

**Minutes of the January 9th 2019 meeting of the Sawyer County
Land, Water and Forestry Resources
Committee Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse**



Committee Members Present:

Bruce Paulsen, Brian Bisonette, Elaine Nyberg, Marc Helwig, James Bassett

County Personnel Present:

Dale Olson, Greg Peterson, Jessica Kujala, Dan Pleoger, Tom Hoff, Carol Williamson

Also Present:

Roy Zubrod, Don Mrotek, Don Stover, Jan Holmes, Jerry Wright, David Wiltrout, Tom Koehler, Jon Sorensen,
Mike Domheck, Joan Cervenka

Call to Order- Bruce Paulsen calls meeting to order 8:30 am.

Approval of December 12th Meeting Minutes- Motion by Bisonette, 2nd by Helwig to approve December minutes. Motion carried

Events— Birkie Tour- 1/13/19 Motion by Nyberg 2nd by Bisonette to approve event, Motion carried.

Sawyer County Treasurers Department

Land Records and County Surveyor Department

Sawyer County Land Information Plan- Information only. Dan gives a brief review of the plan, and several grants that the department has with the state.

Sawyer County Forestry Department

County Forest Use Fees- Greg Peterson presents the Committee with two options for new County Forest Use Fees. He also states that he would like to discuss this topic more with some of the user groups to get their opinion on the matter. Peterson will schedule a meeting with some of the user groups to get their input before next month and then come back before the committee. *Information only*

Forestry Department Annual Plan, and Partnership meeting- Peterson reviews the annual work plan and seeks approval for both the work plan and the Partnership meeting minutes. Motion by Nyberg 2nd by Bassett to approve the work plan and meeting minutes and send on to County Board for approval. Motion carried.

CAMBA Wet Weather Policy – See handout. Peterson believes that it would be a good idea to add an additional wet weather alternate course section on applications for county land use. He states that since we are in the process of making changes to the fee, we should also make the wet weather addition to the application at the same time. Peterson will work with CAMBA to move forward with these additions. Motion by Nyberg 2nd by Helwig to proceed with the wet weather policy. Motion carried.

Recreational trail report (Information Only)- Don Mrotek gives report on ATV and Snowmobile trails, the lakes have been marked but overall we could use more snow. Jerry Wright gives a brief report on CAMBA he says that the trails are groomed and in good shape. *Information Only*

County and DNR forestry reports (Information Only)- Peterson gives report of last month activity. *(See Handout)*

Zoning/Conservation Department

Request from Moose Lake Improvement Association Fund RFE- Tom Koehler of the Moose Lake Improvement Association explains their request for the County to pay for a new flood plain study to be conducted. He explains that a new dam has been installed but the old study is still being used which affects the property owners through flood insurance, and reduces the overall value of properties on the lake. Dale Olson speaks to the Committee expressing that he does believe that the lake should have a new study done, however the County should not be responsible to foot the bill. He explains that a new study would benefit land owners and would make the data more accurate however the dam is not owned by the County and there is

not room in the budget to make this happen. Olson would like to see the study take place but does not know where the money would come from. Several Committee members suggest the Lake association seek out funding from other sources. Mike Domheck a land owner on the lake speaks expressing his support of the study being done saying that the long term value of properties is being affected without accurate data. Motion by Nyberg 2nd by Basset to deny the request due to lack of funding. Motion carried.

Tiger Cat Dam Update- Nothing to report

County Report- Dale gives a report. (*See Handout*)

NRCS/ USDA report- *NONE*

LCO- Brian Bisonette gives an update.

Committee Roles and Responsibilities- the Committee would like to see a few changes made. The document will be brought back to the Committee next month for approval.

Adjourned – Bruce Paulsen declares meeting adjourned