plans, nutrient management plans, permits issued, inspections made, and other official actions.

(b) Review permit applications and issue permits in accordance with Section 1-5 of this Ordinance.

(c) Conduct, or cause to conduct, inspections of manure storage facilities to determine if the facility construction, closure or operation meet the requirements of this Ordinance.

(d) Conduct, or cause to conduct, reviews of the nutrient management plans and their implementation.

(e) Investigate complaints relating to compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance and act upon the findings in accordance with provisions of this Ordinance.

(f) Perform other duties as specified in this Ordinance.

(3) **Inspection Authority.** The Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department, or that person's representative, is authorized to enter upon any lands affected by this Ordinance to inspect the land, and request records to determine compliance with this Ordinance including inspection of sites prior to or after the issuance of a permit and sites with unpermitted storage facilities. See s. 92.07(14), Stats. If permission cannot be received from the applicant or permittee, entry by the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department, or that person's representative may proceed in accordance with Sec. 66.0119, Stats. Refusal to grant permission to enter lands affected by this Ordinance for purposes of inspection shall be grounds for permit denial or revocation. The county may take any action authorized by this Ordinance to enforce this right of inspection.

(4) **Enforcement Authority.** In addition to the authority to revoke permits specified in this Ordinance, the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department is authorized to issue Stop Work Orders. The Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department is authorized to post an order stopping work upon land that has had a permit revoked or on land currently undergoing activity in violation of this Ordinance. Notice is given by both posting upon the land where the violation occurs one or more copies of the order stating the violation, and by mailing a copy of the order by certified mail to the person whose activity is in violation of this Ordinance. The order shall specify that the activity must cease immediately or be brought into compliance within five (5) calendar days.

(5) **Permit Revocation** or order stopping work shall remain in effect unless retracted by the appropriate authority (e.g., Board of Adjustment, Land Conservation Committee, the County Zoning and Conservation Administrator, or by a court of general jurisdiction); or until the activity is brought into compliance with this Ordinance. The Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department is authorized to refer any violation of this Ordinance or of any stop work order issued pursuant to this Ordinance to the Corporation counsel or district attorney for commencement of further legal proceedings.
(6) **Abatement Order Authority.** The Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department may issue an order to abate any violation of this Ordinance with proper authorization. In the event an offense is not abated as ordered, the county may take such action as is necessary to abate the offense and the cost of such abatement will become a lien upon the person’s property and may be collected in the same manner as other taxes.

(7) **Citation Authority.** Upon receipt of a verified report and request from the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department, the Sheriff or other authorized person shall issue a citation to a violator pursuant to law for violations of this Ordinance.

(8) **Referral Authority.** The Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department may refer a violation of this ordinance to Corporation Counsel to pursue legal action including but not limited to the enforcement of any part of this Ordinance through injunctions or restraining orders.

(9) **Other Lawful Remedies.** Nothing in this section may be construed to prevent the county from using any other lawful means to enforce this Ordinance.

### Sec. 1-8 Violations and Penalties.

(1) It is unlawful for a person to violate any provision of this ordinance or any condition contained in a permit issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly provide false information, make a false statement, or fail to provide or misrepresent any material fact to a county agent, board, commission, committee, department, employee, officer, or official acting in an official capacity under this ordinance.

(3) It is unlawful for a person to disobey; fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with; or otherwise resist an order issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

(4) A separate offense is deemed committed on each day that a violation occurs or continues.

(5) Except as provided in sub. (6), a person will, upon conviction for a violation of this ordinance, shall be subject to a forfeiture listed under County Code of Ordinance, for each violation.

(6) The minimum and maximum forfeitures specified in this section are doubled for a person who is convicted of the same violation of this Ordinance within a 24-month period.

### Sec. 1-9 Appeals and Variances

(1) **Appeals.** (a) Under authority of Chapter 68, Stats., the Sawyer County Board of Adjustment, created under Section 59.99, Stats., and under Sawyer County Code of Ordinances, and acting as an appeal authority under Section 59.99(7)(a), Wis. Stats., is authorized to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination by the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department in administering this Ordinance.

(b) Any person having a substantial interest, which is adversely affected by the order, requirement, decision, or determination made under this ordinance may file an appeal.

(c) All appeals shall specify written evidence and the reason for the request, including
which requirements from this Ordinance are involved, and shall be filed via certified mail.
(d) The Board of Adjustment shall set a meeting to hear the appeal within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the appeal.
(e) A written decision shall be mailed to the appellant within thirty (30) days of the appeal. The decision will affirm, deny, or modify the initial determination.
(f) The rules, procedures, duties, and powers of the Board of Adjustment and Chapter 68, Wis. Stats., shall apply to appeals filed under this section.

(2) **Variances** (a) The (LCC or other authority) may upon appeal authorize a variance from the requirements of this ordinance when, upon showing by the applicant, unnecessary hardship would result from literal enforcement of this Ordinance.

(a) A variance shall:
1. Be consistent with the spirit and purpose of this ordinance.
2. Be based on unique circumstances and not to the general conditions of the area.
3. Not be granted for a self-created hardship.
4. Not permit an activity or practice that may fail structurally or otherwise and cause significant water pollution or other off-site impacts.
5. Not be granted if the variance will result in an outcome that is contrary to the public interest and be damaging to the rights of other persons.
6. Not be granted solely on the basis of economic gain or loss.
7. Not be granted solely on the fact that certain conditions existed prior to the effective date of the ordinance.

(b) No variance from the standards in Technical Guide may be approved unless the county receives a variance or waiver from the technical standards through the NRCS or other qualified engineering authority. If public funds are involved, this may be a program requirement.