Committee Members Present: Dean Pearson, Bill Voight, Ronald Kinsley, Tweed Shuman, Jim Bassett
County Personnel Present: Greg Peterson
DNR Personnel Present: Andy Noth
Others Present: Jan Holmes, Jim Toftness, Bill Noonan, John Saunders, Mark Mrotek, Mike Luedeke, Mike Outcalt, Don Mrotek, Warren Johnson, Ruth Dums, Dan Dums

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM.

**Approve agenda**
Motion by Kinsley, second by Bassett to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes**
Motion by Bassett, second by Kinsley to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

**Audience Recognition**
None

**Event Dates**
Date requested: 1) Alanna Duathlon – June 7, 2014. Motion by Kinsley, second by Shuman to approve request contingent on receiving certificate of insurance. Motion carried.

**Low Use Access Permit renewal – Section 21, Township 38 North, Range 4 West**
Motion by Bassett, second by Shuman to approve renewal of low use access permit. Motion carried.

**Town of Lenroot – recreational trail discuss**
Dan Dums asked how the development of new trails would affect town in regards to loss of severance and how new trails are approved. Peterson stated that the process is 2-step – user group brings proposal to him to present to committee for approval and then to County Board for approval.

**Recreational Trail Report**
Mrotek: 1) trails are in great shape due to cold weather. 2) Alliance is doing “smart” grooming this season – 1-2 times per week. 3) Trail 63 – landowner gave permission to groom. 4) State snowmobile association is sponsoring a VIP tour February 19-20th out of Heartwood. All state legislators, Governor, etc. invited along with Secretary of DNR. Raising of registration fees will be discussed.

**ATV/Snowmobile trail proposals**
Personnel change has been made. Motion by Shuman, second by Bassett to recommend to County Board that jurisdiction over ATV/Snowmobile trails (motorized trails) be returned to the Forestry Department. Motion carried. Toftness stated that Alliance is 100% behind switch back. Voight - 3rd person is needed. Bassett - how far below on acres (Peterson – average approximately 500 below target). Peterson – need a minimum of a half-time forester, half-time recreational trails person. Committee consensus was to send notice to Personnel Committee with job description for next meeting.

**Forestry Department Annual Accomplishment Report**
Motion by Voight, second by Shuman to accept report and present to County Board with recommendation for approval. Motion carried.

**Sawyer County Forestry report**
Peterson: 1) Went through monthly report.

**DNR Forestry Report**
Noth: Nothing new to report.

**Monthly expense vouchers**
Motion by Shuman, second by Kinsley to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

**Other matters for discussion only:**

**Adjourn**
Motion by Kinsley, second by Bassett to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Delores Dobilas, Recorder