

**Minutes of the April 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:
- Vice Chair – Marc Helwig
- Ed Peters
- Brian Bisonette
- Jason Weaver
- Kevin Sheptick

Lynn Fitch
Jay Kozlowski
Cathy LaReau
Pat Zimmer
Dan Ploeger
Greg Peterson

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Kay Wilson
Linda Zillmer-virtual
Kris Treland-Neuman
Tweed Shuman

Call to Order – Vice Chair Helwig called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Mr. Helwig recognized Supervisor Shuman as a voting member for this meeting until the new appointment is made.

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 dated: March 8, 2023 and March 16, 2023

Minutes - Mr. Peters to approve the March 8th minutes; second by Mr. Sheptick. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Mr. Bisonette to approve the March 16th minutes; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events -

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report -

Mr. Ploeger advised that 3-4 townships completed revaluations this year that will require a change of assessment notice. The survey crew has been working in Winter and Round Lake. Mr. Ploeger announced his retirement this month after nearly 20 years of service.

Sawyer County Forestry Department -

Recreational Trails Report – Ms. LaReau advised that a decision was made to close the snowmobile trails despite having some snow remaining; this will protect land owners’ agreements. They expect a heavy ATV season this year. Kris Treland-Neuman was introduced as an Alliance member who may report to this committee on occasion.

County Forestry – A written report was provided; Mr. Peterson reviewed the sales activity and revenue for end of March. Sales inspections are on target for the level of activity, and the spring timber sale prospectus is out right now. Grant applications are underway right now. He presented the Sawyer County Outdoor Rec plan revisions for 2023, reviewing two changes to the plan that are provided in his attached summary. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Helwig and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

DNR Forestry – Mr. Zimmer reported that a new staff member will begin soon as the Sawyer County Liaison. They are starting to do some minimal fire staffing with the rapid melting of snow.

Zoning/Conservation Department -

County Report -A written report was provided. Mr. Kozlowski reported on the highlights including the tree sale pick up dates, and dam repair progress on the Loretta/Upper Brunet River Dam. There is an uptick on calls and permit requests at this time.

USDA Report – Mr. Sheptick provided a review of key dates for USDA activities.

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette advised that they have a grant application to partner with the DNR and Menomonie Tribe to improve Wisconsin’s wild rice. Spring activities are planned which include trail cleanup and flood preparation.

Town of Couderay Request for the Village of Lemmington -

Mr. Albarado advised that we received a communication from Lein Law Office on behalf of the Town of Couderay requesting a statement to be signed to vacate the Town of Lemmington roads, alleys and streets. No action was taken until further investigation.

Future Agenda Items -

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment -

Next Meeting: April 12, 2023 **Time:** 8:30 am **Location:** Assembly Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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