

**Minutes of the January 12th meeting of the Sawyer County
Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- Chair: **Bruce Paulson**
- Ron Buckholtz – Vice Chair
- Jesse Boettcher
- Brian Bisonette - Virtual
- Marc Helwig
- Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch
Mike Coleson
Jay Kozlowski
Greg Peterson
Kathy LaReau
Roy Zubrod
Dan Ploegger

Erin Metcalf
Kris Treland-Neuman
Jane Schraeder
Linda Zillmer - virtual
Josh Spiegel
Janeen Abric - Virtual

Call to Order – Chair Bruce Paulson called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; a quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments --

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Helwig. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events – Mr. Peterson presented two events for consideration (January 22nd Seeley Big Fat Race and June 4th & 5th Epic Mountain Bike Race). A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve these events. Motion carried without negative vote.

Municode -- Mr. Hoff reported that all departments are to review the ordinances pertinent to their departments prior to the January 20th County Board meeting for our submission for final upload to our website.

Sawyer County Treasurer's Department – Treasurer Abric presented two over-the-counter land parcels for sale. OTC #002-109-12-3300 in the Town of Bass Lake and #176-106-04-0800 in the Town of Radisson were recommended for sale. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve both sales and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report – Mr. Ploegger advised that crews have been working on summer projects.

Sawyer County Forestry Department Report – Ms. Treland-Neuman presented the motorized trail report and introduced fellow members of the Snowmobile Alliance who will be reporting to committee in the future due to Mr. Mrotek's retirement (Jane Schraeder, Kathy LaReau and Erin Metcalf).

A written county forestry report was provided. Mr. Peterson highlighted key points and advised that Jessica Kujala has put in notice to leave her county position. He presented the 2022 Forestry Annual Workplan. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Sheptick to approve the 2022 Forestry Annual Workplan and forward it to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

DNR wildlife biologist Josh Spiegel provided an update on the pending Totogatic Dam project as the dam is failing and out of compliance. A plan is in place to begin reassessing options available for this project and property.

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – Written conservation update provided. Mr. Kozlowksi advised that upon further research it was found that the option to build a copper dam replacement on the Upper Brunet River Dam would add \$100,000-\$400,000 to the project costs so they are going ahead with the original draw down plans.

USDA Report – Mr. Sheptick advised that the USDA office remains open by appointment only.

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette reported that LCO has stepped up its patrolling efforts and that ice on the lakes is still questionably safe, as one SUV did go through the ice on Grindstone.

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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