

**Minutes of the August 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting of the Sawyer County  
Land, Water and Forestry Resources  
Committee Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse**



**Committee Members Present:**

Bruce Paulsen, Brian Bisonette, Marc Helwig, Dale Beissel

**County Personnel Present:**

Jay Kozlowski, Greg Peterson, Jessica Kujala, Carol Williamson, Dianne Ince, Tom Hoff

**Also Present:**

Don Stover, Kristy Maki, Eric Maki, Linda Zillmer, Don Mrotek,

**Call to Order-** Bruce Paulsen calls meeting to order 8:30 am.

**Approval of July 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes-** Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette to approve July minutes. Motion carried

**Events-** Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival- September 14<sup>th</sup> 2019- Helwig motions to approve event, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette, motion carried.

**Sawyer County Treasurers Department-**

**OTC Land Sale Bids: Town of Hayward, Parcel#38 -010-841-23-5323** Treasurer Dianne Ince presents the information to the committee that one bid was received for this parcel. She recommends approval. Motion by Bisonette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helwig to approve bid. Motion carried.

**Final Review of 2019 InRem Parcels-** Ince presents the 2019 InRem parcel list to the Committee seeking approval. Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette to approve list. Motion carried

**Sawyer County Forestry Department**

**15-year plan update-** County Forestry Administrator Greg Peterson discusses the Sawyer County Forest Comprehensive land Use plan with the Committee letting them know the plan will expire at the end of 2020. Peterson tells the Committee that work on the new plan will soon start. Information only

**County Forest User Fees-** Peterson presents the Committee with three possible options for user fees on the County forest. He explains that he did hold a user's meeting with several user groups present, and told them that option 3 was the most popular. (see handout). Several user group members also spoke to the Committee sharing concerns they have with raising fees for events, and how this may affect event participation in the future. There was also discussion on where the funds collected end up and making these funds available for trail improvements in the future. Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette to bring option #3 to the County board for review and approval. Motion Carried

**Birkie Ridge Hay Stumpage Bid-** Peterson tells the Committee that one bid was received and approved for the Hay stumpage at Birkie Ridge. (Information Only)

**Recreational Trails**

**Motorized-** Don Mrotek gives a brief report on motorized trails.

**Non-motorized-** Ron Bergin give a brief summary about bike trails in the area, and mentions the trail crews that work hard every summer to keep the trails in good shape. He also tells the Committee about an economic study they are in the process of conducting.

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

**Zoning/Conservation Department**

**Livestock Siting-** Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski revisits the idea of a livestock siting ordinance. He tells the Committee that the DNR is currently changing some rules regarding live stock siting, and it would be best to wait until these changes have been made before making any final decisions on whether or not to adopt an ordinance. He also speaks to the Committee regarding the updating of the County's waste storage facility ordinance, he asked the Committee for some direction whether they would like to see this updated or

not. The Committee agreed they would like to see the plan updated and gave Kozlowski the green light to start updating this ordinance. (Information Only)

**Formation of a Citizen Committee to revise the County's Outdoor Recreation Plan-** Bruce Paulsen, speaks asking if the formation of a citizen committee would be a helpful tool for the revision of the County's Outdoor Recreation Plan. Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette to approve the creation of a Citizens Committee motion carried.

**County Report-** Kozlowski gives brief report on last months activities (*Information Only*)

**NRCS/ USDA report-** *NONE*

**LCO-** Brian Bisonette gives an update on activities taking place.

**Adjourned –** Bruce Paulsen declares meeting adjourned