Minutes of the October 7th 2020 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, Ron Buckholtz, Marc Helwig, Dale Schleeter, Jesse Boettcher

County Personnel Present:
Jay Kozlowski, Greg Peterson, Jessica Kujala, Tom Hoff, Dan Pleoger, Dianne Ince

Also Present:
Don Mrotek, Seth Zesiger

Call to Order- Bruce Paulsen Calls meeting to order.

Approval of September 9th Meeting Minutes- Motion by Buckholtz 2nd by Helwig to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Sawyer County Treasurers Department-
Application for Preference to Previous Owner- Sawyer County Treasurer Dianne Ince tells the Committee, that the Application from a previous owner has fallen through so that no longer is needed to be discussed.

Approval of October 2020 Land Sale Parcels- Dianne gives the Committee a hand out list of the 2020 land sale list and bids that need to be approved by the County Board. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Buckholtz to approve and send to County Board for approval. Motion Carried.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department-
Dan Pleoger Land Records gives a short review of his department’s activities. (Information only)

Forestry Department
Review of 15yr plan Chapters 400, 500, 600- Forestry Administrator Greg Peterson gives and overview of what is outlined in these chapters, he seeks permission from the committee to post these chapters online for public review and comments. Committee discusses and states no motion needed, chapters can be posted for public review and comments. (Information Only)

ORV Council Meeting Summary- Peterson gives a review of the ORV council meeting. He explains that the County had applied for 5 special rehab grants and was awarded all 5. He also mentioned there has been some discussion between the council and the county about adding more technical trails. (Information Only)

Recreational Trails
Motorized- Don Mrotek of the Snowmobile and ATV Alliance gives a brief report on the ATV trails, stating that the rain this fall has taken a toll on trails, and that there is a lot of work to be done.

Non-motorized- None

County Report- Forestry Administrator Greg Peterson gives a review of current activities in the forestry department. (Information Only)

DNR report- (see report in packet, Information Only)

Zoning/Conservation Department
Request for a letter of support for Decontamination Ordinance- Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski speaks to the Committee about the request from the White Lake Property Owners Association for support of a Decontamination Ordinance. The Association would like to apply for a DNR Grant to assist in creating a County wide ordinance and would like a letter of support from the County. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Helwig to approve a letter of support. Motion Carried

Amendment to Wildlife Damage Claims Program- Kozlowski explains that this is a request to increase the budget of this program. It is pass through money that will not affect the county. They County has contracted out the program with APHIS, and the increased funding would come from the State. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Helwig, Motion Carried.
County Report- Kozlowski presents to Committee with a brief report of the Zoning and Conservation department.

Adjourned – meeting adjourned