

**Minutes of the July 7th 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
- Marc Helwig – Virtual @ 8:48 am
- Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch
Mike Coleson
Jay Kozlowski @ 8:48 am
Greg Peterson
Don Mrotek
Linda Zillmer
Terrell Boettcher - Virtual
Roy Zubrod
Dan Ploegger
Josh Spiegel

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 at 8:48 am.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting – At 9:06 am a motion was made by Mr. Boettcher to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Buckholtz. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events –

Sawyer County Treasurer's Department –

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report – Mr. Ploegger reported that the department has been issuing many new addresses and address changes, up approximately 55% over last year at this time.

Sawyer County Forestry Department Report – Mr. Mrotek advised that at the June 19th Chequamegon 100 bike race, it appears that some bicyclists told ATV/UTV users that portions of the County trails were closed for the bike race. Complaints were heard from both sides. Mr. Peterson will address this the next time the race group requests an event approval. Dust complaints are also up with the lack of rain.

County Forestry Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Peterson stated that sales last month were slightly more than \$4.3M, timber sale revenue was just under \$70,000. At this time, it is appearing as though the year-end budget will be on target.

DNR Forestry Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Zubrod reported on the fish-kill concern that was mentioned at the June meeting. The DNR feels that due to early warm-up of above-normal temperatures and the fact that the fish were spawning at that time likely contributed to the fish kill, as the fish population was under stress.

Josh Spiegel presented the history and reasoning behind the DNR elk tagging limits. As of May 26th, the elk quota was approved at 8 and registration for those licenses closed on May 31st.

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Koslowski advised that they were continuing work on dam operations and maintenance. They have finalized a shoreline protection plan and are working on another.

Public comment by Linda Zillmer

Potential Uses of ARPA Funds – Ideas include: funds to repair failing wells and septic systems for low-income families, Hatchery Park infrastructure, and a county-wide well water protection ordinance, additional broadband projects

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee will be Wednesday, August 11, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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