

**Minutes of the March 9th 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 - Virtual
- Brian Bisonette - Virtual
- Marc Helwig
- Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

- Lynn Fitch
- Mike Coleson
- Jay Kozlowski
- Greg Peterson
- Kathy LaReau
- Mike Keefe
- Joshua Strauss - Virtual
- Lisa Horton
- Pat O’Brien
- Letitia Crisler Kotem
- Susan B. Bauer
- Barb O’Brien
- Linda Zillmer

Call to Order –Chair Bruce Paulsen 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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022, meeting with a correction in the date of the next meeting being March 9th instead of February 9; second by Mr. Boettcher. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events –

Sawyer County Treasurer’s Department –

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report –

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – A written report was provided and Mr. Kozlowski provided highlights. He shared the contest-winning artwork that was done by a Hayward High School Senior student; the poster is now moving on to national competition.

A wildlife damage claims report was provided and all were recommended for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Sheptick to approve the damage report. Motion carried without negative vote.

USDA report – a quarterly report will be provided in the future. Mr. Bisonette advised that LCO is working on trail cleanup.

Sawyer County Forestry Department -- Kathy LaReau advised that trails are not safe with the overhanging tree limbs and downed branches; the trails club will be talking with forestry as to logistics on coordinating cleanup.

County Forestry Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Peterson advised that February had ten active sales; they are waiting to see when road bans will come off; hardwood pulp market is still good; sale inspections are on track and he is working on grant applications for spring trail maintenance.

2022 Outdoor Recreational Trail Aids Resolution – A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the 2022 Trail Aids Resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

Buffer Cutting Process Update -- Mr. Peterson advised that he had a meeting with a Seeley Hills trail representative and reviewed roles and objectives. A formal management plan with the Seeley Trail system is under consideration. Public Comments were made by Barb O'Brien, Susan Baeur, Letitia Crisler Kotem, and Pat O'Brien.

DNR Forestry Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Zubrod advised that Sawyer County has received approval to have a field tour on deer and deer habitat issues in April. The DNR has placed the grey wolf back on endangered species list.

Carbon Credits Update -- Joshua Strauss of Bluesource presented an overview of the carbon tax process and services. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to authorize Mr. Peterson to move ahead and work with our Interim Administrator to hire an attorney to develop a contract for next month's review. Motion carried without negative vote.

Future Agenda Items --

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee will be Wednesday, April 13, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk