

**Minutes of the July 12th meeting of the Sawyer County
Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- Chair: **Ed Peters**
- Vice Chair – Marc Helwig - virtual
- Kay Wilson
- Brian Bisonette – virtual
- Jason Weaver
- Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

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| Lynn Fitch | Andy Albarado |
| Jay Kozlowski | Linda Zillmer |
| Cathy LaReau | Ron Burgen |
| Randy Sobrowski | |
| Greg Peterson | |
| Brian DeVries | |

Call to Order – Chair Ed Peters 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 – Lina Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **June 7, 2023**

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Wilson Second by: Mr. Weaver

Motion carried without negative vote.

Register of Deeds Update -

A written report was provided outlining all activity in the department for the month of June. The department continues to back index and verify old documents; all of 1930 is complete.

Events -

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report -

A Real Property Lister Report was provided, indicating that there were approximately 207 transfers and 5 CSMs to process in June. There are two Boards of Review scheduled for July. The County Surveyor's Report showed that the survey crew worked on corners in Winter, Meteor, Radisson, Spider Lake and Hayward towns in June. A contracted re-monumentation project near Deer Lake in the town of Meteor was completed this month; 7 previously lost corners were re-established and maintenance was performed on 12 corners. The department has been attending a virtual conference this week.

Sawyer County Forestry Department -

Recreational Trails Report – Ms. LaReau advised that trails are dry and dusty. Trail maintenance is ongoing. LCO trail 30 has been temporarily re-routed due to construction projects.

County Forestry – A written report was provided. The county forest hours requirement that was due on June 17th showed that they have surpassed the time standards of 2217 with 2269 hours assisting the county. WI DNR and Sawyer County have been working together to help improve access for wildlife projects, timber harvesting, and general public access. Timber sales are on target; oak wilt restrictions will end on July 15th. Sawyer County is on target for the County Forest Certification audit.

Trail Rehab Bid – A list of County forest trail rehab proposals was provided. No action is required on this list.

CAMBA MOU – A 2023 draft agreement between CAMBA and the County was presented for review. Ron Burgen from CAMBA provided an overview of the draft which formalizes the relationship and allows the organization to apply for grant funds. This document has been reviewed by our legal counsel. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson; second by Mr. Weaver to accept the MOU with editorial changes as suggested and then forward to full Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

DNR Forestry – A written report was provided. Dry conditions made for higher than normal staffing levels for this time of year. WI DNR and Sawyer County have been working together to help improve access for wildlife projects, timber harvesting, and general public access. Timber marking and sale boundary work has been the focus in the month of June.

Zoning/Conservation Department -

County Report – Mr. Kozlowski advised that the department remains busy with projects and permits. The Billy Boy Dam project is being reviewed with Corporate Counsel.

USDA Report – Mr. Sheptick provided a review of pertinent dates for the division. The lack of rain is hampering farm crop growth which is affecting prices on product.

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette advised that the new health center build required the re-route of Trail 30.

Future Agenda Items -

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment – 9:09 am

Next Meeting: August 9, 2023 **Time:** 8:30 am **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk