



Sawyer County

Agenda

Land, Water, & Forest Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 @ 8:30 AM
Assembly Room

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The public is **strongly encouraged** to access the public meeting remotely due to public health and safety concerns. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/99719807086> You can also use the dial in number for listening only at **1-312-626-6799** with the Webinar ID: 997 1980 7086. If additional assistance is needed please contact the Sawyer County Forestry Office at 715-634-4846 prior to the meeting. This meeting will be recorded and will be available on our website at: <https://sawyercountygov.org>
- b. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized.
- c. If you are on a telephone, dial *9 and wait to be recognized.

2. ROLL CALL

3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee on items not on the agenda. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
 - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
 - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.

- Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

4 - 5	6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING a. 5.12.21 LWERC Minutes DRAFT
	7. LAND RECORDS AND COUNTY SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT REPORT
6 - 10	8. SAWYER COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT a. Forestry Ordinance (discussion and possible action) 2021-05-26 County Forestry Ordinance
11 - 12	b. ABSF Proposal for Solar Panel Installation at OO Trailhead Building (discussion and possible action) 1) 2021-04-30 Birkie OO Solar A Proposal 24.9kW-3 2) OO Solar Proposal
	c. Listening Sessions for Economic Development of Forest Products Industry in Wisconsin
	d. Recreational Trails Report Motorized- Non-motorized-
13 - 16	e. County Forestry Report May 21 forestry report
17 - 19	f. DNR Forestry Report DNR Forestry Report 6.9.2021 (002)
20	9. ZONING/ CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT a. County Report Conservation Department Update
	b. USDA report
	c. LCO report
	10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
	11. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS, OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY
	12. ADJOURNMENT

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Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Mission Statement: *"Develop, guide and implement policies that protect and ensure the sustainability of our bio-diverse community."*

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



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- ☒ Chair: **Bruce Paulson**
- ☒ Ron Buckholtz – Vice Chair
- ☒ Jesse Boettcher - Virtual
- ☒ Brian Bisonette - Virtual
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☐ Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch
Alex Butterfield
Jay Kozlowski – Virtual
Greg Peterson
Don Mrotek
Ben Popp
Roy Zubrod

Call to Order – Chair Bruce Paulson 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 – A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Helwig. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events –

Sawyer County Treasurer's Department – An over-the-counter land sale in the Town of Bass Lake #002169033100 was presented for sale. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve this sale and move forward to County Board for approval. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report –

Sawyer County Forestry Department Report – Written reports were provided. Mr. Peterson advised that the timber sale bid approval rate is at 23 out of 25 possible bids and they are looking at the highest bid on each track. Spring 2021 timber sale remains high. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the timber sale bids. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Peterson reviewed the timber sale bid summary.

A request to approve a budget amendment for the replacement of a forestry tractor was presented. The existing tractor no longer meets OSHA requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Boettcher to approve this request and move forward to the Finance Committee and County Board for approval. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Peterson and Mr. Popp presented a request from the Birkie to begin a solar project on county forestry lands at the Highway 00 Birkie location. The project would involve the maintenance building, the community building and all trail lights. Mr. Popp will ask the True North Solar company to provide additional information about project specifics for the next meeting.

LCO Resolution for ATV/UTV Trail Application – Mr. Peterson presented a request from LCO Tribal Governing Board that identifies Sawyer County support for trails aid grant applications. The grant funds, if approved, would aid in maintaining

the trails that cross tribal land, approximately five miles of trail. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Helwig to approve this Resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

Carbon Tax Update – Mr. Peterson has been working with a forester from Steigerwaldt to determine feasibility of this project for the County. Thus far, the opportunity for significant County revenue appears promising and he will continue to investigate and report back. It is a 40-year commitment once begun.

Mr. Mrotek reported that all bike and ATV/UTV trails are open and a busy season is expected.

County Forestry Report – A written report was provided. There were three sales in April and the month's sale revenue was just short of \$80,000. There are six trail rehab bids out now and due to return by May 28th. Efficiencies of staff working remotely remain good.

DNR Forestry Report – A written report was provided. The County will be stocking walleye and musky in the lakes this year. There have been twelve fires thus far and fire danger remains high at the moment.

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Kozlowski advised that the Conservation Department presented its 5-year plan review to DATCP; it was then recommended for approval to the State Land and Water Board. The level of zoning permit requests is up 25% over the past four years and is at a peak level similar to 16 years ago. The staff are all working on-site and are extremely busy.

Mr. Bisonette stated that LCO is doing a lot of maintenance work on the reservation lands and are they are working on grounds clean-up, picking up debris from illegal dumping. The fish hatchery is up and running at 50% capacity.

Future Agenda Items – Birkie OO Solar project; review the Economic Development/UWEX mission statement for compatibility with this committee

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee will be Wednesday, June 9, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 am
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

County Forestry Ordinance
COUNTY FORESTRY ORDINANCE
FOR
SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN

This Sawyer County ("Sawyer County" or the "County") Forestry Ordinance ("Ordinance") prescribes the rules and regulations for the administration of Sawyer County's powers and duties as provided in Chapters 26, 28, and 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes, under which the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors ("County Board") is granted specific powers relative to the establishment, protection, development and management of Sawyer County Forests, as permitted by the Wisconsin Statutes, including, but not limited to, the provisions set forth in Wis. Stat. § 28.11 (the "County Forestry Law"), to provide sustained yield of forest products for commercial use and the associated benefits of soil and water conservation, scenic and recreational values, and fish and game resources.

The County Board does ordain as follows:

Section I

The Sawyer County Forestry Ordinance of November 15, 1934, and any amendments thereto (the "Ordinance") is hereby repealed and re-created as set forth in this Ordinance.

Section II

Definitions

"Committee" means the County Forestry Department Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee, a standing committee of the Sawyer County Board as having charge of the County Forest Land.

"Comprehensive Forestry Plan" means the Comprehensive Sawyer County Forest Land Use Plan (15 Year) in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 28.11(5)(a).

"County" means Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

"County Board" means the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors.

"County Forester" means the Sawyer County Forestry Department Director.

"County Forest Land" means the Sawyer County Forest.

"County Forestry Law" means the provisions set forth in Wis. Stat. § 28.11.

"DNR" means the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

"Ordinance" means the Sawyer County Forestry Ordinance.

"Sawyer County" means Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

Section III

Designation of County Forests

Determination is hereby made that for the purpose of proper and complete identification, all County-owned forest lands now held and entered under the Wisconsin County Forest Law by Sawyer County, or hereafter acquired for forestry purposes and located within the areas described, and as indicated on the official map appended to the Comprehensive Land Use (15 Year) Plan and on file in the office of the Sawyer County Forestry Department Director, are established and designated as the Sawyer County Forest ("County Forest Land").

Section IV

Committee Appointment

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 28.11(3)(a), the County Board hereby designates the County Forestry Department to the Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee (the "Committee"), a standing committee of the County Board as having charge of the County Forest Land.

Section V

Powers and Duties of the Committee

The Committee is hereby empowered with the following rights, obligations and duties:

- A. Acquire lands for County Forest Land by purchase, tax deed, gift or bequest, or by exchange of County-owned lands outside such areas for the purpose of blocking the forest for better administration.
- B. Make application for entry under the County Forest Law as lands are acquired within the County Forest Land or lands that will be acquired by the County and added to the County Forest Land.
- C. Be the committee of jurisdiction for the County Forestry Department. The County Forestry Department Director, referred to herein as the "County Forester," shall be appointed by the County Administrator and confirmed by the County Board, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.18(2)(b). The Committee and the County Forester are empowered to employ such other personnel as may be necessary to direct, perform, and enforce the administrative and management functions of this Ordinance.
- D. Establish and maintain in appropriate centers a forest headquarters for office space and/or housing for machinery, tools, equipment, and supplies needed in conducting forest operations.

- E. Purchase, acquire, sell, trade or dispose of instruments, tools, equipment and supplies required for the operation of the forest. All purchases done in accordance to the Sawyer County Purchasing Policy.
- F. In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 28.11(5)(a), develop a Comprehensive County Forest Land Use Plan (15 Year) (the "Comprehensive Forestry Plan") and keep the Comprehensive Forestry Plan up-to-date as required by the Wisconsin Statutes.
- G. Prepare budgets for the Comprehensive Forestry Plan in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 28.11(5)(b), capital and direct expenditures of forestry funds advanced by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("DNR"), and for other revenues accruing to the County under this Ordinance for submission to the County Board.
- H. Prepare and submit an annual work plan and budget based upon the Comprehensive Forestry Plan, with the assistance of the County Forester and the DNR. The work plan shall include a schedule of compartments to be harvested and a listing by location of management projects for the forthcoming year.
- I. Take whatever steps it deems reasonably necessary for the protection of County Forest Land, whether from fire, insects, disease, trespass, or from damage by animals and from other causes.
- J. Locate survey lines and appropriately monument corners of County Forest Land.
- K. Construct, improve and maintain a system of forest roads, trails and firebreaks, and purchase or secure easements for access-ways required to cross privately owned lands.
- L. Gate or block roads or trails with gates, rails, posts, earthen embankments or other material when in the judgment of the Committee, public travel on such roads or trails will result in damage or destruction of the road or trail.
- M. Engage in forest improvement programs, including reforestation, release cuttings, thinnings, pruning and weeding by any method, including spraying or dusting of chemicals by airplane and other methods, and to dispose of all salvaged materials.
- N. Sell timber stumpage in accordance with the County Forest Management Plan.
- O. Establish, construct and maintain wherever desirable within the forest, picnic grounds, waysides, campsites, public access roads, boat landings, scenic areas, and nature trails, and to designate, mark and preserve places of natural or historic interest and significance.
- P. Cooperate with the DNR on matters relating to forest, game and fish management within the County Forest.

- Q. Enter into agreements with Forest Experiment Stations, the University of Wisconsin System, or other universities with the endorsement of or directly with the DNR for the use of tracts of County Forest Land, labor, materials and equipment for conducting forest research.
- R. Do special forest or recreation development work on other public lands not included in the County Forest Land, including such lands as school forests, community forests, county parks, watersheds, reduction of hazards, public highways and similar projects.
- S. Grant permits to prospect for ore, minerals, gas and oil, and for solid waste disposal sites upon County Forest Land under the jurisdiction of this Committee, subject to approval by the County Board and in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 28.11(3)(j).
- T. Prepare and present an annual accomplishment report of its activities and an annual work plan and budget for the following year to the County Board.
- U. Establish regulations pertaining to the posting of signs on County Forest Land.
- V. Issue easements for private access roads across County Forest Land with adequate safeguards to protect the County interest. All such easements shall be approved by the County Board as required in Wis. Stat. § 59.52(6) and recorded in the Register of Deed's office with the cost to be borne by the permittee.
- W. Issue easements for utility lines, town roads and permits for town solid waste disposal sites with safeguards to protect the County interest.

Section VI

County Forest Law Administration

After the applications for entry of lands under the County Forest Law have been prepared and approved by the Committee, the County Clerk shall, after verifying County ownership of the listed lands, execute the applications and forward them to the DNR by the date prescribed by the DNR for each year's applications. Withdrawal of lands entered under the County Forest Law shall be applied and determined as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 28.11(11). No deed transferring ownership to any withdrawn County Forest Land shall be issued prior to recording of an Order of Withdrawal approved by the DNR and recorded in the County Register of Deeds.

Section VII

Forest Financing and Management

- A. All aids from the DNR to Sawyer County under Wis. Stat. § 28.11(8)(b), for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the County Forest Land, shall be deposited in the Forestry Fund Account. Income from the sale of lands or

equipment purchased with Forestry Fund Account shall be restored to this fund. All unexpended funds shall be non-lapsing.

- B. Distribution of timber sale and other income from County Forest Land shall be as follows:
 - i. Timber Sales:
 - a. 10% of gross sales to townships according to Wis. Stat. § 28.11(9)(d)
 - b. 90% County General Fund
 - c. Other Income (boughs, Christmas tree sales, gravel, etc.):
 - d. 100% Resource Development Fund
 - ii. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 28.11(5)(b), the County Forrester shall prepare and submit an annual work plan and budget based upon the Comprehensive Forestry Plan prepared by the Committee with the assistance of a forester of the department. The annual work plan shall include a schedule of compartments to be harvested and a listing by location of management projects for the forthcoming year. In addition, the annual work plan shall include other multiple-use projects where appropriate. A budget, listing estimated expenditures for work projects, administration and protection of the County Forest Land, shall accompany the annual plan, both to be submitted to the County Board for approval at the November meeting.



TruNorth Solar LLC
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3735 Dunlap St. N
Arden Hills, MN 55112
www.TruNorthSolar.com

Solar Electric System Proposal

Apr 30, 2021

System Size:

24.940 DC KW (STC)

Est. Offset (1st Year):

131 %

Prepared For:

ABSF - OO

Phone: (715) 558-5355

Email: jim.sokup@birkie.com

Project Site:

12205 County OO
Hayward, WI 54843



OO Solar Proposal / Details

6.1.21

- 1) Panels placed on edge of large north parking lot. Approx 100' long.
- 2) System will be 25KW, 68 panels.
- 3) Install timeline – Late fall 2021
- 4) Would be hooked up to the meter socket at the community building at OO.
- 5) Goal is to produce 100% of all electricity used at OO including trail lights. If there is any excess power created, it would be sent back to the grid/Jump River Electric.
- 6) Jump River is providing power to that site. They get the power from Dairyland Cooperative. We are working with them on this property.

Forestry Report May 2021

Active Sales

6 sales listed as active in month of May

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
4/13/16	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/4/16	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4/7/17	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/3/17	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4/6/18	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/2/18	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/3/19	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/01/19	2	132	\$203,407.10	\$35,789.07	\$167,618.03
5/5/20	2	172	\$120,430.00	\$22,187.50	\$98,242.50
11/3/20	2	115	\$224,381.40	\$16,080.21	\$208,301.19
5/7/21	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	6	419	\$548,218.50	\$74,056.78	\$474,161.72

Inactive Sales

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
4/13/16	2	130	\$130,495.00	\$144,498.22	\$16,057.63*
11/4/16	2	133	\$69,395.00	\$49,329.91	\$20,065.09
4/7/17	4	443	\$153,790.00	\$73,725.13	\$89,566.79*
11/3/17	5	546	\$280,426.00	\$27,925.86	\$252,500.14
4/6/18	3	337	\$228,915.75	\$232,084.98	\$50,440.00*
11/2/18	6	446	\$391,779.35	\$348,303.18	\$111,320.93*
5/3/19	11	1029	\$466,956.45	\$208,119.26	\$272,284.19*
11/01/19	10	676	\$423,950.54	\$147,088.43	\$287,366.80*
5/5/20	12	887	\$593,384.82	\$117,040.19	\$476,344.63
11/3/20	12	1126	\$998,243.70	\$252,669.08	\$745,574.62
5/7/21	23	1834	\$1,620,829.60	\$0	\$1,620,829.60
Totals	90	7587	\$5,358,166.21	\$1,600,784.24	\$3,942,350.42

* Sales having overruns

** Sales having underruns

6 sale closed out in May.

Timber Sale Value (sold contracts-uncut) on file = **\$4,416,512.14**

<u>Timber Sale Revenue</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	\$135,279.44	\$1,100,121.70
<u>Christmas Trees/Boughs</u>	\$0	\$0
<u>Performance Bond Cashed</u>	\$0	\$0
<u>Other Revenue</u>		
<u>Camping/Firewood/Access/Hay</u>	\$0	\$0
<u>Park Reservations</u>	\$0	\$0
		<u>Budget</u>
Gross Timber Sale Revenue	\$1,100,121.70	\$1,850,000
10% Payment to Towns	\$110,012.17	
Net Timber Sale Revenue	\$990,109.53	
Total Other Revenue	\$0	
Timber Sale Revenue Billed Out	\$61,424.19	

Timber Sale Inspections	<u># month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	22	105

Comments: Goal for timber sale inspections is generally one inspection per week while sale is actively being harvested or wood is being hauled.

Tract Establishment	<u># sales month/ YTD</u>	<u>acres month/YTD</u>	<u>Goal</u>
	1/24	61/1811	3600

Comments:

Recon Acres Updated	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Annual Goal</u>
	119	1894	6,000 acres

Comments: Recon is the assessment of geographic, structure and compositional attributes of forest stands. Field information is stored in the Wisconsin Forest Inventory & Reporting System (WisFIRS). Basic resource information is collected, stored and

updated systematically and continuously. Database is used to analyze existing resources, evaluate management alternatives and assist in the development and implementation of management plans.

<u>Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Hours</u>	
<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
29	558
Current Contracts:	
Sawyer County – DNR FY21 Sale Administration	
Approximately 263 hours timber sale admin. \$17,858.87.	
Sawyer County – DNR FY21 Stands. Approximately 615 hours timber establishment activities \$41,328.16.	
Submitted partial reimbursement request for DNR FY21 sale administration for contract work performed between 7/1/20 and 12/31/20, totaling \$3,784.93.	
Submitted partial reimbursement request for DNR FY21 Stands for contract work performed between 7/1/20 and 12/31/21, totaling \$7,514.78.	

Comments: Under the federal Good Neighbor Authority, the USDA Forest Service is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with states to perform forest management activities on national forest lands. WDNR has entered into a GNA agreement with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF). WDNR is authorized to contract with counties to assist with forest management activities on national forest lands. The focus of the GNA program is to assist in the implementation of the CNNF Forest Plan, which will provide:

- Forest products to the local economy
- Collaboration between federal, state and county forest managers
- Improved health and resiliency of forestlands and watersheds within Wisconsin

Oak Wilt:
Nothing new to report.

Emerald Ash Borer:
Traps collected.

Mountain Bike Trails:
Nothing new to report.

Birkie Trail:
Nothing new to report.

ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Trails:

Opened bid proposals for ATV rehab projects 5/28/21.

Parks:

Hatchery Park: Nothing new to report.

Nelson Lake Park: Nothing new to report.

Sawyer County LW&FR Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 9th, 2021

DNR Forestry Report

Forestry:

Fire Suppression: With spring rainfall and green up conditions, fire suppression efforts have been scaled back in the county but will take place as conditions warrant. Staffing levels are still active for fire personnel in far northern Wisconsin (Douglas, Bayfield counties) as green-up progress is slower, pine fuels and rainfall amounts have been much less.

As of this writing (5/28/2021) there have been 28 fires in Sawyer County burning a total of 14.24 acres. The largest fire occurred in the Winter Fire Response Unit, 6.81 acres. Statewide there have been 673 fires amounting to 1,879.14 acres. The largest fire in the state so far this year was in Juneau County burning 257 acres. The cause of that fire was railroad related.

Forest Industry News: The following are business transactions which took place with local manufacturing facilities this spring:

DOMTAR: (Paper mills in Rothchild and Nekoosa, WI, woodyard located on Highway 48 west of Exeland) Has been acquired by Paper Excellence.

ST PAPER acquired the Duluth Verso mill and will convert the mill to tissue paper.

LIGNETICS (Parent company of Marth Wood Supply) has acquired Great Lakes Renewable Energy (Pellet Mill-Hayward, WI).

Work Projects on Sawyer County Forest: Completed 57 acres of tree marking in northern red oak in the Seeley Hills Block. Assigned timber sale establishment project on Couderay Block and work is underway.

Fisheries:

Nelson Lake: Shocking survey was completed third week of May. Report summaries have not been completed, but all looked well. Normal abundances of all species targeted in the survey, no evidence of any decline or large die-off from the drawdown. Bluegill and bass looked better compared to past surveys in terms of size. A news release will be submitted to local newspapers in the next week or two.

Recreation:

Trails and Boat Landings:

Sand Lake Boat Landing Repair: The project has started and is ongoing with partial closure starting June 1st and scheduled for completion July 28th.

Winter Depot Building:

- Bathrooms are open to the public. Signs will be posted on the trail for riders (being made now).
- A beverage vending machine will be purchased for the outside of the building in the next few weeks.
- Friends Group has been ok'd to have the building open to the public for special events and occasions.

Tuscobia Trail: Capitol development project applications have been submitted (not yet funded) for the following:

- Project to fund culvert repairs and an APHIS contract for Beaver mitigation.
- Project to fund more extensive trail maintenance and culvert repairs/additions.

Flambeau River State Forest: Connors Creek ATV Bridge out. Trail re-route in place. All parties and authorities notified.

Wildlife:

Elk:

Elk Festival: Will take place in Clam Lake on September 25th. WI Dept. Of Tourism is providing support for this event. Purpose is to help promote tourism in the area.

Elk Harvest Quota: Natural Resources Board approved harvest quota of eight Elk for the upcoming hunting season. Four tags will go to native American Indian Tribes, three to state of Wisconsin residents and one to Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for drawing.

Elk Management Plan: The plan was tabled by the Natural Resources Board at the last meeting.

Elk Mortality Question: A question was raised regarding mortality from Elk/Car collisions. This will be addressed orally at the meeting.

White Tailed Deer:

Harvest Quotas: Harvest quotas approved by CDAC goes to NRB end of June.

Other Matters:

Bear activity is on the rise as breeding season is active in June. At this time of year many species of wildlife are giving birth and may leave their young by themselves as the parents feed. DNR wildlife staff would like to remind the public to leave wildlife alone as it may appear young are abandoned, they are most likely not.

Conservation Department Update May-June 2021

Prepared by Jay Kozlowski, Zoning & Conservation Administrator

- Collaborated with NRCS on a site visit for a potential grazing operation
- Spring dam operations
- Completed shoreland design project
- Met with DATCP engineer
- Good roll out on septic cards for pumping reminders
- 9 onsite inspections were conducted by Tim Seidl for compliance checks and discussions on erosion control plans.
- 5 onsite inspections were conducted by Kelly Nechuta for compliance checks and potential shoreline vegetation removal complaints.
- Additional mitigation compliance checks scheduled for the next few months. These projected would be required with certain zoning Land Use Permits.
- All-in-All staff is very busy on the Conservation side of things and even more busy on the Zoning side.