



# Sawyer County

## Agenda

Land, Water, & Forest Resources Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 @ 8:30 AM  
Assembly Room

Page

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - IF TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
  - a. [LWFRC minutes 2-13-2019](#)
- 6. EVENTS**
- 7. LAND RECORDS AND COUNTY SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT**
  - a. County Report
- 8. SAWYER COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT**
  - a. Recreational Trails Report
  - b. County Forestry Report  
[Forestry Report](#)
  - c. DNR Forestry Report
- 9. ZONING/ CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**
  - a. County Report  
[Work report](#)
  - b. USDA report
  - c. LCO report

3 - 4

5 - 7

8

- d. 2019 Musky Festival - Aquatic Invasive Species outreach and education - Information only
- e. Tiger Cat Dam Update

**10. OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**11. COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (ACTION ITEM)**

9 - 10

- a. [Land Water Forestry Committee](#)

**12. FUTURE TOPICS**

- a. Birkie Trail Use Fee - April Meeting

**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 bio-diverse community."*

Draft

Minutes of the meeting of the Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee.

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

February 13, 2019; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Marc Helwig, Brian Bisonette, Elaine Nyberg, Troy Morgan (invited to make quorum)

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Dan Pleoger, Paula Chisser, Dianne Ince, Don Mrotek, Greg Peterson, Dale Olson, Kristy Maki, Ben Popp, Don Stover, Jan Holmes, Roy Zubrod

Vice Chair Brian Bisonette called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nyberg, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

County Forest Administrator Greg Peterson presented an event application for the Birkenbeiner on February 22 and 23. Motion by Nyberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helwig, to approve the application. Motion carried

County Treasurer Dianne Ince presented two applications for over the counter land sales and recommended approval. Motion by Nyberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan, to approve the applications and forward to the County Board. Motion carried

County Surveyor Dan Pleoger presented the 2018 County Survey work report and a 2018 Corner Locations map.

County Forest Administrator Greg Peterson requested approval of the 2019 Emergency Fire Wardens. Motion by Nyberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helwig, to approve the list and forward to County Board. Motion carried

Peterson informed the Committee he would like to suspend issuing Birch Pole Permits. May develop a commercial permit this summer and start issuing next fall. Motion by Nyberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helwig, to suspend issuing additional Birch Pole permits. Motion carried

Don Mrotek provided a trails report to the Committee.

Peterson provided a written Forestry report to the Committee.

Nothing to report from DNR.

Zoning & Conservation Administrator Dale Olson provided an update on Ackley Amoco. There is no known contamination. Need site prep and would like to pave surface. Grant available for 50% cleanup costs. Need to transfer ownership and utilize site to receive grant monies. The site is next to the Winter Depot and could provide parking area.

Olson provided a staff report for January 2019.

Olson presented a map of Whitefish Lake showing a twenty-foot strip of land owned by the county. An adjoining landowner wants to riprap his shoreline. Riprap would reduce erosion and improve accessibility for taking in and out docks and lifts. This will be on the March agenda.

No USDA report.

Brian Bisonette reported business as usual at LCO.

Discussed by laws language regarding review of contracts.

Adjourned 8:54 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson

Forestry Report February 2019

Active Sales

10 sales listed as active in month of February

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
11/5/13	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/7/14	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/5/14	2	281	\$187,356.95	\$166,809.85	\$21,740.30*
5/13/15	2	252	\$227,114.75	\$193,866.79	\$33,577.43*
4/13/16	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/4/16	3	309	\$230,023.25	\$107,663.83	\$122,359.42
4/7/17	1	114	\$48,566.20	\$4,641.55	\$43,924.65
11/3/17	2	167	\$95,960.00	\$17,216.86	\$78,743.14
4/6/18	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/2/18	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	10	1123	\$789,021.15	\$490,198.88	\$300,344.94

Inactive Sales

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
11/5/13	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/7/14	1	38	\$19,940.00	\$28,800.16	\$0*
11/5/14	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/13/15	3	395	\$139,072.70	\$100,640.08	\$38,432.62
4/13/16	6	553	\$472,989.25	\$318,646.65	\$154,660.21*
11/4/16	6	696	\$412,558.90	\$260,771.51	\$158,785.64*
4/7/17	7	783	\$357,880.00	\$38,525.14	\$319,354.86
11/3/17	11	951	\$677,151.88	\$151,048.97	\$526,102.91
4/6/18	15	1215	\$900,548.50	\$322,146.64	\$601,338.14*
11/2/18	17	1342	\$1,045,322.55	\$3,550.05	\$1,041,772.50
Totals	66	5973	\$4,025,463.78	\$1,224,129.10	\$2,840,446.88

\* Sales having overruns

\*\* Sales having underruns

Four sales closed out in February

**Timber Sale Value (sold contracts-uncut) on file = \$3,140,791.82**

<b><u>Timber Sale Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>February</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
	\$72,915.47	\$198,790.66
<u>Christmas Trees/Boughs</u>	<b><u>February</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
	\$0	\$0
<u>Performance Bond Cashed</u>	<b><u>February</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
	\$0	\$0
<b><u>Other Revenue</u></b>		
<u>Camping/Firewood/Access</u>	<b><u>February</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
	\$0	\$0
<u>Event User Fees</u>	<b><u>February</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
	\$0	\$0
		<b><u>Budget</u></b>
Gross Timber Sale Revenue	\$198,790.66	\$1,800,000
10% Payment to Towns	\$19,879.07	
Net Timber Sale Revenue	\$178,911.59	
Total Other Revenue	\$0	
Timber Sale Revenue Billed Out	\$226,678.26	

Timber Sale Inspections	<u># month</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	31	30	54

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	<u># sales month/ YTD</u>	<u>acres month/YTD</u>	<u>Goal</u>
	14/16	1035/1204	3600

Comments: Preparing tracts for spring timber sale bid prospectus. Bid packets scheduled to go out first week of April.

<b><u>February</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Goal</u></b>
629	1174	6,000 acres

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.



**SAWYER COUNTY ZONING & CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**  
 Work Report for February 2019

Permits issued:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Last YTD</u>
Soil Test	1	9	12
Sanitary	2	18	14
Land Use	25	42	19

POWTS onsite inspections: 0

Zoning onsite inspections: 11

Conservation onsite insp.: 4

Board of Appeals cases: 1 (garage setback)

Citations issued: 0

Phone contacts: 225

Conservation

- The Governor’s budget allocates \$10.4 million annually for county land conservation staffing and cost-sharing grants, the highest funding amount in over a decade.
- Sent FPP interest/survey letter to 100 area farmers/landowners
- DATCP staff reimbursement rec’d - \$84,921
- WDP reimbursement submitted - \$44,331.59
- Wildlife Damage Claims submitted
- Tree sale has limited quantities remaining
- Kelly – Youth Education Committee & Public Outreach Committees/state level
- Tim – Shoreline Erosion Committee/state level
- Junior division Sawyer County Poster took 1<sup>st</sup> place at Area & will be voted on at State Contest
- Conservation Poster & Speaking Contest article is in this week’s paper
- SCOPE reimbursement submitted - \$237.80 for contest awards
- Tim’s office move complete



Draft ~~12/4/18~~ 1/11/19

**Part I Section C. 3. Land, Water, Forestry, Surveyor, Land Records and Register of Deeds**

Mission: Develop, guide and implement policies that protect and ensure the sustainability of our bio-diverse community.

Composition: Six members appointed by the Chair with approval of the board. Five members will be members of the Sawyer County Board. Two of which are to be members of the Committee of jurisdiction for agriculture and extension education (Sawyer County Economic Development Committee) and a representative ~~the chair of the~~ Sawyer County farm service agency (Wisconsin statute s. 92.06 (1)(b) 1. & 2)

Committee of Jurisdiction for: Land, Water, Forestry, Land Records, Land Information, Surveyor and Register of Deeds

Primary Responsibilities:

- Approve the sale of property acquired by tax foreclosure.
- Approve semiannual forestry stumpage bids.
- Approve bids for trail work on trails overseen by the Forestry Department.
- Approve events to be held on County forest land
- Approve Forestry, Land and Water Conservation and Land Information plans that are required by governmental bodies.
- Hear reports from Sawyer County Trails Alliance, LCO Conservation, Wisconsin DNR Forestry and National Resources Conservation Services.
- Receive monthly reports for departments subject to the committee's jurisdiction.
- Approve annual goals and objectives and long-range plans for departments subject to the committee's jurisdiction.
- Approve grant requests for departments subject to the committee's jurisdiction where such approval is required by the grantor. Such approvals are forwarded to the County Board for approval
- ~~Approve contracts and agreements and where the counter party requires board approval forwarding to the County Board for approval. Unless otherwise required by the counter party, contracts and agreements would be approved and signed by the County Administrator and not come before the Committee~~
- Review ~~with the County Administrator~~ budgets for the departments subject to the committee's jurisdiction. Provide recommendations to the County Administrator about his/her proposed changes to the budgets submitted by the departments ~~Consider policy changes where needed to support budget assumptions.~~
- Approve changes or amendments to the previously adopted annual budget (excluding line item transfers) for departments subject to the committee's jurisdiction. This action will be passed on to the Finance Committee and then the County Board.

- Deal with all other issues of policy raised by the departments subject to the committee's jurisdiction while avoiding interfering the day to operations of county government.