



Sawyer County

Agenda

Land, Water, & Forest Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 11, 2021 @ 8:30 AM
Assembly Room

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. 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>. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. 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. 7.7.21 LWERC Minutes DRAFT
	7. EVENTS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
6 - 8	8. SAWYER COUNTY TREASURERS DEPARTMENT a. OTC Land Sale Town of Bass Lake #002-103-17-3900 OTC Land Sale Town of Bass Lake ID# 002-103-17-3900
	9. NORTAC REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE
	10. LAND RECORDS AND COUNTY SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT REPORT
9 - 12	11. SAWYER COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT a. Recreational Trails Report Motorized- Non-motorized-
13 - 15	b. County Forestry Report July 21 Forestry Report c. Carbon Credit Market Project (discussion only) Bluesource Voluntary Forest Carbon Basics
16 - 17	d. DNR Forestry Report DNR Forestry Report 8.11.2021
18	12. ZONING/ CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT a. County Report Conservation Department Update July-Aug 2021
19 - 29	b. Decontamination Ordinance Update (discussion/action to send out for full legal review) 1) Decontamination Frequently Asked Questions SC 2) Sawyer County Zoning Decontamination Ordinance V3 DRAFT 3) County Letter of Support for Decontamination Grant c. USDA report d. LCO report
	13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS, OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

15. ADJOURNMENT

DISCLAIMER:

A quorum of the County Board of Supervisors or of any of its committees may be present at this meeting to listen and observe. Neither the Board nor any of the committees have established attendance at this meeting as an official function of the Board or committee(s) or otherwise made a determination that attendance at the meeting is necessary to carry out the Board or committee's function. The only purpose for other supervisors attending the meeting is to listen to the information presented. Neither the Board nor any committee (other than the committee providing this notice and agenda) will take any official action with respect to this noticed meeting.

Copy sent via email to: County Clerk and News Media. Note: Any person wishing to attend whom, because of a disability, requires accommodation should call the Sawyer County Clerk's office (715.634.4866) at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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 July 7th 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
- ☐ Brian Bisonette
- ☒ Marc Helwig – Virtual @ 8:48 am
- ☐ Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

Lynn Fitch
Mike Coleson
Jay Kozlowski @ 8:48 am
Greg Peterson
Don Mrotek
Linda Zillmer
Terrell Boettcher - Virtual
Roy Zubrod
Dan Ploegger
Josh Spiegel

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 at 8:48 am.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting – At 9:06 am a motion was made by Mr. Boettcher to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Buckholtz. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events –

Sawyer County Treasurer's Department –

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report – Mr. Ploegger reported that the department has been issuing many new addresses and address changes, up approximately 55% over last year at this time.

Sawyer County Forestry Department Report – Mr. Mrotek advised that at the June 19th Chequamegon 100 bike race, it appears that some bicyclists told ATV/UTV users that portions of the County trails were closed for the bike race. Complaints were heard from both sides. Mr. Peterson will address this the next time the race group requests an event approval. Dust complaints are also up with the lack of rain.

County Forestry Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Peterson stated that sales last month were slightly more than \$4.3M, timber sale revenue was just under \$70,000. At this time, it is appearing as though the year-end budget will be on target.

DNR Forestry Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Zubrod reported on the fish-kill concern that was mentioned at the June meeting. The DNR feels that due to early warm-up of above-normal temperatures and the fact that the fish were spawning at that time likely contributed to the fish kill, as the fish population was under stress.

Josh Spiegel presented the history and reasoning behind the DNR elk tagging limits. As of May 26th, the elk quota was approved at 8 and registration for those licenses closed on May 31st.

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Koslowski advised that they were continuing work on dam operations and maintenance. They have finalized a shoreline protection plan and are working on another.

Public comment by Linda Zillmer

Potential Uses of ARPA Funds – Ideas include: funds to repair failing wells and septic systems for low-income families, Hatchery Park infrastructure, and a county-wide well water protection ordinance, additional broadband projects

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee will be Wednesday, August 11, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 am
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

Northwoods Beach Land Sale List – 2020

legacy parcel identification number	abbreviated legal description	section township range	approx. acreage	minimum bid \$
	TOWN OF BASS LAKE			
01. 002-103-13 2000	Abendpost Beach Subdivision, Lot 20, Block 13	30.40.8	.069	\$ 300
02. 002-103-17-3900	Abendpost Beach Subdivision, Lots 39 & 40, Block 17	30.40.8	.138	\$ 600
03. 002-103-24-1800	Abendpost Beach Subdivision, Lots 18 & 19, Block 24	30.40.8	.138	\$ 600
04. 002-106-09-0700	Abendpost Beach Subdivision, 1st Addition, Lot 7, Block 9	31.40.8	.236	\$ 1100
05. 002-109-02 1900	Abendpost Beach Subdivision, 2 nd Addition, Lots 19-28, Incl, Block 2	31.40.8	.689	\$ 9,600
06. 002-109-10-1900	Abendpost Beach Subdivision, 2 nd Addition, Lots 19 & 20, Block 10	31.40.8	.138	\$ 600
07. 002-109-13 2400	Abendpost Beach Subdivision 2 nd Addition, Lot 24, Block 13	31.40.8	.069	\$ 300
09. 002-109-42 3500	Abendpost Beach Subdivision 2 nd Addition, Lots 35 and 36, Block 42	31.40.8	.161	\$ 700
11. 002-121-11-0103	Community Beach Subdivision, Lots 1-2 Block 11	30.40.8	.138	\$ 600
12. 002-136-08 2600	Dixon Beach Subdivision, Lot 26, Block 8	30.40.8	.069	\$ 300
13. 002-136-09 3500	Dixon Beach Subdivision, Lots 35 and 36, Block 9	30.40.8	.138	\$ 600
14. 002-136-10 2100	Dixon Beach Subdivision, Lots 21 and 22, Block 10	30.40.8	.138	\$ 600
15. 002-145-15 2300	Janesville Beach Subdivision, Lots 23, 24, and 25, Block 15	30.40.8	.207	\$ 900
16. 002-145-15 2900	Janesville Beach Subdivision, Lot 29, Block 15	30.40.8	.069	\$ 300
17. 002-157-04 0900	Malar Beach Subdivision, Lots 9, 10, and 11, Block 4	30.40.8	.207	\$ 900
18. 002-157-05 1500	Malar Beach Subdivision, Lots 15 and 16, Block 5	30.40.8	.138	\$ 600
19. 002-157-17 0800	Malar Beach Subdivision, Lot 8, Block 17	30.40.8	.069	\$ 300
20. 002-157-17 2800	Malar Beach Subdivision, Lot 28, Block 17	30.40.8	.069	\$ 300

Real Estate Sawyer County Property Listing

Today's Date: 7/15/2021

Property Status: Current

Created On: 2/6/2007 7:55:01 AM



Description

Updated: 1/1/2000

Tax ID:	136
PIN:	57-002-2-40-08-30-5 15-155-173900
Legacy PIN:	002103173900
Map ID:	-12.17.39 & 40
Municipality:	(002) TOWN OF BASS LAKE
STR:	S30 T40N R08W
Description:	ABENDPOST BEACH LOTS 39 & 40 BLK 17
Recorded Acres:	0.138
Calculated Acres:	0.138
Lottery Claims:	0
First Dollar:	No
Zoning:	(RR2) Residential/Recreational Two
ESN:	445



Tax Districts

Updated: 2/6/2007

1	State of Wisconsin
57	Sawyer County
002	Town of Bass Lake
572478	Hayward Community School District
001700	Technical College



Recorded Documents

Updated: 8/11/2017

JUDGMENT	
Date Recorded: 8/8/2017	408042
QUIT CLAIM DEED	
Date Recorded: 8/5/1969	131848 220/548



Ownership

Updated: 8/11/2017

SAWYER COUNTY	HAYWARD WI
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Billing Address:

SAWYER COUNTY
10610 MAIN ST STE 10
HAYWARD WI 54843

Mailing Address:

SAWYER COUNTY
10610 MAIN ST STE 10
HAYWARD WI 54843



Site Address * indicates Private Road

N/A



Property Assessment

Updated: 5/29/2018

2021 Assessment Detail

Code	Acres	Land	Imp.
X3-EXEMPT COUNTY	0.138	0	0

2-Year Comparison

	2020	2021	Change
Land:	0	0	0.0%
Improved:	0	0	0.0%
Total:	0	0	0.0%



Property History

N/A

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE COUNTY-OWNED LAND

SAWYER COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE
P.O. BOX 935
HAYWARD, WI 54843-0935
715/634-4868

Gary or Jacqueline Yerges

PLEASE PRINT THE FULL NAME(S) AS YOU WANT IT LISTED ON THE DEED

1301 Oak St Waterloo, WI 53594

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

920-988-4334 jackie.yerges@yahoo.com

PHONE NUMBER

I HEREBY APPLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ITEM NUMBER 2 INDICATED ON THE SAWYER COUNTY LAND SALE LIST DATED 2020 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Abenchoost Beach Sub Lots 39+40 Block 17 30.40.8 .138

DESCRIPTION

SECTION TOWNSHIP RANGE

ACRES

LEGACY PIN # 002-103-17-3900

I AM SUBMITTING PAYMENT, MADE PAYABLE TO THE SAWYER COUNTY TREASURER, OF \$630.⁰⁰ WHICH IS AT LEAST THE AMOUNT OF THE MINIMUM BID AT THE LAST ADVERTISED LAND SALE, PLUS A \$30.00 RECORDING FEE.

I have read and understand the NOTICE provision as printed below.

SIGNED

DATED: 7-15-2021

NOTICE

The Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Parcels (and improvements thereto) are sold "as is" and are subject to any and all reservations, easements, and exceptions of record; and are subject to the provisions of Sawyer County zoning, sanitary code, and subdivision control ordinances and regulations, and to any and all federal, state and local government laws and regulations. By applying for purchase of parcels included in this list the successful applicant agrees to hold Sawyer County harmless for any and all costs and expenses that might be required for procurement of evidence of title, property boundaries, access rights and/or development of said access, and for the condition of the land and/or improvements thereto.

The buyer is responsible for inspection of property prior to the sale. Sawyer County does not guarantee title, acreage, access rights, location of property boundaries, or condition of the land and/or improvements thereto. Sawyer County will issue only quit claim deeds, conveying only whatever interest Sawyer County has in each parcel, upon sale of the parcels, and will reserve any existing road right-of-way and flowage easements. Acreage amounts listed for each parcel in the tax roll and on the land sale list, and tax parcel map depictions of parcels may not be accurate and are not guaranteed by Sawyer County.

<http://sawyergis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=90bef9fa2f764b4bb3e10f8aa5263b66>

Forestry Report July 2021

Active Sales

10 sales listed as active in month of July

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	1	99	\$63,285.00	\$10,000.00	\$53,285.00
4/6/18	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/2/18	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/3/19	1	102	\$72,078.95	\$52,685.26	\$19,393.69
11/01/19	3	171	\$219,752.10	\$35,789.07	\$183,963.03
5/5/20	2	172	\$120,430.00	\$83,277.10	\$37,152.90
11/3/20	3	239	\$379,376.20	\$86,714.33	\$292,661.87
5/7/21	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	10	783	\$854,922.25	\$268,465.76	\$586,456.49

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	1	55	\$23,800.00	\$11,829.91	\$11,970.09
4/7/17	4	443	\$153,790.00	\$73,725.13	\$89,566.79*
11/3/17	4	447	\$217,141.00	\$27,925.86	\$189,215.14
4/6/18	2	196	\$116,228.00	\$112,326.17	\$50,440.00*
11/2/18	5	318	\$183,869.25	\$72,548.32	\$111,320.93
5/3/19	10	927	\$394,877.50	\$155,884.46	\$252,440.04*
11/01/19	9	637	\$407,605.54	\$147,088.43	\$271,021.80*
5/5/20	10	690	\$464,335.26	\$0	\$464,335.26
11/3/20	10	852	\$701,856.40	\$161,886.51	\$539,969.89
5/7/21	23	1834	\$1,620,829.60	\$0	\$1,620,829.60
Totals	80	6529	\$4,414,827.55	\$907,713.01	\$3,617,167.17

* Sales having overruns

** Sales having underruns

3 sale closed out in July.

Timber Sale Value (sold contracts-uncut) on file = **\$4,203,623.66**

<u>Timber Sale Revenue</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	\$185,260.33	\$1,354,754.96
<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	\$1,354,754.96	\$1,850,000
10% Payment to Towns	\$135,475.50	
Net Timber Sale Revenue	\$1,219,279.46	
Total Other Revenue	\$0	
Timber Sale Revenue Billed Out	\$286,708.00	

Timber Sale Inspections	<u># month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	32	167

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>
	4/31	253/2279	3600

Comments:

Recon Acres Updated	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Annual Goal</u>
	243	2520	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>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
8	570
Current Contracts:	
Sawyer County – DNR FY22 Stands	
Approximately 575 hours timber sale admin. \$40,046.54.	
Received reimbursement request for DNR FY21 sale administration for contract work performed between 7/1/20 and 12/31/20, totaling \$3,784.93.	
Received 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:
Beginning survey of potential sites, recent aerial survey by WDNR has indicated several possible oak wilt sites within County Forest.

Emerald Ash Borer:
Nothing new to report.

Mountain Bike Trails:
Nothing new to report.

Birkie Trail:
Nothing new to report.

ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Trails:

Contracts out for ATV rehab projects, scheduled to be begin and complete construction this fall.

Parks:

Hatchery Park: Nothing new to report.

Nelson Lake Park: Nothing new to report.



IMPROVED FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS IN THE VOLUNTARY CARBON MARKET

Faced with challenging timber markets, forest managers across North America are generating new revenue streams from carbon sequestration projects on their lands.

Bluesource, North America's oldest and largest carbon project developer, has been helping landowners participate in carbon markets for nearly 20 years. Bluesource specializes in enabling forest owners to realize more meaningful income from carbon assets on their properties.



HOW IT WORKS

As trees grow and photosynthesize, they remove carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, sequestering carbon as a fundamental component of their wood material, and thereby mitigating the effects of climate change. Conversely, when trees are harvested, carbon captured in their wood is released back into the atmosphere, contributing to global warming.

As a result of these natural processes, encouraging higher forest stocking and reduced timber removals provides a double benefit to the atmosphere.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Corporate Buyers

Corporations are increasingly seeking ways to reduce their emissions footprint through the purchase of carbon offsets on the voluntary carbon market. Bluesource's deep rolodex of offset buyers includes fortune 500 companies from a wide range of sectors, including: transportation, tech, apparel, entertainment, energy, and communications.

Value Potential

Voluntary market forest carbon projects frequently generate between \$150 and \$500+ per acre, outpacing the value of traditional wood products in several markets.

Premium Pricing

While voluntary forest offset credits typically sell in the \$7 to \$10 range, "charismatic" projects with significant ecological co-benefits (e.g. providing: habitat for threatened species, space for recreation, increased water quality, etc.) can sell at premium pricing levels.

Growing Popularity

Although there is no regulatory compulsion for the purchase of voluntary market offsets, pricing and demand for high quality forest offset credits have been steadily increasing as taking responsibility for environmental impact has become more and more important to companies' owners, customers, and stakeholders.

For more information, please contact Joshua Strauss at 949.233.1501 or e-mail jstrauss@bluesource.com

GENERATING CARBON OFFSET CREDITS THROUGH VOLUNTARY IMPROVED FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Improved Forest Management (IFM) carbon projects award offset credits to landowners for maintaining high forest stocking levels on their property, relative to alternative management ("baseline") strategies that would favor heavy harvesting.

IFM projects under the American Carbon Registry's (ACR) voluntary carbon program generate carbon credits in two ways:

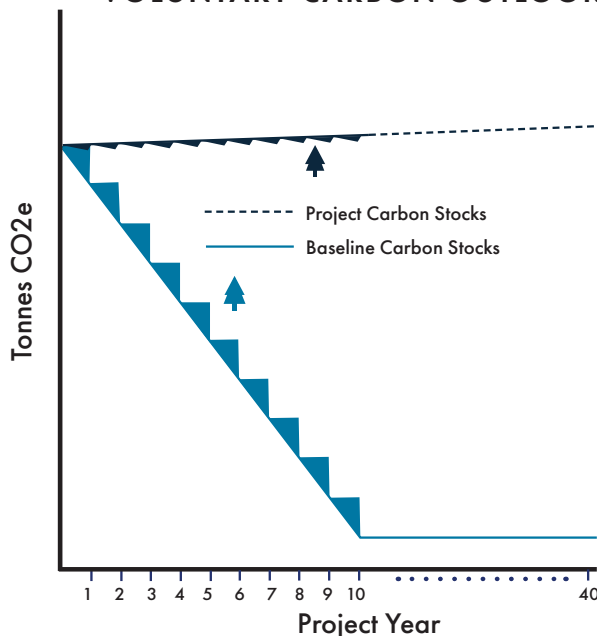


Credits are generated for avoiding emissions that would have taken place in the absence of the project. ACR-IFM project baselines represents an alternate reality in which the management objective on the property is to rapidly liquidate the timber supply in order to maximize near-term revenues.



Projects also generate credits by increasing on-site carbon stocks above the levels present at project initiation. Credits generated in this manner continue to accumulate throughout the life of the project.

VOLUNTARY CARBON OUTLOOK



LONG-TERM FOREST OWNER COMMITMENTS

ACR-IFM projects require a 40-year project commitment. During this time, the property will be subject to the following requirements.

● STOCKING

Maintenance of forest stocking at or above the level for which carbon credits have been issued

● CERTIFICATION

In years where commercial harvesting is carried out, the forest must be certified by FSC, SFI, or ATFS

● REPORTING

Annual reporting of estimated carbon stocks and known harvests or disturbances

● VERIFICATION

Site verification/audit by accredited 3rd party verifier every 5 years

● INVENTORY

Complete update of carbon inventory every 10 years



SCOPE OF SERVICES

Bluesource finances and delivers all services required to generate carbon revenues. Under a carbon marketing and revenue sharing model, Bluesource is only compensated upon the distribution of carbon revenues to the landowner.

BLUESOURCE SERVICES INCLUDE:



FEASIBILITY EVALUATION

Bluesource conducts a free preliminary evaluation of project costs and returns.

Eligibility: Assess compliance with leading carbon standards based on start date, management practices, data availability, and project risks.

Volume: Calculate marketable carbon credits while taking into account protocol requirements, such as business-as-usual assumptions, common practice baselines, leakage, and reversal risk.

Revenue: Estimate landowner carbon revenue potential based on carbon market conditions.



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Bluesource coordinates and finances all activities required to register and sell carbon credits.

Carbon Inventory and Modeling: Design carbon inventories and construct optimized growth and harvest models aligned with carbon registry requirements.

Documentation and Verification: Develop project and baseline documentation, solicit competitive verification bids, resolve verification issues, and coordinate site visits.

Carbon Credit Registration: Coordinate with third-party verifiers and accredited registries to ensure that verified carbon credits are registered on behalf of the landowner.



CARBON CREDIT MARKETING AND SALES

Bluesource leverages the size and diversity of our carbon credit portfolio to attract buyers.

Marketing: Utilize our marketing channels developed over the past 17 years to secure the highest sale prices in advance of final project verification.

Sales: Negotiate sales terms and pricing, leveraging terms already established with many large buyers.

Contracting: Execute all contract documents with purchasers to save landowners significant time, effort, and legal expense.

For more information, please contact Joshua Strauss at 949.233.1501 or e-mail jstrauss@bluesource.com

Sawyer County LW&FR Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 11th, 2021

DNR Forestry Report

Follow-up on previous meeting 7.7.2021:

Connors Creek Bridge (FRSF) (Kyle Marinoff, Parks and Recreation Supervisor): A meeting was held with DNR Engineering in July and there is information to pass along. The time frame provided is subject to change and dependent on if everything comes together as planned.

- Bridge will remain closed until Fall of 2022 (estimation)
- Snowmobile re-route will be in place for this snowmobile season. The same route along County Highway M ATV's are using for re-routing will now be used by snowmobiles. Some logistics are still being worked out between Sawyer County, the Alliance, Law Enforcement and the DNR however this route looks promising.
- Project is currently sitting with the Department of Administration (DOA) and is in the preliminary process of architecture and engineering.

Forestry:

Fire Suppression: There was minor wildland fire activity for the month of July in Sawyer County. There were 6 reported fires which burned a total of less than an acre. Causes were equipment malfunctions (2), lighting (1), debris burning (1), fireworks (1) and human causes (1). This brings the YTD total to 41 fires burning a total of 15.21 acres at the county level. With recent rainfalls, the risk of fire danger should be less unless dry weather patterns return.

Work Projects on Sawyer County Forest: Completed a 66-acre timber sale establishment project on the Couderay Block. Currently working on a sale establishment project south of Winter.

Forest Health (Paul Cigan, Forest Health Specialist): An aerial flight was recently completed to detect the presence of oak wilt in the county. Paul will be sending a shapefile to the Sawyer County Forestry Department regarding potential locations on the county forest. From the air, potential locations were spotted in the Stoney Hill Block (6-12 sites) and Seeley Hills Block (6 sites).

The DNR has secured a grant through the U.S. Forest Service to assist private landowners with the treatment of Oak Wilt. DNR will be coordinating the program with a private vendor for qualified applicants.

Forest Certification: This year the audit is scheduled to take place the week of August 2nd through August 6th. Counties scheduled for audit include Chippewa, Clark, Eau Claire and Polk. If results are available at meeting time, they will be discussed. Sawyer County is scheduled for audit in 2023.

Wildlife Management:

Parks Farm Habitat Unit (Joshua Spiegel, Wildlife Biologist): Work is being done to establish drivable burn breaks to accommodate future prescribed burning. Plans are underway to expand the current habitat on site to enhance Elk habitat into the future. Similar practices are being done across Northern Wisconsin in the Elk Range on Federal, State and County Forests. Money to pay for these projects is coming from Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and WIDNR Elk funding.

Report written by Roy Zubrod, WI DNR Forester on 8/2/2021.

Conservation Department Update July-August 2021

Prepared by Jay Kozlowski, Zoning & Conservation Administrator

- Continuous dam operations and maintenance
- Tim Seidl from our office will be attending the upcoming Town of Draper Meeting this month for Upper Brunet Dam operation information and project update for dam replacement project to occur in 2022 budget cycle.
- Final approval (signed letter) of 5-year review of Sawyer County Land & Water Resources Management Plan by the Land & Water Conservation Board. This 5-year review lays out planned and proposed projects for the Conservation Department.
- Several other shoreline restoration/rip rap projects were completed through the County using cost share funds.
- Tim Seidl from our office attended Farm Technology Days
- Reviewed and issued several erosion control plans and 11 onsite inspections conducted by Conservation Staff
- NRCS Vegetation Standards Training for staff
- Staff met with UW-Extension regarding future of nutrient management programs in the State.
- We are looking to rehire Kelly's position with an internal transfer and a change of job duties and responsibilities and then look and rehiring that transfers position which we have received a few applications for.
- I was tasked last month to look into a well head protection ordinance at a County level. At this point I have not had time to bring information back to this Committee but will continue to investigate this for September's LWFR meeting.

Decontamination Frequently Asked Questions

Created by Land and Water Conservation of Sawyer, Washburn, and Burnett Counties, LCO Conservation, WDNR along with Whitefish Lake Property Owners Association

What is decontamination?

It is the process of removing all aquatic plants and animals including materials that may contain or transmit aquatic invasive species (AIS) beyond physical removal or other methods.

Why have a decontamination station?

Hand removal is effective at removing plants and small animals from watercraft equipment. Decontamination is another tool to help kill invasive species that are NOT visible or very difficult to see (such as zebra mussels and spiny water fleas).

Who maintains the decontamination station?

Citizen members of lake associations or lake district change the solution to the recommended mix of 2 Tablespoons bleach per gallon of water. They are trained to properly mix the solution.

What is the concentration of bleach?

Standard bleach is 52,500 ppm chlorine while the bleach concentration being used here is ~500 ppm. Reported in percentage, regular strength household bleach is 5.25% sodium hypochlorite while this solution is 0.05% sodium hypochlorite.

Are there run off concerns?

A fine mist of the bleach/water solution is applied using A HAND HELD PUMO SPRAYER. The solution covers the boat and trailer and is thoroughly applied around the perimeter. It evaporates quickly and no

runoff into the lake occurs. There is no harm to the lake once the boat/trailer goes into the water.

Will the bleach solution in my live well harm the fish I keep in there?

Between the low initial concentration of the applied solution, the off gassing of the chlorine while sitting, and then the dilution of any residual chlorine, the likelihood that fish would be impacted by the bleach solution is very low. An alternative would be to use ice to keep fish fresh until you get home.

Will decontamination make a difference?

The vast majority of invasions are human mediated and theoretically preventable. Each prevention action we take reduces the possibility of a new invasion by a boat moving aquatic invasive species. Recreational boating is a way AIS move around and once they are here, we all share a responsibility to be doing everything we can to prevent their spread.

Will this harm by boat or equipment?

There are no known cases of damage from properly using any decontamination method. An even higher solutions than the one provided is recommended to clean vinyl siding on a house. The WI DNR uses this solution on all of their boating equipment every day, and tournament fishing boats have been sprayed down and shown no harmful effects. (See note below)

Ranger Boats: “At any rate – household bleach at full concentration is not going to harm the gel coat when used during washing and rinsed off.”

Tuffy Boats: The described bleach solution is 100% safe on all gelcoat applications.”

For more information contact Sawyer County AIS Coordinator: Pat Brown at 715-638-3229

Sawyer County Zoning Decontamination Ordinance – DRAFT

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Recitals

WHEREAS, zoning is an essential function performed by local government since it allows a municipality to protect its citizens' quality of life, welfare and safety; and

WHEREAS, Aquatic Invasive Species inhabit numerous county lakes; and

WHEREAS, Chapter NR 40 Wisconsin Statutes prohibits the transport of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, conditional uses enjoy acceptance as valid and successful tools of municipal planning to cope with situations where a use may create unique problems of hazard if allowed to develop as a matter of right; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to establish a local program to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in the county and surrounding waterbodies by providing alternative methods to which a watercraft operator may easily decontaminate their watercraft/trailers quickly and effectively at decontamination stations where available in Sawyer County; and

WHEREAS, **this ordinance mandates all watercraft/trailers use a decontamination station upon entering and exiting all waterbodies in Sawyer County when a decontamination station is present and functioning.**

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors for Sawyer County does ordain as follows:

Section 1 Definitions

1. Aquatic plants and animals

- a. “Aquatic plant” means any nonwoody submergent, emergent, free-floating, or floating leaf plant and includes any part thereof, including but not limited to seeds, heads, roots, or associated mud. Aquatic plant does not mean wild rice. Specifically, the term aquatic plant does not mean wild rice when being harvested with a permit issued under Wis Admin. Code NR 19.09 or any rights proffered by the Treaty of 1838.
- b. “Aquatic animal” means all animals that live in, on, or near the water. This includes all vertebrate and invertebrate species, including but not limited to reptiles, amphibians, fish, and shellfish, or their eggs, larvae, or young.
- c. “Aquatic invasive species” has the meaning given in s. NR 40.02 (3m), Wis Admin. Code that aquatic invasive species are any invasive species that dwell in water or wetlands.
- d. “Invasive” means all pathogens, plants, vertebrates and invertebrates species including but not limited to zebra mussels, quagga mussels, rusty crayfish, spiny water flea, or any other aquatic invasive species prohibited by the State of Wisconsin.
- e. “Invasive species” has the meaning given it in 23.22 (1)(c), Wis Stats., and s. NR40.02(24), Wis Adm. Code, where invasive species means nonnative species including hybrid, cultivars, sub taxa, and genetically modified variants whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to humans’ health, and includes species, eggs, larvae, seeds, propagules and any other viable life-stage of such species. For invasive fish, s. NR 40.04 (12a), and Wis Adm Code,

includes all nonnative species, but excludes established nonnative fish species.

- f. "Terrestrial plant" means a plant that normally lives or grows on land and includes wetland species.
- g. "Decontamination" means the process of removing invasive species or materials that may contain or transmit any type of invasive species, by disinfection, beyond physical removal including those not visible or very difficult to see, or other methods.
- h. "Decontamination station" means any device provided at a public or private waterway access to remove all potential invasive species. The station may consist of high temperature water (140 degrees Fahrenheit or more) applied with a pressure washer by trained personnel, a recommended chemical solution (such as a simple bleach/water 500 ppm solution, i.e., 2 Tablespoons bleach per gallon of water) applied with a low-pressure sprayer, or any other acceptable technique as approved and abided by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Best Management Practices. Most stations consist of an informational sign, handouts, a long handled soft scrub brush and a long handle grab hook to help remove vegetation.

Section 2 Prohibited transport of Aquatic Plants and Animals

- a. No person may operate a vehicle or transport any watercraft including but not limited to boats, personal watercraft, canoe, kayak, stand up paddleboard, surfboard, sailboat, paddleboat, or boating equipment, fishing equipment, hunting equipment and/or trapping equipment (including but not limited to floatation devices, nets, anchors, anchor lines, fishing lines,

decoys, live wells, and waders), and any associated trailer or boating equipment from navigable waters onto a public highway if aquatic plants, terrestrial plants, or aquatic animals are attached, or to do so in violation of an order from a law enforcement officer who has reason to believe that aquatic plants or animals are attached, except as provided in section 1-3. All plants and aquatic animals shall be removed prior to entry onto a public highway or launching a boat or placing equipment or trailers into a navigable water.

- b. If a decontamination station is available and functioning for use at a public or private access, the boater is required to decontaminate when entering and exiting out of the waterbody per posted directions and/or inspection protocol using the decontamination station provided.
- c. This section shall not apply to bait used on that particular waterbody in accordance with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources rules and regulations.

Section 3 Exceptions to Transport of Aquatic Plants and Animals

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a person may transport aquatic plants:

- a. For disposal as part of a harvest or control activity conducted under an aquatic plant management permit (NR 109)
- b. When transporting commercial aquatic plant harvesting equipment to a suitable location, away from any water body, for purposes of cleaning and removing aquatic plants or animal.
- c. When harvested for personal or commercial use, as to be used as compost, or mulch, and in a sealed container.
- d. When conducting an aquatic plant study for the purpose of vouchering or conducting an educational workshop.

- e. Pursuant to NR 40: waterfowl hunters may use cat tails for boat blinds without seeds, heads, or roots. Phragmites could be used in counties where the plant is not listed as prohibited by NR 40.

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Section 4 Liability of owner or lessee

- a. If a watercraft, trailer, or plant harvesting equipment is placed in waters in violation of section 3, the owner or lessee of the watercraft, trailer, or plant harvesting equipment shall pay a forfeiture in accordance with the penalty provisions contained in section 5. An owner or lessee may not be penalized as set forth in this subsection if either of the following apply:
- (1) Another person was cited for or convicted of a violation of section 3 arising out of the same incident; or
 - (2) The watercraft, trailer, or plant harvesting equipment was stolen.
- b. Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to a lessor of a watercraft, trailer, or plant harvesting equipment if the lessor keeps a record of the name and address of the lessee and provides the same to law enforcement upon request.
- c. Subsection (a) of this section does not prohibit or limit the prosecution of the operator of a watercraft, trailer, or plant harvesting equipment for violations in section 3.

Section 5 Citation and enforcement

- a. Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance shall be subject to forfeiture plus all surcharges, assessments and court costs will be added to the fines as applicable by law as follows:

- (1) First offense, a warning letter from the Sawyer County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator in conjunction with the Sawyer County Sheriff's Office, to be kept on file for 5 years
- (2) Second offense, a forfeiture of not less than \$100 plus court costs
- (3) Third offense and subsequent offenses, a forfeiture of not less than \$1000 plus court costs
- b. Each violation shall be considered a separate offense
- c. Legal action may be initiated against a violator by the issuance of a citation pursuant to Wis Sta. 66.0113(1)(a). This citation may be issued by a law enforcement officer of the county.
- d. The citation shall consist of the following:
 - (1) The name and address of the alleged violator.
 - (2) The factual allegations describing the alleged violation.
 - (3) The time and place of the offense.
 - (4) The section of the article violated.
 - (5) A description of the offense in a manner that can be readily understood by a person making a seasonable effort to do so.
 - (6) The time at which the alleged violator may appear in court
 - (7) A statement which in essence informs the alleged violator:
 - a. That the alleged violator may make a cash deposit for the amount of the applicable penalty, to be mailed to the county clerk of courts prior to the initial appearance on the citation.
 - b. That if the alleged violator makes such a deposit, he or she need not appear in court unless subsequently summoned.
 - c. That, if the alleged violator makes a cash deposit and does not appear in court, he or she either will be deemed to have tendered a plea of no contest and submitted to

the forfeiture plus costs or will be summoned into court to answer the complaint if the court does not accept the plea of no contest.

d. That, if the alleged violator does not make a cash deposit and does not appear in court at the time specified, the court may consider the nonappearance to be a plea of no contest and enter judgment for the amount of the penalty listed on the citation, and that the county may commence an action against the alleged violator to collect this penalty.

(8) A direction that if the alleged violator elects to make a cash deposit, the alleged violator shall sign an appropriate statement which accompanies the citation to indicate that he or she read the statement required under subsection (d)(7) of this section and shall send the signed statement with the cash deposit.

(9) Such other information as may be deemed necessary.

e. Wis. Stats. 66.0113(3), relating to violator's options and procedures on default, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, meeting this ***date, approve this ordinance.



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September 9, 2020

Land, Water, and Forest Resource Committee Members

Re: Sawyer County Decontamination Ordinance

Dear LWFC Committee members,

Previously this Committee was approached by Cherrie Ahle from Whitefish Lake Property Owners Association (WLPOA), regarding a possible Sawyer County wide Boat Cleaning and Decontamination Ordinance. In additional conversations with another member of WLPOA, Jane Getting the association wants to proceed with requesting for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Grant. Cherrie and Jane met with the WDNR biologist, Scott Van Egeren, who covers Sawyer County. He was extremely supportive and encouraging of the association to pursue this grant. WLPOA would like to be the leaders to set an example for other counties to pursue this same action throughout the state.

Cherrie and Jane would do most of the leg work by reaching out to Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO), Sawyer County AIS coordinator Pat Brown, and all the Wisconsin Lake List organizations which includes those Lake associations active with the State of Wisconsin. They have already had numerous conversations with Lisa Burns of Washburn County who is the AIS coordinator there and also very supportive to them. She has offered more education and information as we need it in the future. The association will facilitate the grant writing and work with the WDNR to create a rough draft of the narrative with the assistance of our local biologist, Scott Van Egeren. As you know, zebra mussels are noted to be in Lake McKenzie over by Spooner, about 30 miles away from us. Sand Lake Township did pass a boat cleaning and decontamination ordinance, but WLPOA strongly feels that is not enough to protect our great natural resources of Sawyer County. Many recreational boaters and fishermen use multiple lakes, not to mention those vacationers that may come from other lakes/states without proper boat cleaning practices that increase the risk of aquatic invasive species (AIS) on any given day.

Included in the development of a county wide ordinance would be time spent creating the ordinance, any training regarding the ordinance, presentation time of adoption of the ordinance, and legal fees. These fees incurred by the County for the ordinance adoption process could be requested as part of the grant application.

WLPAO at this point is requesting support of this Committee to proceed with applying for the WI DNR grant and to draft a rough version of a potential ordinance.

Thank you,

Jay Kozlowski

Sawyer County Zoning & Conservation Administrator



October 7, 2020

As Chairman of the Sawyer County Land, Water, and Forest Resource Committee (LWFRC), the committee and myself support the grant proposal efforts of Whitefish Lake Property Owners Association (WLPOA) for a potential decontamination ordinance. This would be specifically from a policy standpoint in that preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species is very important for Sawyer County. This letter of support in no way binds the actions of the LWFRC or County Board of Supervisors to adopt any type of ordinance in the future.

I hope the WI DNR looks favorably on this grant proposal. Decontamination programs and education are very important in stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Sincerely,

Bruce Paulsen
Chairman of the Sawyer County Land, Water, & Forest Resource Committee.