



Sawyer County

Agenda

Land, Water, & Forest Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 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.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. [1.12.22 LWFRC Minutes DRAFT](#)

7. EVENTS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Hayward Lions Pre-Birkie - February 12, 2022

8. SAWYER COUNTY TREASURERS DEPARTMENT

9. LAND RECORDS AND COUNTY SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT REPORT

10. SAWYER COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

- 6 - 7 a. Recreational Trails Report
Motorized-
Non-motorized-
- 8 - 10 b. Cooper Land Trade Proposal (discussion and possible action)
[1\) Cooper and Trade Map](#)
[2\) Cooper Trade Summary](#)
- 11 - 12 c. County Forestry Report
[Jan 22 forestry report](#)
- 13 d. DNR Forestry Report
[DNR Forestry Report January 2022](#)
- e. 2022 Emergency Fire Warden List (discussion and possible action)
[2022 Emergency Fire Warden List](#)

11. ACER ADVISORY GROUP REPRESENTATION REQUEST

- 14 a. [ACER Advisory Group Overview](#)

12. ZONING/ CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

- 15 a. County Report
[Conservation Department Update Jan 2022](#)
- b. USDA report
- c. 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.

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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 January 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
- ☒ Brian Bisonette - Virtual
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☒ Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

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| Lynn Fitch | Erin Metcalf |
| Mike Coleson | Kris Treland-Neuman |
| Jay Kozlowski | Jane Schraeder |
| Greg Peterson | Linda Zillmer - virtual |
| Kathy LaReau | Josh Spiegel |
| Roy Zubrod | Janeen Abric - Virtual |
| Dan Ploegger | |

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 December 8, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Helwig. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events – Mr. Peterson presented two events for consideration (January 22nd Seeley Big Fat Race and June 4th & 5th Epic Mountain Bike Race). A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve these events. Motion carried without negative vote.

Municode -- Mr. Hoff reported that all departments are to review the ordinances pertinent to their departments prior to the January 20th County Board meeting for our submission for final upload to our website.

Sawyer County Treasurer's Department – Treasurer Abric presented two over-the-counter land parcels for sale. OTC #002-109-12-3300 in the Town of Bass Lake and #176-106-04-0800 in the Town of Radisson were recommended for sale. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve both sales and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report – Mr. Ploegger advised that crews have been working on summer projects.

Sawyer County Forestry Department Report – Ms. Treland-Neuman presented the motorized trail report and introduced fellow members of the Snowmobile Alliance who will be reporting to committee in the future due to Mr. Mrotek's retirement (Jane Schraeder, Kathy LaReau and Erin Metcalf).

A written county forestry report was provided. Mr. Peterson highlighted key points and advised that Jessica Kujala has put in notice to leave her county position. He presented the 2022 Forestry Annual Workplan. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Sheptick to approve the 2022 Forestry Annual Workplan and forward it to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

DNR wildlife biologist Josh Spiegel provided an update on the pending Totogatic Dam project as the dam is failing and out of compliance. A plan is in place to begin reassessing options available for this project and property.

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – Written conservation update provided. Mr. Kozlowski advised that upon further research it was found that the option to build a copper dam replacement on the Upper Brunet River Dam would add \$100,000-\$400,000 to the project costs so they are going ahead with the original draw down plans.

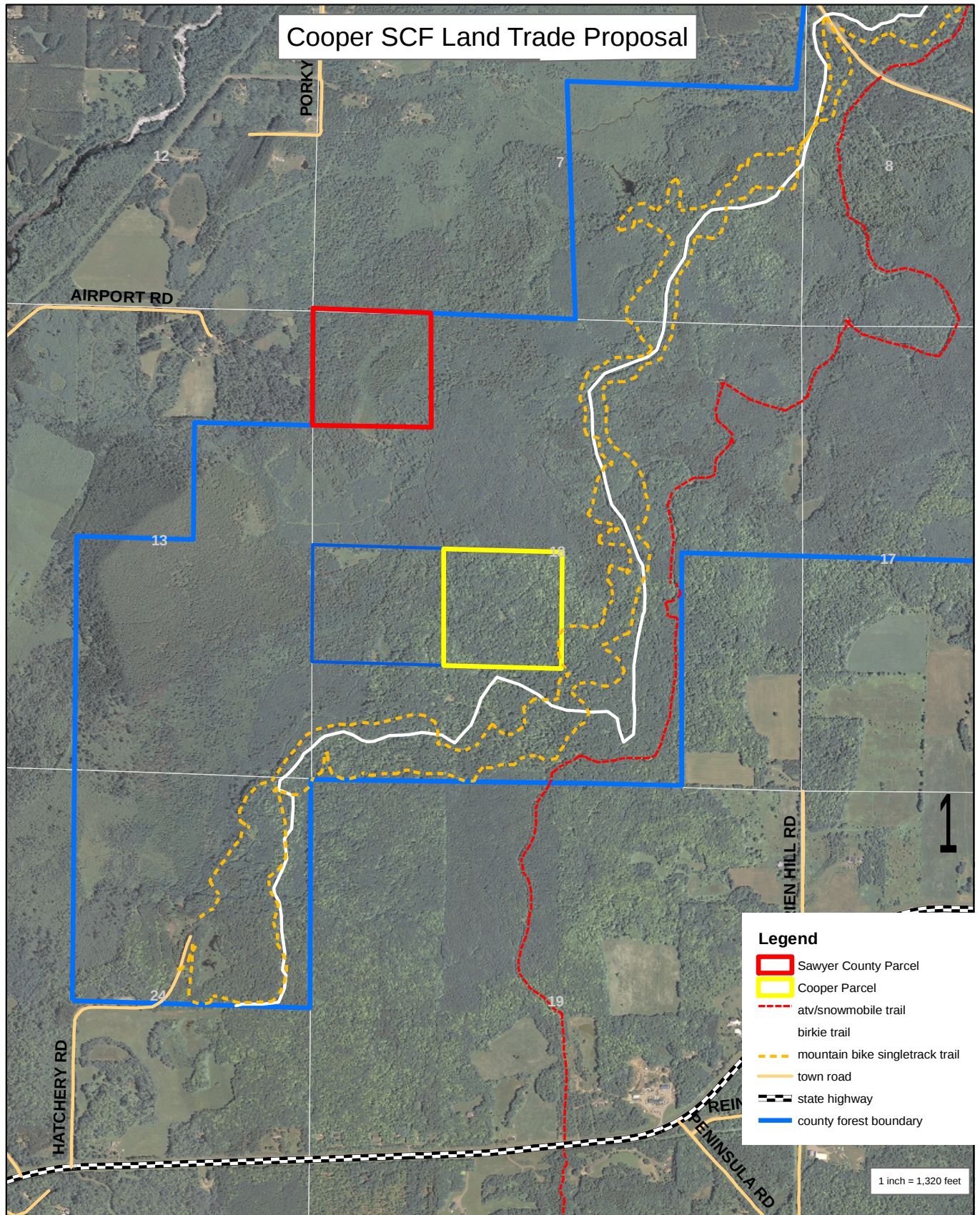
USDA Report – Mr. Sheptick advised that the USDA office remains open by appointment only.

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette reported that LCO has stepped up its patrolling efforts and that ice on the lakes is still questionably safe, as one SUV did go through the ice on Grindstone.

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk



Sawyer County Forestry Department



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Hayward, WI 54843
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Cooper Land Trade Proposal

Proposal is for trade of 43.76-acre Sawyer County Forest parcel for 40-acre parcel owned by Richard and Denise Cooper.

Location: Cooper parcel, PIN: 57-010-2-41-08-18-3 01-000-000010 NESW Section 18 T41N – R8W. Town of Hayward, 40 acres.

SCF parcel, PIN: 57-010-2-41-08-18-2 02-000-000010, FRAC NWNW Section 18 T41N – R8W. Town of Hayward, 43.76 acres.

Parcels are located north of Hatchery Creek Park. (see map)

Assessed land value is \$1,500/acre for both parcels.

Timber Value Appraisal

Cooper Parcel

40 acres northern hardwoods
Timber Value = \$300/acre
Total = \$12,000

SCF Parcel

22.76 acres young aspen
10 acres young aspen/white pine
7 acres cedar swamp
4 acres lowland brush
Timber Value = \$260/acre
Total = \$11,378

Forestry Report January 2022

Active Sales

11 sales listed as active in month of January

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
4/7/17	1	151	\$42,380.00	\$29,000.00	\$13,380.00
11/3/17	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4/6/18	1	105	\$65,788.00	\$115,247.56	\$0*
11/2/18	1	106	\$36,260.00	\$9,065.00	\$27,195.00
5/3/19	2	352	\$103,436.50	\$88,791.37	\$14,645.13
11/01/19	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/5/20	2	192	\$75,495.96	\$10,261.49	\$65,234.47
11/3/20	2	352	\$228,630.00	\$20,974.07	\$207,655.93
5/7/21	2	149	\$112,595.00	\$8,717.50	\$103,877.50
10/22/21	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	11	1407	\$664,585.46	\$282,056.99	\$431,988.03

Inactive Sales

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
4/7/17	3	292	\$111,410.00	\$73,725.13	\$47,186.79*
11/3/17	4	468	\$250,376.00	\$10,000.00	\$240,376.00
4/6/18	1	91	\$50,440.00	\$0	\$50,440.00
11/2/18	3	158	\$80,491.75	\$8,175.80	\$72,315.95
5/3/19	8	575	\$291,441.00	\$103,294.30	\$201,593.70*
11/01/19	9	674	\$497,349.14	\$264,561.19	\$243,292.64*
5/5/20	7	407	\$366,729.30	\$14,545.18	\$352,184.12
11/3/20	8	538	\$572,357.90	\$158,816.43	\$413,541.47
5/7/21	19	1545	\$1,322,584.60	\$121,211.47	\$1,201,373.13
10/22/21	14	1139	\$963,334.20	\$0	\$963,334.20
Totals	76	5887	\$4,506,513.89	\$754,329.50	\$3,785,638.00

* Sales having overruns

** Sales having underruns

2 sales closed out in January.

Timber Sale Value (sold contracts-uncut) on file = \$4,217,626.03

<u>Timber Sale Revenue</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	\$84,824.58	\$84,824.58
<u>Christmas Trees/Boughs</u>	\$0	\$90
<u>Performance Bond Cashed</u>	\$0	\$0
<u>Other Revenue</u>		
<u>Camping/Firewood/Access/Hay</u>	\$25.00	\$25.00
<u>Park Reservations</u>	\$100	\$100
		<u>Budget</u>
Gross Timber Sale Revenue	\$84,824.58	\$1,850,000
10% Payment to Towns	\$8,482.46	
Net Timber Sale Revenue	\$76,342.12	
Total Other Revenue	\$125	
Timber Sale Revenue Billed Out	\$117,529.88	

Timber Sale Inspections	<u># month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	27	27

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>
	6/6	668/668	3600

Comments:

Recon Acres Updated	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Annual Goal</u>
	1872	1872	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.

Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Hours		
<u>January</u>	<u>FY22 Contract</u>	<u>YTD</u>
3	96.75	3
<u>Current Contract:</u>		
Sawyer County – DNR FY22 Stands		
Approximately 575 hours timber sale admin. \$40,046.54.		
Submitted final reimbursement request for \$9,933.85 on contract FY21 Stands		
Submitted final reimbursement request for \$2,360.36 on contract FY21 Sale Admin		
Submitted partial reimbursement request for \$6,780.93 on contract FY22 Stands		

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, detection and treatment completed until next year.

Emerald Ash Borer:
Nothing new to report.

Mountain Bike Trails:
Nothing new to report.

Birkie Trail:
Nothing new to report.

ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Trails:
Nothing new to report

Parks:
Hatchery Park: Nothing new to report.

Nelson Lake Park: Nothing new to report.

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DNR Forestry Report for January 2022

Recreation:

There will be a candlelight ski event held on Saturday, February 5th on the Flambeau River State Forest. The event will take place from 6-9pm at the Flambeau Hills Cross Country Ski Trail located 15 miles east of Winter on Highway W.

Wildlife:

Totagatic Dam: Engineering analysis will begin this coming spring or early summer.

CDAC (County Deer Advisory Council) Meetings to be held in March and April to set antlerless harvest quotas. DNR granted approval for CDAC to hold a public tour to address forest regeneration and habitat issues. There will be a public notice when a date is finalized.

Forestry:

Time Standards: Time standards for DNR Services performed on the Sawyer County Forest have been submitted for review to the DNR Public Forest Lands Specialist and WCFA Administrator covering the period 2022-2027. There is a total of 46,000 hours for 30 counties with allotments to be made to each county enrolled in the County Forest Law.

Reconnaissance: reconned approximately 279 acres on the Sawyer County Forest.

Emergency Fire Warden Approval: Attached is a list of Emergency Fire Wardens for Sawyer County for the year 2022. Signature by county board chair is requested.

Report written by Roy Zubrod, DNR Forester.

To the Honorable:

County Board of Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accord with section 26.12(3) and section 26.14(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes we recommend the following persons to act as authorized emergency fire wardens for the prevention and suppression of forest fires in this county for the year 2022 and ask your approval of this organization list.

EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS

MILLER, Jim 13394W Trepania Rd., Hayward, WI 54843 for town of Bass Lake
LCO Fire Dept.

BEARHART, Henry, 9790N CTH K Hayward, WI, 54843 for town of Hayward
LCO Conservation

DINEEN, Dan, 10592W Omaha Rd., Radisson, WI 54867 for town of Radisson
DJ Mart

BYRNE, Carey 6317 W State Rd 27, Stone Lake, WI 54876 for town of Sand Lake
DJ Mart

BROWN, Renee, Hayward, WI 54843 for town of Hunter
(USFS) Forest Service Ranger Station
604 Nyman Ave. Hayward, WI 54843

MATTMILLER Michael, Hayward, WI 54843 for town of Hunter
(USFS) Forest Service Ranger Station
604 Nyman Ave. Hayward, W

Park Falls, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

(Date)

By: _____
Area Forester/Ranger

(Date)

By: _____
County Board Chairperson

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LCO Conservation for town of Hayward

DINEEN, Dan, 10592W Omaha Rd., Radisson, WI 54867
DJ Mart for town of Radisson

BYRNE, Carey 6317 W State Rd 27, Stone Lake, WI 54876
DJ Mart for town of Sand Lake

BROWN, Renee, Hayward, WI 54843
(USFS) Forest Service Ranger Station
604 Nyman Ave. Hayward, WI 54843 for town of Hunter

MATTMILLER Michael, Hayward, WI 54843
(USFS) Forest Service Ranger Station
604 Nyman Ave. Hayward, W for town of Hunter

Park Falls, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

(Date)

By: _____
Area Forester/Ranger

(Date)

By: _____
County Board Chairperson



ACER Grant Advisory Group Members and Purpose

The purpose of the Wisconsin ACER Advisory Group is to provide guidance and support the implementation of the [ACER Grant](#) (link to the grant narrative for more details). The Advisory Group represents key stakeholders, audiences, and partners in the grant including resource management agencies and organizations, tribal members, maple industry representatives, and maple syrup producers.

The Wisconsin ACER Grant aims to advance the knowledge and readiness of Wisconsin's woodland owners to engage in, or expand, sustainable maple-sugaring activities, will build the science-based educational resources available to professionals to better serve landowners, and will engage our tribal communities to better understand their educational resource needs around maple syrup production. Integrating findings from a comprehensive needs assessment, we will design, deliver, and evaluate audience-specific learning opportunities to address knowledge gaps and perceived barriers to production.

The Advisory Group roles include:

- Providing input into ACER project activities
- Providing feedback on programs and resources developed through the ACER grant
- Connecting key individuals and organizations to the project
- Sharing information and resources developed through the ACER project with their networks
- Networking with other maple related organizations, agencies, and producers
- Providing vision for future projects

Meetings will be held virtually on a quarterly to 2x/year basis. The first meeting will be held in February 2022.

Conservation Department Update January 2022-February 2022

Prepared by Jay Kozlowski, Zoning & Conservation Administrator

- Teleconference meeting for Upper Brunet River to occur on 2/3/22. Updates to follow.
- Billy Boy Easement Renewal – no new information at this time
- Speaking and Poster contest were held. We had 1 individual take 3rd in the district speaking contest and Kayla Weller's poster placed 1st in the Grades 10-12 division. Therefore, Weller will be moving on to the state competition being held on March 2-4
- Tree Sale is up and running online (Sawyer County Website). Limited stock this season but there are still some varieties available.
- Conservation staff attended district meeting, northern technician training, permeable pavement training, NR 151 webinar, and answered contractor questions.
- The annual Land & Water conference, which is available to all LCC (LWFRC) members will be held virtually this year. If any members of this committee would like additional information on this please let me know.