Minutes of the February 12th 2020 meeting of the Sawyer County Land, Water and Forestry Resources Committee Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Committee Members Present:
Elain Nyberg, Jim Bassett, Brian Bisonette, Dale Beissel

County Personnel Present:
Jay Kozlowski, Greg Peterson, Jessica Kujala, Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Tim Seidl, Dan Pleoger

Also Present:
Don Mrotek, Kris Treland, Jerry Wright, Gordy Christianson, Rick Linder, Phil Nies, Ron Bucholtz, Linda Zillmer, Terrel Boettcher, Larry Gotham, Mike Robers, Roy Zubrod

Call to Order- Brian Bisonette calls meeting to order 8:30 am.

Approval of January 8th Meeting Minutes- motion by Bassett 2nd by Nyberg to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Events- Borah Epic- June 6th 2020
Motion by Bassett, 2nd by Nyberg to approve events. Motion Carried

Brian Bisonette entertains a motion to move the Public hearing portion of the meeting, Motion by bassett to move public hearing up on the agenda, 2nd by Beissel Motion Carried.

Motion by Basset to move into public Hearing, 2nd by Beissel, Motion Carried, Public Hearing open.

-Public Hearing for “Waste Storage Ordinance”- (Note* there was a recording device malfunction during public hearing). Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski speaks about the ordinance and explains that we did get approval from DATCP for the ordinance. Mike Robers, and Exland farmer speaks and asks some questions regarding the ordinance. This ordinance will only affect new pits, or extreme reconstruction of existing pits. Linda Zillmer and Edgewater property owner speaks saying she feels this ordinance is not ready at this time. Dale Beissel speaks saying he would like to see more farmers involved to get their input. There is discussion about adding “Animal” waste storage instead of just waste storage. Hearing no other general comments Beissel motions to close public hearing, 2nd by Nyberg. Public hearing closed.

Waste Storage Ordinance (Discussion/Action)
Nyberg motions to approve the ordinance and send it to County Board, 2nd by Beissel, motion carried.

Forestry

Fire Warden List- Roy Zubrod DNR Forestry Liaison explains the Warden list to the Committee.
Motion by Nyberg, 2nd by Beissel to approve list and end to County Board. Motion Carried.

Commercial Activities Permit- Forestry Administrator Greg Peterson gives a brief talk about the Commercial Activites Permit that is being drafted. The permit will require a payment of 5% of profits being paid to the County 30 days after the event. These permits will be coming to the Committee for approval, and only apply to the “OO” area that is zoned commercial. (Information only)

Recreational Trails
Motorized- Don Mrotek of the Snowmobile and ATV Alliance gives a brief report on motorized trails, He says weather and trail conditions have been good.
Non-motorized- Jerry Wright of CAMBA gives a report on non- motorized trails, saying that it has been a great month with a lot of grooming taking place.

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

Zoning/Conservation Department

Upper Brunet Dam Repair Project (Discussion) ” Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski and Larry Gotham the project engineer speak to the Committee and give them some background on the project. They
discuss what repairs are needed, and what possible cost and time line would be. The County would seek some funding through the same grant process that was used for the Tiger Cat Dam project.

**Upper Brunet Dam Resolution (Discussion/Action)** - Kozlowski explains that this resolution states that zoning has the approval to move forward and submit this dam repair project to the DNR grant program to try and obtain funding. This project would not actually take place until 2021, but grant applications must be in this year. Motion by Basset to approve resolution allowing zoning to submit this dam project to the DNR grant program, 2nd by Nyberg. Motion carried.

**Nelson Lake Drawdown (Discussion/Action)** – Kozlowski explains to the Committee that the Town of Leroot, and the DNR are requesting a draw down of Nelson Lake. The draw down would help to improve the lakes Walleye population. The draw down would also allow the Town of Lenroot to make several repairs to public boat landing. Gordy Christianson speaks on behalf of the town of Lenroot saying the draw down would have a positive impact on the lake and the public access. Motion by Bassette to approve draw down, 2nd by beissel, motion carried.

**County Report**- Kozlowski gives a brief report information only

**Adjourned** – Brian Bisonette declares meeting adjourned