

**Minutes of the July 8, 2026 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:

- ☒ Steve Kariainen
- ☒ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Kay Wilson
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ Steve Longtine
- ☒ Allison Jonjak- Virtual

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Jay Kozlowski
Greg Peterson
Chris Gregory

Others Present:

Kimberly Peterson- Virtual
Brody Fischer
Jayne Schroeder

Call to Order – Chair Kariainen 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; the agenda was set.

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: June 10, 2026

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Events—

No applications received

Register of Deeds Update--

A written report for June was provided.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report –

Land Records—A written RPL report was provided.
Surveyor—A written surveyor report was provided.

Forestry –

County Forestry Report—

Mr. Peterson reported that nine sales were active in June. There is approximately \$4.96M in sold-uncut timber on file at the time of the report. The County is currently in oak wilt restriction through July 15. Bids were received and reviewed for three ATV/UTV trail rehab projects; the cost and shortage of gravel is affecting project costs.

DNR Report—Mr. Fischer reported on June DNR activity and reminded people not to prune or cause injury to any oak trees until after July 15 to prevent oak wilt- contact Mr. Fischer to report oak wilt symptoms. Honeysuckle and garlic mustard are invasive species increasing in area forests; Mr. Fischer noted that native black locust has become prevalent in some areas of disturbed soil.

USFS Report—No report

Recreational Trails Report—Ms. Schroeder reported that grading is complete on Tuscobia and Moose Lake trails; Seeley Hills trails are next.

Zoning/Conservation Department – Mr. Kozlowski reported that conservation staff have assisted individuals with site visits for native plant restoration projects and are busy with permits, project designs and meetings with lake associations. Water samples were taken from Loretta and Barber Lakes for a grant project. Conservation provided public education on aquatic invasive species, is planning a LWFRRC guided tour, and is working with DNR on livestock siting and CAFO operations.

Board Appointed Committee Updates – None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjournment – 8:46 am

Next Meeting: August 12, 2026 Time: 8:30am Location: Board Room
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk