



Sawyer County

Agenda

Land, Water, & Forest Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

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. [8.10.22 LWFRC Minutes DRAFT](#)

7. EVENTS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

8. OTC LAND SALE (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

- 6 - 7 a. 2021 Sawyer County Land Sale List
[2021 Sawyer County Land Sale List](#)
- 8 - 11 b. OTC Land Sale Tax ID 26299-Town of Round Lake (discussion and possible action)
[OTC Land Sale - Tax ID 26299 - Town of Round Lake](#)

9. LAND RECORDS AND COUNTY SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT REPORT

10. SAWYER COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

- 12 - 14 a. Recreational Trails Report
Motorized-
Non-motorized-
- b. County Forestry Report
[Aug 22 forestry report](#)
- 15 c. DNR Forestry Report
[DNR Forestry Report August 2022](#)
- d. **Closed Session:** Trail Right-of-Way -- 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public lands, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session.
- Open Session (discussion and possible action RE: closed session)**
- e. Land Purchase Proposal - Richard & Denise Cooper NESW Section 18T41N - R8W 40.00 acres and FRAC NWSW Section 18 T41N - R8W 44.16 acres, Town of Hayward (discussion and possible action)
- f. **Closed Session:** Consider Forest Land Purchase -- 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public lands, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session.
- Open Session (discussion and possible action RE: closed session)**

11. ZONING/ CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

- 16 a. County Report
[Conservation Department Update Sept 2022](#)

- b. USDA report
- c. LCO report

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

14. 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 August 10th 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: **Jesse Boettcher - virtual**
- ☒ Vice Chair – Marc Helwig
- ☒ Ed Peters - Virtual
- ☒ Brian Bisonette - Virtual
- ☒ Jason Weaver - Virtual
- ☒ Kevin Sheptick

Others Present:

- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Lynn Fitch | Andy Albarado |
| Alex Butterfield | Ron Burgen |
| Jay Kozlowski - | Roy Zubrod |
| Craig Cooper | Linda Zillmer |
| Cathy LaReau | |

Call to Order – Chair Marc Helwig 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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2022, second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Events –

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report – Mr. Ploegger was unable to attend.

Review Board Policy & Procedure Manual Updates – Mr. Albarado added minor changes that will move to the County Board meeting.

Sawyer County Forestry Department Report – A Motorized Trails report was provided by Ms. LaReau. The Alliance plans to purchase more counters and are starting trail maintenance. Updating of signage is underway. They have applied for a grant for a Pavilion on the Tuscobia Trail and have received the award. Ron Burgen reported on non-motorized trails and there are ongoing rehab efforts to maintain some of our older trails.

County Forestry Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Peterson. There has been a recent slow start in sales but he anticipates it will pick up. The DNR will likely be doing a flight to address Oak Wilt sections.

DNR Forestry Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Zubrod. This will be the last year that the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will be raffling off a tag.

Proposal to allow Class I E-Bikes – Mr. Peterson reported that we've been requested to do a trial on allowing E-Bikes on the trails. Mr. Burgen advised that the use of E-Bikes is growing and opening the sport to more people. The proposal is only for Class I E-Bikes that has a small electric motor and aids the rider while peddling only; top end is 20-mph while peddling. They are seeking approval for a one-year trial. A motion was made to approve a one-year trial period to include Class I E-Bikes on the trail by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Final Draft – Mr. Peterson advised that he has submitted this plan to the DNR for review and has a summary sheet of suggested changes that came out of the review. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Boettcher to approve the Resolution for Approval of the 2021-2035 Sawyer County Comprehensive Land Use Plan and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

Closed Session – At 9:16 am a motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Helwig to enter closed session for Trail Right-of-Way for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public lands, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session. A roll call vote was taken and proceeded with all “aye” votes from Boettcher, Peters, Helwig, Weaver, Bisonette and Sheptick. Present were Mr. Peterson and Mr. Kozlowski. All virtual members certified they were alone and in a closed room.

At 9:53 am, a motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Helwig to enter open session at 9:53 am. Motion carried without negative vote. No action was taken on this item.

Closed Session Cooper Property – At 9:54 am, a motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Boettcher to enter closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public lands, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session. A roll call vote was taken and proceeded with all “aye” votes from Boettcher, Peters, Helwig, Weaver, Bisonette and Sheptick. A motion was made at 10:10 am to enter open session by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Open Session – No action was taken in closed session.

Zoning/Conservation Department Report – Mr. Kozlowski advised they are doing shoreline mitigation agreements and property checks; the tree and shrub sale order is out for next year and available on our website.

Nelson Lake Drawdown Proposal – Mr. Kozlowski presented the proposal to drawdown the Nelson Lake Dam at the recommendation of the DNR for an ongoing, every-other-year drawdown proposal for the next five years. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Peters to approve the request. Motion carried without negative vote.

USDA Report – Mr. Sheptick provided an oral report with upcoming deadlines.

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette advised that they are completing a number of habitat improvement programs. Their staff has been working on mitigating Milfoil on area lakes with an eco-harvester using a watercraft combine.

Carbon tax update – Closed Session – At 10:19 am a motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Sheptick to enter closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public lands, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session. A roll call vote was taken and proceeded with all “aye” votes from Boettcher, Peters, Helwig, Weaver, Bisonette and Sheptick. At 10:23 am a motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Helwig to enter open session. Motion carried without negative vote. No action was taken on this item and it will return to the September meeting.

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee will be Wednesday, September 7, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

SAWYER COUNTY LAND SALE

10610 Main Street | Hayward, WI 54843 | 715-634-4868 | treasurer@sawyercountygov.org

In compliance with section 75.69, Wisconsin Statutes, the Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors offers for the sale the parcels listed herein. Those interested in purchasing the parcels should contact the Sawyer County Treasurer's office. Application, county land sale list and interactive maps are also available at <https://sawyercountygov.org/230/County-Land-Sale>

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. Sawyer County will not accept applications from property owners who owe delinquent taxes.

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 the 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.

Legacy Parcel Identification Number	Parcel ID Number	Abbreviated Legal Description	Section/Town /Range	Approx. Acreage	Minimum Bid \$
		TOWN OF BASS LAKE			
29. 002-940-08-4403	3007	Part SE ¼ SE ¼	8.40.9	2.76	\$31,600
		TOWN OF ROUND LAKE			
35. 024-741-34-4203	26299	Prt NW ¼ SE ¼, Lot 1, CSM 18/120 #5347	34.41.7	2.01	\$77,700
		TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE			
36. 028-642-20-1417	30188	Part SE ¼ NE ¼	20.42.6	.98	\$10,200
		TOWN OF WEIRGOR			
37. 030-190-02-1300	31488	Village of Weirgor, Prt Lots 13-15, Blk 2	17.37.7	.469	\$4,000
		VILLAGE OF EXELAND			
41. 121-737-21-4305	36965	Part SW ¼ SE ¼	21.37.7	.160	\$25,300
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43. 176-171-19-0800	37180	Lots 8-11, Block 19, 1st Addition	22.38.7	.32	\$10,500
		VILLAGE OF WINTER			
44. 190-142-00-2800	37298	Lot 28 Kinsley's Addition to the Village of Winter	33.39.5	.35	\$5,500
45. 190-190-05-1000	37376	Lot 10, Block 5, Village of Winter, Original Plat	32.39.5	.180	\$26,000
46. 190-539-32-1204	37430	Prt NW ¼ NE ¼, Lot 3, CSM 4/348 #854	32.39.5	.33	\$14,600

9/6/2022 9:51 AM

Sawyer County owns additional lots in the <u>Northwoods Beach Subdivision</u> and will sell at estimated fair market value established for such lots by the town assessor					
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05. 002-109-02-1900	385	Abendpost Beach Subdivision, 2 nd Addition, Lots 19-28, Incl, Block 2	31.40.8	.689	\$ 9,600
10. 002-136-08-2600	1025	Dixon Beach Subdivision, Lot 26, Block 8	30.40.8	.069	\$ 300
15. 002-157-04-0900	1404	Malar Beach Subdivision, Lots 9, 10, and 11, Block 4	30.40.8	.207	\$ 900
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APPLICATION TO PURCHASE COUNTY- OWNED LAND

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

Troy Willi + Michelle Willi

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

WB112 45110410 Ellsworth WI 54011

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

I HEREBY APPLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ITEM NUMBER 26299 INDICATED ON THE SAWYER COUNTY LAND SALE LIST DATED 2021 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

DESCRIPTION	SECTION TOWNSHIP RANGE	ACRES
<u>Pct NW 1/4 SE 1/4, Lot 1, CSM 18/20 #5347</u>	<u>34.41, 7</u>	<u>2.01</u>
<u>024-741-34-4263</u>	<u>26299</u>	<u>Round Lake</u>
LEGACY PIN #	PARCEL ID #	TOWN OR VILLAGE

I AM SUBMITTING PAYMENT, MADE PAYABLE TO THE SAWYER COUNTY TREASURER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 52,000.00 WHICH IS AT LEAST THE AMOUNT OF THE MINIMUM BID AT THE LAST ADVERTISED LAND SALE.

I AM SUBMITTING PAYMENT, MADE PAYABLE TO THE SAWYER COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30.00 FOR THE RECORDING FEE.

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

<u>Troy Willi</u>	<u>Troy Willi</u>	<u>8/29/22</u>
SIGNATURE	PLEASE PRINT NAME	DATE
<u>Michelle Willi</u>	<u>Michelle Willi</u>	<u>8/29/22</u>

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Real Estate Sawyer County Property Listing

Property Status: Current

Today's Date: 9/1/2022

Created On: 2/6/2007 7:55:44 AM

Treasurer's Comments:
7/2021 - Maintenance ordered bee removal from eaves so they can mow/maintain.

Description Updated: 3/4/2022

Tax ID:	26299
PIN:	57-024-2-41-07-34-4 02-000-000030
Legacy PIN:	024741344203
Map ID:	.14.3
Municipality:	(024) TOWN OF ROUND LAKE
STR:	S34 T41N R07W
Description:	PRT NWSE LOT 1 CSM 18/120 #5437
Recorded Acres:	2.010
Calculated Acres:	1.985
Lottery Claims:	0
First Dollar:	No
Zoning:	(RR1) Residential/Recreational One
ESN:	404

Tax Districts Updated: 2/6/2007

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

Recorded Documents Updated: 8/17/2020

IN REM JUDGMENT	
Date Recorded: 7/30/2020	<u>425354</u>
QUIT CLAIM DEED	
Date Recorded: 11/2/2015	<u>398447</u>
TRANSFER ON DEATH TO BENEFICIARY	
Date Recorded: 10/12/2015	<u>398083</u>
DESIGNATION OF TOD BENEFICIARY	
Date Recorded: 12/5/2012	<u>382252</u>
TERMINATION OF DECEDENTS INTEREST	
Date Recorded: 11/13/2012	<u>381819</u>
WARRANTY DEED	
Date Recorded: 12/31/1996	<u>258539 594/171</u>
CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP	
Date Recorded: 6/21/1996	<u>254963</u>

Ownership Updated: 3/4/2022

SAWYER COUNTY HAYWARD WI

Billing Address:	Mailing Address:
SAWYER COUNTY	SAWYER COUNTY
10610 MAIN ST STE 10	10610 MAIN ST STE 10
HAYWARD WI 54843	HAYWARD WI 54843

Site Address * indicates Private Road
9890N CALLAHAN LAKE RD HAYWARD 54843

Property Assessment Updated: 4/6/2021

2022 Assessment Detail			
Code	Acres	Land	Imp.
X3-EXEMPT COUNTY	2.010	0	0

2-Year Comparison	2021	2022	Change
Land:	0	0	0.0%
Improved:	0	0	0.0%
Total:	0	0	0.0%

Property History
N/A

Forestry Report August 2022

Active Sales

8 sales listed as active in month of August

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
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	2	159	\$96,339.00	\$96,111.30	\$5,584.09*
11/01/19	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/5/20	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/3/20	2	114	\$159,946.40	\$107,876.51	\$49,069.89
5/7/21	2	147	\$150,043.00	\$60,217.88	\$89,825.12
10/22/21	1	111	\$65,270.00	\$0	\$65,270.00
5/11/22	1	144	\$53,125.80	\$8,000.00	\$45,125.80
Totals	8	675	\$521,724.20	\$272,205.69	\$254,874.90

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	3	413	\$172,365.00	\$10,000.00	\$162,365.00
4/6/18	1	91	\$50,440.00	\$0	\$50,440.00
11/2/18	4	264	\$116,751.75	\$42,294.77	\$74,456.98
5/3/19	5	349	\$123,875.00	\$20,246.01	\$103,628.99
11/01/19	6	493	\$348,748.64	\$147,088.43	\$212,164.90*
5/5/20	7	461	\$385,410.26	\$27,830.95	\$357,579.31
11/3/20	7	684	\$526,661.50	\$147,419.40	\$379,242.10
5/7/21	17	1411	\$1,219,861.60	\$146,179.00	\$1,073,682.60
10/22/21	13	1028	\$898,064.20	\$0	\$898,064.20
5/11/22	20	1312	\$1,302,624.32	\$1,135.00	\$1,301,489.32
Totals	86	6798	\$5,256,212.27	\$615,918.69	\$4,660,300.19

* Sales having overruns

** Sales having underruns

Three sales closed out in August.

Timber Sale Value (sold contracts-uncut) on file = **\$4,915,175.09**

<u>Timber Revenue</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Timber Sales (county forest)	\$116,345.10	\$838,694.91
(Non-County Forest Lands)	\$8,854.91	\$14,027.66
<u>Christmas Trees/Boughs</u>	\$0	\$0
<u>Performance Bond Cashed</u>	\$0	\$0
<u>Other Revenue</u>		
<u>Camping/Firewood/Access/Hay</u>	\$572	\$572.00
<u>Park Reservations</u>	\$150	\$700
		<u>Budget</u>
Gross Timber Sale Revenue	\$838,694.91	\$1,850,000
10% Payment to Towns	\$ 83,869.49	
Non-County Forest Sale Revenue	\$ 14,027.66	
Net Timber Sale Revenue	\$768,853.08	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,272.00	
Timber Sale Revenue Billed Out	\$153,363.57	

Timber Sale Inspections	<u># month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	15	136

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>
	4/26	283/1998	3600

Comments:

Recon Acres Updated	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Annual Goal</u>
	636	7880	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>August</u>	<u>FY22 Contract</u>	<u>YTD</u>
0	145	142.75
<u>Current Contract:</u>		
Sawyer County – DNR FY22 Stands		
Approximately 575 hours timber sale admin. \$40,046.54.		

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 flight had to be rescheduled due to weather.

Mountain Bike Trails:
Nothing new to report.

Birkie Trail:
Nothing new to report.

ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Trails:
Off Road Vehicle Council (ORV) grant funding meeting held 8/31/22. Received preliminary approval on all six grant applications submitted as follows:

Tuscobia Trail Rehab: Hwy 40 to Hwy 27, 4.6 miles	\$ 95,500
Tuscobia Trail Rehab: Wooddale Rd. to Wooddale Rd., 2.6 miles	\$ 53,950
Trail 11 Rehab: Tuscobia to Lost Lake Rd. South, 3.1 miles	\$ 92,295
Trail 31 Rehab: Rusk Cty Line to Tuscobia, 3.9 miles	\$104,130
Trail 15 rehab: Phipps Fire Ln. to Hwy 77, 1.7 miles	\$ 45,750
Trail 77 Rehab: Janet Rd. to Telemark Rd., 2.0 miles	\$ 53,900

Parks:
Hatchery Park: Nothing new to report.

Nelson Lake Park: Nothing new to report.

**Sawyer County Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 7th, 2022
DNR Forestry Report for August 2022**

Forestry:

Forest Certification Audit: The following is a summary of DRAFT findings from the 2022 SFI and FSC surveillance audit done in Florence, Forest, Marinette, and Oconto counties:

SFI – 2022

NO CARS

Opportunities for Improvements (OFI) – OFI 2022-01: There is an opportunity to improve understanding of SFI’s “Special Sites” designation.

Sawyer County will look for opportunities to identify and document areas and/or follow recommendations from WCFA Certification Committee.

FSC – 2022

2 MINOR CARS – Specific to only Oconto County for addressing, but good opportunity for all FSC Counties to review clear language in the 15-year plan regarding clearly stating/description of HCVF’s on the property.

Sawyer County has addressed in section 830.1 of section 830 Exceptional Resources, Unique Areas of the 2021-2035 Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Discussions on the certification audit will take place at the WCFA legislative/certification committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 27th at the Waters in Minocqua, WI. Final report will be released later. Sawyer County is scheduled for audit in 2023.

Wildlife:

Elk Calving Study: This subject is a follow-up regarding a question from the August meeting. The study is scheduled for three years. The purpose is to determine what percentage of calves make it to one year of age. This past summer DNR wildlife staff were able to attach collars to eleven calves. Study is in early stages and there is not enough data to draw conclusions.

Report written by Roy Zubrod, DNR Forester, submitted on 8/29/2022.



Conservation Department Update August 2022 – September 2022

Prepared by Jay Kozlowski, Zoning & Conservation Administrator

- Natalie Erler has been working as advisor for Grindstone Lake & Lake Hayward for their Aquatic Plant Management Plan
- Purple Loosestrife Control near Nelson Lake
- 1 Eurasian Water Milfoil area on Big Sissabagama that we are monitoring and attempting to eradicate.
- Stop log removal and dewatering of Lake Loretta in conjunction with the Upper Brunet River Dam Project has begun. We are now looking at a 6" drawdown per day with full drawdown to be completed by September 25th, 2022.
- Discussion held with DNR regarding Callahan Dam. Updates to follow
- Float bog near Nelson Lake Dam. Waiting for a good North wind and then attempting to remove.