

Minutes of the September 13th 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
- Kay Wilson
- Brian Bisonette – virtual
- Jason Weaver
- Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch
Jay Kozlowski
Natalie Eler
Brody Fischer
Greg Peterson
Andy Albarado

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 –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **August 9, 2023**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Sheptick

Motion carried without negative vote.

Register of Deeds Update -

A written report was provided. Revenue for transfer fees surpassed the budgeted amount in August, currently at 110%.

Events -

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report -

In August the survey crew worked on replacing corners in roads in the Towns of Hayward, Round Lake, and in the City of Hayward

Sawyer County Forestry Department -

Recreational Trails Report -

County Forestry – A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Peterson. We are on target for hitting revenue in timber sales. Louisiana Pacific is approaching its scheduled short-term shut-down so we anticipate a slow-down during that period. Project updates are outlined in the report along with an update on the carbon credit project.

DNR Forestry – Mr. Fischer provided a review of the written report. The August certification audit came back with an “unofficial OFI” for Washburn County. This finding had to do with a timber sale boundary not in compliance with the mandatory BMP’s for water quality. Also, progress has been steady setting up timber sales and preparing them for the bid opening this fall. An Oak Wilt inspection was conducted in the Seeley block of the Sawyer County Forest; none found in this area but other areas showed signs of the wilt that will require further inspection and possible treatment. He will look into the reported CWD deer infection in a private Washburn farm area; they are awaiting the outcome of this determination as to how it may affect Sawyer County.

Zoning/Conservation Department -

County Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Kozlowski. Conservation Staff have completed annual shoreline mitigation checks for specialized project. Several letters will be sent to those that are not in compliance with specified mitigation. Staff gave a rain garden presentation for the Spider Chain of Lakes Association. Ms. Erler provided an update on the AIS and LMPN grant that funds various lake oversight processes.

USDA Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Sheptick.

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette advised that they will be starting to close down the hatchery and stocking program for the year.

Future Agenda Items -

Other Topics for Discussion Only – Tax Deed Lands

Adjournment – 8:57 am

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023 **Time:** 8:30 am **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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