



Sawyer County

Agenda

County Board of Supervisors Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Large Courtroom; Sawyer County
Courthouse/Virtual Meeting

Revised: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:41 AM

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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/95015680309>. You can also use the dial in at **1-312-626-6799** with the Webinar ID: 950 1568 0309. Use *9 to Raise/lower hand and *6 to Unmute/mute. If additional assistance is needed please contact the County Clerk's Office at 715-634-4866 prior to the meeting. This meeting will be recorded and will be available on our website at: <https://sawyercountygov.org>.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

5. MEETING AGENDA

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Board. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Board:
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
 - Comments should be directed to the Board as a whole and not directed to individual Board members.
 - The Board 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.

7. SHERIFF'S ADDRESS

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8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. [3.16.23 County Board Minutes DRAFT](#)

9. APPOINTMENTS

- a. New District 2 Supervisor (discussion and possible action)
- b. Swearing in of County Board Supervisor for District 2
- c. Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee, Health & Human Services Board, Zoning Committee, and Hayward Library Committee (discussion and possible action)
- d. Health & Human Services Director - Julia Lyons (discussion and possible action)
- e. BEAD Regional Committee Appointment - Ed Peters (discussion and possible action)
- f. Ethics Committee Appointment - Ron Buckholtz (discussion and possible action)

10. ZONING COMMITTEE

- a. Chair Report

11. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a. Chair Report

12. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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- a. Chair Report
- b. Courthouse Remodeling Update
- c. Hermel Hangar Lease (discussion and possible action)
[1\) Res 2023 - APPROVING SAWYER COUNTY AIRPORT HANGAR GROUND - Hermel](#)
[2\) Airport Hangar Lease David Hermel 7.1.23](#)

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- d. Highway ATV/UTV Route Approval (discussion and possible action)
[Sawyer County ATV-UTV Routes April 2023](#)
[4.18.23 Updated Route List](#)

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- e. ATV/UTV Ordinance (discussion and possible action)
[1\) 2023-04-12 REDLINE ATVUTV Draft Ordinance](#)
[2\) 2023-04-13 ATVUTV Draft Ordinance](#)
[3\) 2023-04-13 REDLINE ATVUTV Draft Ordinance](#)

13. LAND, WATER, AND FOREST RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- a. Chair Report
- b. Update of Sawyer County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2021-2025
 - [1\) sawyer county outdoor rec plan 2021-2025](#)
 - [2\) Sawyer County Outdoor Rec plan revisions 2023](#)

14. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

- a. Chair Report

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. Chair Report

16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & UW EXTENSION COMMITTEE

- a. Chair Report

17. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

18. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

19. ADJOURNMENT

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Mission Statement: *The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors will strive to provide excellent services and responsible leadership to protect and enhance Sawyer County citizens, businesses, and resources, while preserving our unique heritage.*

**Minutes of the March 16th meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors
Large Courtroom; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee Members

Present (X)	District	Wards
☒ Dale Schleeter	01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5
☒ Jesse Boettcher	02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1
☒ Tweed Shuman	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2
☒ Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-3 & 4
☒ Jason Weaver	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
☒ Marc D. Helwig	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
☒ Thomas W. Duffy	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
☒ Marshal Savitski	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
☒ Brian Bisonette	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
☒ Michael Maestri - virtual	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
☒ Chris Rusk - virtual	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
☒ John Righeimer	12	T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W-2, T Winter W-1
☐ Ron Kinsley	13	T Hunter, T Radisson W-1, T-Ojibwa W-1, V Radisson
☒ Ron Buckholtz	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
☒ Ed Peters - virtual	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance— Chair Tweed Shuman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments – Monica Isham, Tish Keahna (spelling)

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 16, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Duffy Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz provided an overview of the March meeting. There were no rezones for the month and they approved two conditional use permits. They are working on clarifying language of multi-dwelling and resorts.

Public Safety Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz advised that staff are being hired in the Sheriff's Department but they are still short-handed. There were ten crashes last month including one fatality. Currently 82% of jail inmates are unemployed and they are working on measures to help improve employability. Dates are scheduled for upcoming active shooter training in area schools.

Resolution in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding – A resolution recommending an increase in child support funding was presented by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Schleeter to accept this resolution. A roll call vote was

taken and passed 13-0 with electronic “yes” votes from Schleeter, Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Weaver, Helwig, Duffy, Savitski, Bisonette, Righheimer, Maestri, and Buckholtz; voice “yes” vote from Peters. Chris Rusk did not weigh in to vote.

CJCC By-Laws Amendments – Revised CJCC By-laws were presented by Mr. Albarado. He reviewed the edits that are highlighted in red in the packet copy. Motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Savitski to accept the by-law changes as presented. A voice vote was cast and passed without negative vote.

CJCC Appointments – A slate of CJCC members appointed by the CJCC Council was presented for affirmation, including a new position for HHS staff, naming Julia Lyons to the post. A motion was made by Mr. Weaver; second by Mr. Duffy to approve the appointments as presented. A voice vote was cast and passed without negative vote.

Opioid Settlement Update -

Resolution Authorizing County to Enter Into the Settlement Agreements with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walgreen Co., Walmart, Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc., Agree to the Terms of the Addendum to the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds, and Authorize Entry Into the MOU with the Attorney General – Mr. Albarado presented a resolution to enter into an opioid settlement with retailers that will increase the amount of settlement dollars we will receive. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Savitski to approve the resolution, the addendum and MOU as presented. A roll call vote was taken and passed 13-0 with electronic “yes” votes from Schleeter, Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Weaver, Helwig, Duffy, Savitski, Bisonette, Righheimer, Maestri and Buckholtz; voice “yes” vote from Peters. Chris Rusk did not weigh in to vote.

Strategy to Address Opioids and Overdoses by Public Health -- Julia Lyons reviewed a presentation outlining the county strategy to address opioids and overdoses. The process includes plans for prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery. Each of the areas have measurable criteria identified, including “have”, “have not” and “solutions”. Better mental health care, additional teen care, and securing more providers are key tactics. Specifics regarding each measure can be found in the report.

Public Works Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Helwig advised that Thompson have been doing a good job on airport snow removal and a master plan for the airport remains under development. Road bans go into effect on March 17th. Mr. Albarado advised that the ATV/UTV ordinance remains in discussion. Conversations continue with LCO and the Alliance. The Public Works renewed the existing ATV/UTV routes except routes identified on the reservation pending further discussion.

Appointment of Highway Commissioner – Mr. Albarado advised that interviews have been conducted and an offer has been made. After concluding interviews, he presented a request to appoint Mr. Pinnow to the position. A review of his credentials was shared with the board. A highway commissioner in another county will be appointed as a mentor. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the appointment; second by Mr. Helwig. A voice vote was cast and carried without negative vote.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Boettcher advised that a special meeting was held this evening to approve the sale of the property in the Village of Radisson. Logging has been ahead of schedule and recon/inspections are on target. There was a recent wolf kill reported of an elk on private land.

2023 Recreational Trail Aids Resolution – Mr. Boettcher presented the annual trail aids renewal resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the 2023 Recreational Trail Aids Resolution as presented; second by Mr. Duffy. A voice vote was taken and carried without negative vote.

Health & Human Services Board --

Chair Report – Mr. Schleeter advised that Paul Grahovac has submitted his letter of resignation. Committee reports were shared and the county is experiencing a low amount of positive Covid tests.

Finance Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Albarado reported that some properties will be removed from the county tax roll as a result of the recent Native American Treaty decision. Some discussion is taking place at the state level to make counties whole for the losses incurred. A sales tax projection for 2023 is estimated at a little over \$3M. An estimated \$50,000 of interest income is projected with the new investment strategies. He reviewed the Town of Edgewater ambulance request for exiting our ambulance levy; more discussion is underway on this topic.

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Duffy advised that NWRP have funds available at 0% interest for home improvement loans. The SC/LCO EDC are scheduling local business socials this year. The Birkie had a record number of skiers and they are planning their 50th anniversary event next year. The Fat Bike Birkie was held this past week with 850 racers.

County Administrator's Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Albarado reviewed the courthouse expansion funding and scheduled turnover is in April. Union negotiations are still ongoing, and they continue to recruit for positions throughout various departments, including Mr. Grahovac's; we are down to one social worker and one youth justice worker. Being short-staffed, we are sharing some responsibilities with other counties and services. A new benefits consultant was hired and they will review all benefits including self-insurance. The WCA Legislature Conference was attended and the Governor's budget was the topic of discussion.

Mr. Boettcher announced that tonight was his last meeting before moving to Washburn County.

Future Agenda Items -

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment – 7:52 pm

Next Meeting: April 18, 2023 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Large Courtroom
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

APPROVING SAWYER COUNTY AIRPORT HANGAR GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT

3. **Action by County Administrator.** The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the Hermel Hangar Ground Lease Agreement on behalf of the County and take whatever steps necessary to complete the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

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The subject matter of this Resolution and the Hermel Hangar Ground Lease Agreement was discussed by the Sawyer County Public Works Committee on April 12, 2023 and was recommended for approval by the County Board at its meeting on April 18, 2023.

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Ron Kinsley, Chair

Ed Peters, Vice Chair

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Brian Bisonette, Member

Chris Rusk, Member

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Marc Helwig, Member

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This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April, 2023.

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Tweed Shuman
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Lynn Fitch
Sawyer County Clerk

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HANGAR GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS HANGAR GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT (the “Lease”) is made and entered into on the date indicated below, by and between Sawyer County, a political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin, (“Lessor”), and David E. Hermel, (“Lessee”). Lessor and Lessee may be referred to herein in the singular as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS, Lessor owns and operates an airport known as the Sawyer County Municipal Airport at Hayward, Wisconsin (the “Airport”), and said Lessee is desirous of leasing from Lessor a certain parcel of land (the “Leased Premises”) on the Airport property, hereinafter more fully described; and

WHEREAS, there presently exists a hangar on the Leased Premises described as Hangar No. #19 the “Hangar”) and said Hangar is owned by Lessee; and

WHEREAS, Lessee will use the Leased Premises and existing Hangar for the purposes set forth in this Lease;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the rental charges, covenants and the agreements herein contained, Lessee does hereby hire, take and lease from Lessor and Lessor does hereby grant, demise and lease unto Lessee the following premises, rights and easements on and to the Airport upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Property Description. See attached Exhibit A of the Leased Premises.

2. Term and Extension. The term of this Lease shall be for a period of twenty (20) years commencing July 1, 2023. Lessee shall have the right to renew this Lease for one additional successive ten (10) year period under the same terms and conditions as set forth herein with the exception of the rent amount paid in Section 3 below, which shall be adjusted for inflation. Lessee shall provide Lessor six (6) months’ notice in writing of Lessee’s intent to extend the Lease term. In the event that Lessee should hold over and remain in possession of the Leased Premises after the expiration of the term of this Lease or upon termination for any other cause, such holding over shall be deemed not to operate as a renewal or extension of this Lease and shall be considered a month-to-month rental of the Leased Premises.

3. Rent.

(a) **Annual Rent.** Lessee shall pay to Lessor for the use of the Leased Premises an initial yearly rent of fifteen cents (\$0.15) per square foot for the land leased (16,000 sq.ft. in 2023), for a total annual charge of \$2,400 (“Rent”). Rent shall be payable in advance on January 1, and on each anniversary thereof until this Lease terminates. Rent payments shall be due annually on January 1, without further notice from Lessor.

(b) **Rent Adjustment.** Rent shall be adjusted on an annual basis in conjunction with annual increases in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in the Midwest published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 1982-84 = 100. Notice of a rent adjustment that is effective for the next calendar year shall be delivered on or before November 1 of the year prior to the year for which such adjustment shall apply.

(c) **One-Time Assessment.** Lessee shall also pay a one-time assessment of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), payable to Lessor upon Lessee’s execution of this Lease.

4. Taxes. Lessee shall pay all taxes and assessments that may be levied against the personal property or buildings, including the Hangar, of Lessee.

5. Utilities. Lessor shall be responsible for payment of all of its own utility expenses (gas, electric, telephone, heat, etc.) and at no time shall Lessee use the utilities of Lessor without Lessor's prior written consent, nor shall Lessee have its utility bills placed in the name of Lessor.

6. Other Fees. Nothing herein shall limit Lessor's right to impose, and Lessee's obligation to pay, any and all other fees which Lessor may establish from time to time for Airport services and privileges.

7. Buildings and Structures. Lessee shall have the right to maintain buildings or structures upon the Leased Premises, providing such buildings or structures are in accordance with all federal, state, and local regulations. All plans for such buildings or structures shall be reviewed and approved in writing by Lessor prior to construction.

8. Permitted Uses. Subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, Lessee is hereby given the following rights and privileges for the use of the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease:

(a) Lessor grants to Lessee the privilege of maintaining, occupying, and operating a hangar building upon the Leased Premises. Additional improvements shall require additional written approval from Lessor prior to construction.

(b) Lessee shall not construct living quarters or use space on the Leased Premises as living quarters.

(c) Lessee shall use the Hangar and any other improvements on the Leased Premises primarily for the storage of active aircraft owned or leased by Lessee or Lessee's immediate family, affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, or employees.

(d) Lessee shall have the right to install, operate, maintain, and store, subject to the approval of Lessor in the interest of safety and convenience of all concerned, all equipment necessary for the safe hanging of such aircraft.

(e) Lessee shall not store any items outside of the Hangar without prior written approval of Lessor.

(f) Any additional use of the Leased Premises by Lessee not relating to such aircraft storage and maintenance thereof must be approved by Lessor in writing prior to such use and is subject to the Minimum Standards Ordinance.

(g) Lessee shall have the right to the non-exclusive use of the common areas of the Airport and improvements thereon, including, the terminal, roadways, aprons, taxiways, runways, and other conveniences for the take-off, flying, and landing of aircraft.

(h) Lessor covenants that Lessee shall and may peaceably and quietly have, hold and enjoy Leased Premises exclusively to it during the term of letting thereof unless such term shall cease, close, or expire sooner or shall be terminated as provided in this Lease.

At no time shall Lessee store any flammable material (except for fuel in the aircraft), nor shall Lessee store explosives or other dangerous or hazardous materials, in or around the Hangar, without Lessor's prior written consent.

Lessee shall not hereafter make use of the Leased Premises in any manner which might create electrical or electronic interference with navigational signals or radio communications, impair the ability of pilots to visually

distinguish the airfield, or otherwise endanger the landing, take-off, or maneuvering of aircraft. Lessor reserves the right to enter upon the Leased Premises hereby and abate any such hazard at the expense of Lessee.

9. Nonexclusive Rights. Lessee shall have the nonexclusive right, in common with others so authorized:

(a) To use the common areas of the Airport, including runways, taxiways, aprons, roadways, floodlights, landing lights, signals, and other conveniences for the take-off, flying, and landing of aircraft.

(b) To use the Airport parking areas, appurtenances and improvements thereon, but this shall not restrict the right of Lessor to charge fees for the use of such areas.

(c) To use all access ways to and from the Leased Premises, limited to streets, driveways or sidewalks designated for such purposes by Lessor, and which right shall extend to Lessee's employees, passengers, guests, invitees, and patrons.

10. Hangar Maintenance. Lessee will maintain its Hangar, associated appurtenances, and the surrounding land in a safe, useful, clean, painted, neat, and orderly condition, and Lessee shall perform such repairs, maintenance, and upkeep as Lessor shall deem necessary and appropriate to maintain the safety of the Airport and to maintain the attractive, professional appearance of the Airport. Lessee shall provide all janitorial services within the Hangar. Lessee agrees that there will be no outside storage of equipment, materials, or supplies on the Leased Premises. Lessee further agrees not to deposit any trash, garbage, petroleum products, etc. on any part of the Airport. In the event Lessee fails to comply with this Section 10, Lessor may notify Lessee in writing that such maintenance, cleaning repair or replacement shall be done, and in the event that Lessee fails to correct the condition within fifteen (15) days of Lessor's written notice, Lessor may enter the Leased Premises and the Hangar and provide the necessary custodial service and bill Lessee for the expense thereof. In the event of fire or any other damage or casualty to structures owned by Lessee, Lessee shall repair, replace, or remove the damaged structure, and restore the Leased Premises to its original condition, within one hundred twenty (120) days of the date the damage occurred. Upon petition by Lessee, Lessor may grant an extension of time if it appears such extension is warranted.

11. Obstruction Lights. Whenever determined necessary by Lessor, Lessee agrees to install, maintain, and operate proper obstruction lights on the tops of all of Lessee's buildings or structures, at Lessee's sole cost.

12. Signs. No signs or advertising matter may be erected on the Leased Premises without the prior written consent of Lessor.

13. Rules and Regulations. Lessee agrees to observe and obey all current and future laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations (including the Minimum Standards Ordinance) promulgated and enforced by Lessor and by other proper authority having jurisdiction over the conduct of operations at the Airport, provided the same are consistent with the procedures proscribed or approved from time to time by the Federal Aviation Agency ("FAA"). This includes, but is not limited to, compliance with FAA regulations and guidance, Department of Transportation ("DOT"), FAA Policy on the Non-Aeronautical Use of Airport Hangars, 81 Fed. Reg. 38906 (Jun. 15, 2016) and DOT, Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on FAA Policy on Use of Hangars at Obligated Airports (2016), as is updated and adopted by the DOT from time to time, regarding permissible and impermissible hangar use, as follows:

- A. Permissible aeronautical uses of a hangar include – storage of active aircraft; shelter for maintenance, repair, or refurbishment of aircraft, but not the indefinite storage of non-operational aircraft; construction of amateur-built or kit-built aircraft provided that activities

are conducted safely; storage of aircraft handling equipment, e.g., tow bar, glider tow equipment, workbenches, and tools and materials used to service, maintain, repair or outfit aircraft, or items related to ancillary or incidental uses that do not affect a hangar's primary use and purpose – the storage of active aircraft; storage of materials related to an aeronautical activity, e.g., balloon and skydiving equipment, office equipment, teaching tools, materials related to ancillary or incidental uses that do not affect a hangar's primary use and purpose – the storage of active aircraft; storage of non-aeronautical items that do not interfere with the primary use and purpose of the hangar – the storage of active aircraft; a vehicle parked at the hangar while the aircraft usually stored in that hangar is flying.

- B. Impermissible uses of a hangar include – use as a residence; operation of a non-aeronautical business, e.g., limo service, car and motorcycle storage, storage of inventory, and non-aeronautical business office; activities which impede the movement of the aircraft in and out of the hangar or other aeronautical contents of the hangar; activities which displace the aeronautical contents of the hangar or impede access to aircraft or other aeronautical contents of the hangar; storage of household items that could be stored in commercial facilities; long-term storage of derelict aircraft and parts; storage of items or activities prohibited by local or state law; fuel, and other dangerous and Hazmat materials; storage of inventory or equipment supporting a municipal agency function unrelated to the aeronautical use

14. Security. Lessee shall comply at all times with all federal and state security and safety regulations and mandates. A hangar shall be locked at all times when an aircraft is stored within the Hangar and Lessee, or Lessee's agent, is not present at the Hangar. Keys shall not be left in any unattended aircraft whether or not the aircraft is located within the Hangar.

15. Commercial Operations. Nothing in this Lease shall authorize Lessee to conduct any business operations or commercial enterprise or to act as a Fixed Base Operator (FBO) on the Leased Premises. All such activities are prohibited without the prior written approval of Lessor. However, nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit Lessee from performing any services on its own aircraft with its own regular employees (including, but not limited to, maintenance and repair) that it may choose to perform.

16. Airport Maintenance. Lessor reserves the right, but shall not be obligated to Lessee, to maintain and keep in repair the landing and taxi areas of the Airport and all publicly owned facilities of the Airport, together with the right to direct and control all activities of Lessee in this regard.

17. Obstructions. Lessor reserves the right to take any action it considers necessary to protect the aerial approaches of the Airport against obstruction, together with the right to prevent Lessee from erecting, or permitting to be erected, any building or other structure on the Airport which, in the opinion of Lessor, would limit the usefulness of the Airport or constitute a hazard to aircraft. Lessee shall, upon approval by Lessor and prior to any construction of any nature within the boundaries of the Airport, prepare and submit to the Federal Aviation Administration, FAA Form 7460-1, "Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration", as required by Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77.

18. Airport Development. Lessor reserves the right to further develop and improve the Airport as Lessor sees fit, regardless of the desires or views of Lessee, and without interference or hindrance from Lessee. If the development of the Airport requires the removal and/or relocation of Lessee's hangar building(s), Lessor and Lessee agree that such removal and/or relocation shall occur pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Lessor will provide Lessee with written notice at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to said removal and/or relocation, and

- (b) Lessor shall, in Lessor's sole discretion, either:
- (c) Pay a third party to relocate Lessee's building(s) to a new location on the Airport, or
- (d) Pay Lessee the fair market value of the building(s).

19. Snow Removal. Lessor agrees to plow and remove the snow, at no extra charge, from the taxiways in front of the hangars, except within five (5) feet of hangar doors. The manner, speed and timeliness of snow removal shall be in the sole discretion of Lessor, and may vary from year to year and from snowfall to snowfall. Snow removal from the taxiways in front of Lessor's hangar shall be accomplished only after all runways, aprons, and primary taxiways have been first cleared. Lessee hereby releases and holds Lessor harmless from any liability for any and all damages, incurred by Lessee, caused by or arising from the manner, speed, or timeliness of Lessor's snow removal.

20. Right to Inspect. Lessor reserves the right to enter upon the Leased Premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of making any inspection it may deem expedient to the proper enforcement of any of the covenants or conditions of this Lease, or to the operation of the Airport.

21. Hold Harmless and Indemnification. Lessee (including Lessee's members, managers, agents, employees, invitees officers, and representatives) agrees to protect, defend, reimburse, indemnify, and hold Lessor, as well as its agents, employees, administrators, representatives, and elected officers, and each of them, free and harmless at all times from and against any and all claims, liabilities, expenses, losses, costs, fines, and damages (including reasonable attorneys' fees) and causes of action of every kind and character against and from Lessor of any nature or by any reason, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Theft or burglary in or about the Leased Premises;
- (b) Delay or interruption in any utility service from any cause whatsoever;
- (c) Fire, water, rain, frost, snow, gas, odors, or fumes from any source whatsoever;
- (d) Any injury to any person or damage to any property; or
- (e) Failure to keep the Airport premises, appurtenances, fixtures and/or equipment in repair.
- (f) Damage to property or the environment, including any contamination of any part of the Leased Premises, such as the soil or storm water by fuels and other petroleum products, chemicals, or other substances deemed by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to be environmental contaminants at the time this Lease is executed or may be redefined by the appropriate regulatory agencies in the future;
- (g) Bodily injury (including death) incurred or sustained by any party, arising out of or incident to or in connection with Lessor's use or occupancy of the improvements on the Leased Premises;
- (h) Acts, omissions or operations hereunder or the performance, nonperformance or purported performance of Lessor, any breach of the terms of this Lease, or any other failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Lease; or
- (i) Failure to comply with any applicable laws.

Lessee recognizes the broad nature of this indemnification and hold harmless clause, and voluntarily makes this covenant and expressly acknowledges that it is an express condition of this Lease. This Section 211 shall survive

the termination of this Lease and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to any and all claims, liabilities, expenses, losses, costs, fines, and damages (including reasonable attorneys' fees) and causes of action of every kind and character set forth herein. Compliance with the insurance requirements set forth in Section 22 shall not relieve Lessee of its liability or obligation to indemnify Lessor (including its agents, employees, administrators, representatives, and elected officials, invitees, committee members, and commission members) as set forth herein.

22. Insurance. Lessee shall, during the entire term hereof and at its sole cost and expense, maintain fire and extended coverage insurance on the Hangar and all furniture, fixtures, equipment, and personal property owned by Lessee located on the Airport. Lessor shall have no obligation to provide insurance for any of Lessee's personal property, or for Lessee's buildings, fixtures, or equipment which may be attached to or placed upon the Leased Premises.

Lessee shall, during the entire term hereof and at its sole cost and expense, maintain comprehensive general liability insurance against claims for bodily injury or death occurring in or about the Leased Premises, such insurance to afford minimum protection during the term of this Lease of not less than \$1,000,000.00 with respect to bodily injury or death to any one person and not less than \$1,000,000.00 with respect to any one accident, and of not less than \$500,000.00 for property damage. Lessee shall furnish to Lessor a certificate of any such policies of insurance required under this Section.

(a) The insurance policies required to be carried by Lessor hereunder shall contain provisions that such policies are not subject to cancellation or change without at least thirty (30) days' written notice to Lessee.

(b) Any insurance required to be maintained by Lessee under this Section may be provided and maintained by blanket insurance covering the Leased Premises and other locations, properties, and insurable interests of Lessee, provided that the coverage obtained by such blanket policy shall be in a manner sufficient to satisfy the obligations of Lessee under this Section.

23. Abandonment. If Lessee fails to use the Hangar, for the purpose of storing aircraft owned by Lessee, for a continuous period of twelve (12) months, then Lessor may, in Lessor's sole discretion, terminate this Lease.

24. Liens and Encumbrances. Lessee shall neither create, nor cause or permit to be created, any lien, encumbrance, security interest, or other charge, including liens for work, labor, or materials furnished, or alleged to have been furnished, on the Leased Premises.

25. Default and Termination.

(a) Default Defined. Lessee shall be deemed in default upon:

(i) Failure to pay rent or any other properly imposed fee within thirty (30) days after due date.

(ii) The filing of any petition under the Federal Bankruptcy Act or any amendment thereto, including a petition for reorganization.

(iii) The commencement of any proceeding for dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver.

(iv) The making of an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

(v) Violation of any of the other terms or conditions of this Lease, or failure by Lessee to keep any of its covenants, including but not limited to a Lessee's impermissible hangar use, as specified in Section 13 (a) and (b), after written notice to cease and/or correct such violation has been served upon Lessee by Lessor, and after Lessee has failed to correct such violation within thirty (30) days of service of such notice. Mailing notice by U.S. Mail, Certified Mail, shall constitute "service" of notice.

(b) Effect of Default. Default by Lessee shall authorize Lessor, at its sole option, to declare this Lease void, to cancel the same, and to re-enter and take possession of the Leased Premises.

(c) Remedies. Except otherwise provided herein, no right or remedy herein conferred shall be considered exclusive of any other right or remedy and each and every right and remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to any other right and remedy given hereunder, or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute. Remedies include, but are not limited to, the Lessor's right to evict the Lessee, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 704.

(d) Restoration of Property. Upon termination of this Lease, Lessee shall remove all of its buildings, equipment, and property, and restore the Leased Premises to its original vacant condition within ninety (90) days, unless Lessor agrees, in writing, to accept all or any part of the property which Lessee wishes to abandon. Abandoned structures and improvements shall become the property of Lessor.

(e) Non-waiver. Any intentional or unintentional waiver by Lessor of any violation of this Lease by Lessee shall not be construed or interpreted to be a waiver of any other prior, subsequent, or contemporaneous violation.

26. Assignment, Encumbrance, Transfer, Sublease, or Sale.

(a) Assignment, Encumbrance, Transfer, Sublease or Sale. Lessee shall not assign, encumber, transfer, sublease, or sell this Lease, in whole or in part, to any to any entity, lender, person, or other partnership without prior written consent from Lessor, which consent may be withheld in Lessor's sole and complete discretion. Lessor's consent may include specific requirements or conditions.

(b) Obligations Upon Assignment, Encumbrance, Transfer, Sublease, or Sale. Upon any assignment, encumbrance, transfer, sublease, or sale of this Lease, in whole or in part, to any entity, lender, person, or other partnership will not relieve Lessee of the obligation to ensure performance of the requirements set forth in this Lease. The terms of this Lease shall prevail over any terms or conditions set forth in any assignment, encumbrance, transfer, sublease, or sale agreement unless specifically agreed to by the Parties in an amendment to this Lease.

(c) Conditions for Any Assignment, Transfer, Sublease or Sale. Lessor may, in its discretion, refuse to review or consider any request for, or consent to, any assignment, encumbrance, transfer, sublease, or sale of this Lease, in part or in whole, unless all of the following terms are complied with:

(i) Lessee shall have paid all outstanding fees and/or rent and other amounts due which have accrued in favor of Lessor.

(ii) Lessee shall have met all other legal obligations to be performed, kept and observed by it under the terms and conditions of this Lease.

(iii) Lessee shall provide Lessor, at the time notice is given of any proposed assignment, with whatever information Lessor shall request concerning the identity, background,

financial responsibility, and other qualifications of the entity or individual involved in any such proposed transfer. Lessee acknowledges that Lessor cannot and will not act upon any request for approval of any such proposed transfer unless and until complete and accurate information is supplied regarding the proposed transferee.

27. Title. Title to the Hangar shall remain with Lessee and shall be transferable to any entity, lender, person, or other partnership only after Lessor has the opportunity to purchase the Hangar for a fair and reasonable price, as determined by market value at that time of proposed sale. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Minimum Standards Ordinance, at the end of the Lease term or upon termination, Lessee shall have the right to sell the Hangar and any improvements located on the Leased Premises that Lessee owns, or remove the same, and the purchaser or Lessee shall remove the same at their expense.

28. First Right of Refusal. During the term of the Lease, Lessee hereby grants Lessor the right to have the first opportunity to purchase the Hangar if and when such becomes available and the first right to meet any other offer from a third party. The terms of any such third-party offer shall be delivered in writing to Lessor, and Lessor shall have thirty (30) days from receipt in which to agree to meet the terms of said offer. If Lessor does not elect to purchase the Hangar, Lessee may transfer the Hangar to the third party on the same terms of the original offer. If Lessee does not transfer the Hangar pursuant to said offer, the terms of this Section shall continue to apply.

29. Subordination. This Lease shall be subordinate to the provisions of any existing or future agreement between Lessor and the United States or the State of Wisconsin relative to the operation or maintenance of the Airport, the execution of which has been or may be required as a condition precedent to the expenditure of federal or state funds for the development of the Airport. Furthermore, this Lease may be amended to include provisions required by those agreements with the United States or the State of Wisconsin.

30. Nondiscrimination. Lessee, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land that:

(a) No person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of the Subject Property or Lessee's Improvements.

(b) In the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.

(c) Lessee shall use the Subject Property and Lessee's Improvements in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination, in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations may be amended.

31. National Emergency. During time of war or other state or national emergency, Lessor shall have the right to suspend this Lease, and to turn over operation and control of the Airport to the State of Wisconsin and/or the United States Government during any period when the Airport shall be closed by any lawful authority, thereby restricting the use of the Airport in such a manner as to interfere with the use of same by Lessee, the rent shall abate, and the period of such closure shall be added to the term of this Lease so as to extend and postpone the expiration thereof.

32. Additional Provisions.

(a) Acceptance. Lessee agrees to accept said Airport and Leased Premises in “as is” condition as they now exist, and fully assume all risks incident to the use thereof, subject to the provisions of this Lease.

(b) Relationship of Parties. Lessee is, and shall be deemed to be, an independent party responsible for its respective acts and omissions, and Lessor shall in no way be responsible for any acts of Lessee. It is further mutually understood and agreed that nothing herein contained is intended or shall be construed as in any way creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners between the Parties hereto or as constituting Lessee as the agent or representative or employee of Lessor for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever.

(c) Successors and Assigns; Binding Effect. All terms and conditions of this Lease shall be binding upon any successor, assign, purchaser, or transferee of any interest herein. In addition, the terms and provisions of this Lease shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto, as well as their respective heirs, successors, and assigns.

(d) Governing Law; Severability. This Lease shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Any covenant, condition, or provision herein contained that is held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall be considered deleted from this Lease, but such deletion shall in no way affect any other covenant, condition, or provision herein contained so long as such deletion does not materially prejudice Lessor or Lessee in their respective rights and obligations contained in the valid remaining covenants, conditions, and provisions of the Lease, and when such occurs, only such other covenants, conditions, or provisions shall be deleted as are incapable of enforcement.

(e) Amendments. All actions seeking amendment of this Lease shall be in writing approved and executed by both Parties. The Sawyer County Public Works Committee shall be charged with jurisdiction to review any requests to amend this Lease, and any amendment shall be approved by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors.

(f) Entire Agreement. The Parties agree that this Lease constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the lease of the Leased Premises and Lessee’s leasehold interest in the Leased Premises.

(g) Costs of Enforcement. Lessee covenants and agrees to pay and discharge all reasonable costs, attorneys’ fees, and expenses that shall be made and incurred by Lessor in enforcing the covenants and provision of this Lease.

(h) Notices. All notices to either of the Parties shall be deemed validly given upon (1) deposit in the United States Mail, certified, with proper postage and certified fee prepaid, addressed to the address provide below or (2) via electronic delivery to the electronic mail address provided below, provided that receipt of such delivery is confirmed to the sending party by the receiving party.

To Lessor/Sawyer County:
Attention: County Administrator
10610 Main Street, Suite 23
Hayward, WI 54843
Email:

To Lessee/David E. Hermel
Attention: David E. Hermel

Email:

(i) Notice of Change in Address. The Parties shall provide the other Party written notice of any change in address or contact information within ten (10) days of such change.

(j) Authority to Act. The individual executing this Lease hereby represents and warrants that he has authority to act on behalf of Lessee and has authority to bind Lessee. The Sawyer County Administrator has the authority to bind Lessor.

[Signature Page(s) to Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed and delivered this Hangar Ground Lease Agreement as of the date referenced above.

SAWYER COUNTY

DAVID E. HERMEL

By: Andy Albarado
Its: County Administrator

By: David E. Hermel
Its: Member

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS.
COUNTY OF SAWYER)

Before me, a Notary Public is and for said County and State, personally appeared Andy Albarado, Sawyer County Administrator, on behalf of Sawyer County. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at _____, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS.
COUNTY OF SAWYER)

Before me, a Notary Public is and for said County and State, personally appeared _____ on behalf of _____. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at _____, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: _____

EXHIBITS TO BE ATTACHED:
EXHIBIT A – LEASED PREMISES DESCRIPTION

Exhibit A
Leased Premises

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13, Township 41 North, Range 9, more particularly described as Lot 1 of Certified Survey recorded in Volume Four hundred twenty-nine (429) of Certified Survey Map, pages 122-123 as Survey No. recorded November 15, 1992 in the Register of Deeds office for Sawyer County.

(See attached)

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Sawyer County ATV/UTV Routes

Routes Approved at March 2023 Public Works Meeting

County Road B (Chippewa Trail-east to CTH K)
County Road B (Frogg Road to Richardson's Bay Road)
County Road B (Forest Road 319 to Musky Tale Resort)
County Road B (Fishtrap Road to STH 70)
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County Road H (STH 27/70 to Beaverbrook Road)
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County Road M -north (CTH W to STH 70)
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County Road M (Bebak Road to CTH W)
County Road OO (USH 63 to Northern Lights Road)
County Road S (Moose Lake Road-west to Moose Lake Road-east)
County Road S (Moose Lake Road to STH 77)
County Road T (Nelson Lake Road – STH 27)
County Road W-south (Crawford Street to Price County Line)
County Road W-north (STH 70 to CTH B)

Routes NOT Approved at March 2023 Public Works Meeting

*County Road CC (CTH N to Conger Road)
*County Road E (CTH K to Williams Road)
*County Road E (CTH K to Reserve Road)
*County Road H (Blueberry Fire Lane to Blueberry Avenue)
*County Road K (County Road E to CTH KK)
*County Road N (CTH NN to CTH CC)
*County Road NN (CTH N to Gurno Lake Road)

*Sawyer County highways designated as ATV/UTV routes with all or a portion within the boundaries of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (LCO) :

Additions to 3.01

3.01 The following segments of Sawyer County highways are designated as ATV/UTV routes:

County Road E (Williams Rd. to Tribal Boundary by Norwis Rd.)

County Rd CC (CTH B to Carpenter Lake S)

County Road K (CTH KK to Indian Dr.)

Sawyer County highways designated as ATV/UTV routes with all or a portion within the boundaries of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (LCO). The segments below are applicable to areas within the reservation boundary.:

County Road H (Blueberry Fire Lane to Blueberry Avenue) 55mph

County Road NN (Green Lake Road to Chief Lake Road) 55mph

NOTE: County Road NN from Green Lake Rd to Gurno Lake Rd is a temporary bypass and will be closed to use after both sections of trail 777 (from Green Lake Rd to Indian Lake Rd, and from Indian Lake Rd to Gurno Lake Rd) are rehabilitated so they are safe and passable for the majority of ATV users.

County Road CC (CTH B to Flowage Rd is whole route, Carpenter Lake S to Flowage Rd within tribal boundaries)

County Road E (CTH K to Williams Road is whole route, CTH K to Tribal boundary S by Norwis Rd.)

County Road K (County Road E to Indian Drive)

County Road S (CTH B to Reservation boundary)

*County Road CC (CTH N to Conger Road)

*County Road E (CTH K to Reserve Road)

*County Road N (CTH NN to CTH CC)

County Road NN (Chief Lake Rd. to Gurno Lake Rd.)

Sawyer County All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles Ordinance

Section 1. General

1.01 Purpose Following due consideration of the recreational value to connect trail opportunities and weighed against the possible dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density and history of automobile traffic, Sawyer County enacts this ordinance for the purpose of designating routes and regulating the operation of All-terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV's) on Sawyer County highways. This ordinance is applicable to County Highways under jurisdiction of the County. ATV/UTV operators should be aware the Townships may enact regulations applicable to Town roads under their authority, and the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe has enacted regulations applicable to roads and lands within their reservation boundaries.

1.02 Statutory Authority This ordinance is enacted pursuant to County Board authority under Wisconsin Statutes 59.02, as authorized by 23.33(11)(am) and 23.33 (8)(b). In addition, except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, the provisions and standards of Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 64, as amended, and Wisconsin Chapter 23, as amended, describing and defining regulations with respect to ATV/UTVs and traffic are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein.

1.03 Cooperation This ordinance was assembled with the cooperation of other regulating local governments and nations within Sawyer County. All Townships and the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe are able to develop, regulate, and enforce their own ATV/UTV trails and routes within their jurisdiction [to the extent permitted by applicable law](#). These bodies have made efforts to cooperate and provide ATV/UTV access within the County, and also respecting the residents, visitors, and property owners within the County.

1.04 Jurisdiction The existing government bodies (County, Townships, and Lac Courte Oreilles) maintain the ability to regulate ATV/UTV activity within their jurisdiction [to the extent permitted by applicable law](#). The County is able to regulate and enforce County regulations on roads/routes within Sawyer County, and Townships are able to regulate and enforce Township regulations roads/routes within their respective Township. Use of ATV/UTV's on roadways (Town, County, and Tribal) on tribal lands of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (LCO), even though such lands may be located within the Town and County, are subject to the laws, rules, and enforcement of the LCO, [to the extent permitted by applicable law](#). [Nothing in this Ordinance is intended to modify, release or waive any right or obligation that Sawyer County may have subject to the Wisconsin Statutes or other applicable law.](#)

Section 2. Regulated Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles

2.01 Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 23.33 (4)(b), except as provided in Wisconsin Statute 23.33, no person may operate an ATV or UTV on any part of Sawyer County highways except those portions of County highways that are designated as ATV/UTV routes in Section 3.

2.02 The operation of ATV's and UTV's on any portion of County highway designated as an ATV/UTV route shall be subject to the following:

- a. ATV's and UTV's shall be operated on the extreme right side on the roadway on the paved surface. Operation on the gravel shoulder, grassy inslope, ditches, or other highway right-of-way is prohibited and illegal (unless designated a route or trail).
- b. ATV's and UTV's shall be operated in compliance with all applicable Wisconsin laws, orders, regulations, restrictions and rules, including Wisconsin Statute 23.33 and Wisconsin Administrative Code NR64, as amended.
- c. ATV's and UTV's shall be operated within applicable speed limits.
- d. All ATV/UTV operators shall ride in single file.
- e. All ATV's/UTV's are required to display a lighted headlamp and tail lamp while operating on a county highway.
- f. All ATV/UTV operators and passengers under the age of 18 are required to wear a minimum DOT standard ATV or motorcycle helmet with the chin strap properly fastened.
- g. No person under 12 may operate an ATV, unless specifically excepted under Wis. Stat. 23.33 (5)(a) 1.a. and b. No person under 16 may operate a UTV, unless specifically excepted under Wis. Stat. 23.33 (5)(am) 1.a. and b. All ATV safety certified operators age 12-15 must also be accompanied by their parent or guardian or by a person who is at least 18 years of age who is designated by the parent or guardian, while operating on a designated ATV route. Accompanied to be defined as subject to continuous verbal direction or control, but not necessarily on the same machine.
- h. All ATV/UTV operators who are at least age 12 and born on or after January 1, 1988 and operating on a county highway must possess a valid ATV safety certificate issued by this state or any other state or province.

2.03 Hours of Operation

ATV/UTV's are able to be operated 24 hours a day on Sawyer County Road routes except those identified in section 3.01. Those identified in Section 3.01 – marked with an asterisk (*) may only be operated on from 6:00am to 11:00pm.

Section 3 Designated Routes

3.01 The following segments of Sawyer County highways are designated as ATV/UTV routes:

County Road B (Chippewa Trail-east to CTH K)
County Road B (Frogg Road to Richardson's Bay Road)
County Road B (Forest Road 319 to Musky Tale Resort)
County Road B (Fishtrap Road to STH 70)
County Road BB (Washburn County line to STH 70)
County Road C (STH 27/70 to Chafer Road)
County Road C (13116 CTH C to STH 48)
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County Road CC (Flowage Road to CTH B)
County Road D (STH 40 – STH 27)
*County Road E (CTH K to Williams Road)

***County Road E (CTH K to Reserve Road)**

County Road E (STH 27/70 to Thors Lane)
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County Road W-north (STH 70 to CTH B)

***indicates routes on the Lac Courte Oreilles and subject to 6:00am to 11:00pm operating hours.**

3.02 The Sawyer County Public Works Committee may amend the designated ATV/UTV routes on adoption of a committee resolution which adds or removes segment from the routes listed in 3.01. Such committee resolution shall be effective immediately and the Clerk shall cause to be posted and published an amended listing of ATV/UTV designated routes in at least one public place and on the County website.

Section 4 Administration

4.01 All requests for new or revised ATV/UTV route designations shall first be submitted to the Sawyer County Highway Department for review prior to the second Wednesday in April or the second Wednesday in September for any request to be considered for the calendar year. All requests must be submitted by the Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance to be considered. A copy of approved local jurisdiction minutes, approving the road/route, must accompany the request. The highway department shall review such requests for county trunk highway route designations and make a recommendation to the Sawyer County Public Works Committee. All route requests within the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation shall be provided to the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Council for their review and input prior to approval. The Public Works Committee shall review the ATV/UTV route request, including appropriate criteria for making a designation and make a decision approving or denying the request. Decisions of approval will be posted as amendments to this ordinance.

4.02 Safety of the traveling public is of great concern to Sawyer County. Below is a list of factors that shall be considered when determining whether a county highway will be considered for an ATV/UTV route. This list is not exhaustive as every county highway has their own unique features that may need additional consideration:

- (1) ADT (average daily traffic).
- (2) Sawyer County Sheriff Department concerns.
- (3) Accident history within proposed route.
- (4) Verification that all other route options have been considered.
- (5) Presence of school zones or other special consideration areas.
- (6) Will the requested route connect segments of other ATV/UTV trail network?
- (7) Vertical/horizontal highway alignment issues.
- (8) Sight distance issues at the posted highway speed.
- (9) Pavement width.
- (10) Commercial heavy truck volumes.
- (11) Environmental hazards.

4.03 All existing ATV/UTV routes shall be reviewed in April of each year by the Sawyer County Public Works Committee to consider the continued value, efficacy or need for the ATV/UTV route. This renewal process shall also include a report from the Sheriff's Department on ATV/UTV violations, crashes, and safety concerns.

4.04 The Sawyer County Highway Department shall have sole authority and responsibility for placement of signage on the designated county highway routes. The county highways designated as ATV/UTV routes will not be open until they are marked with appropriate signage.

4.05 The Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance shall provide all necessary signs, posts, etc. required for the proper installation of ATV/UTV route signs.

4.06 The Sawyer County Highway Commissioner is authorized to enter into on behalf of Sawyer County contracts that provide for the reimbursement of the costs incurred by the County for the installation of the ATV/UTV route signs.

Section 5 Enforcement

5.01 This ordinance shall be enforced by all enforcement jurisdictions as listed in Wisconsin Statute 23.33(12) and Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 64, as amended.

5.02 This ordinance may be enforced in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 23.33(12), as amended, including the issuance of a citation under Section 66.0113, Wisconsin Statutes, as amended.

5.03 The penalties as set forth in Wisconsin Statutes 23.33(13)(a), as amended, are adopted by reference.

Section 6 Severability

6.01 Should any sub-section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a Court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the section as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 7 Effective Date

7.01 This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon passage by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors and publication.

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Sawyer County All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles Ordinance

Section 1. General

1.01 Purpose Following due consideration of the recreational value to connect trail opportunities and weighed against the possible dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density and history of automobile traffic, Sawyer County enacts this ordinance for the purpose of designating routes and regulating the operation of All-terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV's) on Sawyer County highways. This ordinance is applicable to County Highways under jurisdiction of the County. ATV/UTV operators should be aware the Townships may enact regulations applicable to Town roads under their authority, and the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe has enacted regulations applicable to roads and lands within their reservation boundaries.

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Section 2. Regulated Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles

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- h. All ATV/UTV operators who are at least age 12 and born on or after January 1, 1988 and operating on a county highway must possess a valid ATV safety certificate issued by this state or any other state or province.

2.03 Hours of Operation

ATV/UTV's are able to be operated from 5am to 1am on Sawyer County Road routes except those identified in section 3.01 as being within the reservation boundaries of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (LCO). Those identified in Section 3.01 as being within the LCO reservation boundaries – are able to be operated on from 6:00am to 11:00pm within the reservation boundaries.

Section 3 Designated Routes

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Sawyer County All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles Ordinance

Section 1. General

1.01 Purpose Following due consideration of the recreational value to connect trail opportunities and weighed against the possible dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density and history of automobile traffic, Sawyer County enacts this ordinance for the purpose of designating routes and regulating the operation of All-terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV's) on Sawyer County highways. This ordinance is applicable to County Highways under jurisdiction of the County. ATV/UTV operators should be aware the Townships may enact regulations applicable to Town roads under their authority, and the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe has enacted regulations applicable to roads and lands within their reservation boundaries.

1.02 Statutory Authority This ordinance is enacted pursuant to County Board authority under Wisconsin Statutes 59.02, as authorized by 23.33(11)(am) and 23.33 (8)(b). In addition, except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, the provisions and standards of Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 64, as amended, and Wisconsin Chapter 23, as amended, describing and defining regulations with respect to ATV/UTVs and traffic are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein.

1.03 Cooperation This ordinance was assembled with the cooperation of other regulating local governments and nations within Sawyer County. All Townships and the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe are able to develop, regulate, and enforce their own ATV/UTV trails and routes within their jurisdiction to the extent permitted by applicable law. These bodies have made efforts to cooperate and provide ATV/UTV access within the County, and also respecting the residents, visitors, and property owners within the County.

1.04 Jurisdiction The existing government bodies (County, Townships, and Lac Courte Oreilles) maintain the ability to regulate ATV/UTV activity within their jurisdiction to the extent permitted by applicable law. The County is able to regulate and enforce County regulations on roads/routes within Sawyer County, and Townships are able to regulate and enforce Township regulations roads/routes within their respective Township. Use of ATV/UTV's on roadways (Town, County, and Tribal) on tribal lands of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (LCO), even though such lands may be located within the Town and County, are subject to the laws, rules, and enforcement of the LCO, to the extent permitted by applicable law. Nothing in this Ordinance is intended to modify, release or waive any right or obligation that Sawyer County may have subject to the Wisconsin Statutes or other applicable law.

Section 2. Regulated Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles

2.01 Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 23.33 (4)(b), except as provided in Wisconsin Statute 23.33, no person may operate an ATV or UTV on any part of Sawyer County highways except those portions of County highways that are designated as ATV/UTV routes in Section 3.

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ATV/UTV's are able to be operated ~~24 hours a day from 5am to 1am on~~ on Sawyer County Road routes except those identified in section 3.01 as being within the reservation boundaries of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (LCO). Those identified in Section 3.01 as being within the LCO reservation boundaries — marked with an asterisk (*) may only be able to be operated on from 6:00am to 11:00pm within the reservation boundaries.

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A PLAN FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION
SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN
2021-2025

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Introduction

The primary purpose of this recreation plan is to provide continued direction toward meeting the current and future recreation needs of Sawyer County. This is accomplished by investigating Sawyer County's existing outdoor recreational resources, studying population trends, anticipating future demands, and developing guidelines and recommendations for public outdoor recreation facilities. These comments and suggestions are intended as guides for the County and its municipalities.

Objectives

- Meet existing as well as the foreseeable future recreational needs of Sawyer County residents and visitors.
- Maintain quality recreation areas while protecting Sawyer County's natural and scenic resources.
- Provide and improve the aesthetic and environmental values of the county's resources through acquisition, easements, zoning and other legislation, and to provide educational programs.
- Identify and preserve sites having scientific, historic, architectural or archeological significance.
- Consider this plan a program for development of year-round recreational facilities which will provide opportunities for all citizens and visitors.
- Encourage the efforts of municipalities to provide "community" recreational facilities such as ball fields, playgrounds, tennis courts etc.
- Encourage private development of quality recreational areas.
- Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities whenever feasible and environmentally possible.
- Develop and promote coordinated countywide recreational trail systems.

Background

Population

Sawyer County, the 5th largest county in land area in the state, had a 2010 population of 16,557 according to census data, which is approximately 0.3 percent of the total state population. Overall, Sawyer County population trends do not reflect recreational activity in the county as overnight visitors and second homeowners account for a substantial recreation use. Based on 2010 census data, 52% of homes within the county are second homes designated as seasonal or for recreational use.

Population Trends in Sawyer County (1980-2010)

Municipality	1980 CENSUS	1990 CENSUS	2000 CENSUS	2010 CENSUS	CHANGE 1980- 2010	PERCENT CHANGE
Town of Bass Lake	1,288	1,717	2,244	2,483	1,195	48%
Town of Couderay	394	386	469	479	85	18%
Town of Draper	242	208	171	208	-34	-16%
Town of Edgewater	441	509	586	640	199	31%
Town of Hayward	2,331	3,017	3,279	3,601	1,270	35%
Town of Hunter	594	557	765	841	247	29%
Town of Lenroot	926	966	1,165	1,349	423	31%
Town of Meadowbrook	202	192	146	155	-47	-30%
Town of Meteor	105	111	170	183	78	43%
Town of Ojibwa	264	250	267	327	63	19%
Town of Radisson	394	412	465	480	86	18%
Town of Round Lake	786	727	962	1,115	329	30%
Town of Sand Lake	768	821	774	885	117	13%
Town of Spider Lake	331	362	391	419	88	21%
Town of Weirgor	386	356	370	424	38	9%
Town of Winter	704	801	969	1,135	431	38%
Village of Couderay	114	92	96	94	-20	-21%
Village of Exeland	219	180	212	206	-13	-6%
Village of Radisson	280	237	222	218	-62	-28%
Village of Winter	376	383	344	353	-23	-7%
City of Hayward	1,698	1,897	2,129	2,340	642	27%

Landscape Characteristics

Sawyer County is geographically located in the northwest corner of the state in what could be defined as the “Northwoods” region of Wisconsin. The County lies primarily within the North Central Forest physiographic region of Wisconsin. The topography of the county is primarily glacial in origin. Glaciers eroded hilltops and filled valleys, thus reducing relief resulting in a topography best described as an undulating plain dissected by many lakes, rivers, and streams. The northeastern corner of the County is quite hilly and the southwestern corner contains many high quartzite ridges. The highest elevation (1800 feet) occurs at Meteor Hill with the “Blue Hills” region of southern Sawyer County. The terrain in the southeastern portion of the County is generally considered flat.

Climate

The climate of Sawyer County is classified as continental with an average annual temperature of 42.5 degrees Fahrenheit according to the Hayward Ranger Station weather station. The winters are long, cold and snowy, while summers are relatively short and warm with only brief periods of hot, humid weather. Springs and falls are often short and mixtures of both summer and winter. Mean temperatures drop below freezing in mid-November and freeze up of lakes follows soon after. The average annual precipitation in Hayward is 31.67 inches, snowfall averages between 60 and 70 inches per year. The growing season averages about 120 days with the date of the last killing frost ranging of spring from mid-May to mid-June.

Land-use

Sawyer County encompasses 863,859 acres with the greatest percentage of the county being rural and semi-wilderness in nature. Over 38% of Sawyer County’s land base is under some form of public ownership or management. Public lands are prevalent across much of the northern and eastern areas of the county. Sawyer County has 115,197 acres in county forest lands.

The federal government owns and manages 126,728 acres of land in Sawyer County. The largest federal holding is the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF). There are currently 123,805 acres of National Forest System lands within Sawyer County. The National Park Service (NPS) also owns and manages 2,922 acres of land within the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway.

The State of Wisconsin owns and manages 81,719 acres of land within Sawyer County, the largest contiguous state holding is the Flambeau River State Forest which manages 64,707 acres. Approximately 14,000 acres of state-owned lands are adjacent to the Chippewa Flowage, the largest wilderness lake in Wisconsin. Numerous state-owned islands are located within the flowage, the remaining approximately 3,000 acres of state land is comprised of state wildlife and fishery areas and recreational trails.

Nearly two-thirds of the landscape of Sawyer County is covered by forestlands while open water and wetlands cover nearly one-third, less than six percent of the landscape is considered cropland or developed areas.

Soils

The soils of Sawyer County are primarily upland and outwash from glacial drift, generally acidic in nature and have been derived largely from the weathering of the glacial drift deposits and can show a great variation within relatively short distances. Since the glacial period, the soils have been modified by water action, wind, and the accumulation and incorporation of organic material. The soil types range from sandy loams in the northern and western part of the county along the Namekagon River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Round and Grindstone Lakes region to more organic soils including silt loams and peats that are found in the eastern half of the County. Detailed soils information is available from the USDA Web Soil Survey at www.websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov

Supply of Existing Recreation Resources

Introduction

In 2020, all of the major recreational facilities and resources in Sawyer County were inventoried to determine the types and numbers of recreational areas and facilities available for public use. From this inventory, it was determined that Sawyer County has an extensive base of recreational resources and facilities.

WATER BASED ACTIVITIES

Fishery Resources

Many of the surface waters in Sawyer County provide excellent fishing opportunities. Of the 550 named and unnamed lakes in the county, 220 lakes with an area of 53,716 acres have game and panfish populations. The remaining 330 lakes with an area of 3,127 acres have no fish or only minnow populations. The lakes are further classified in Table 2 by the number of lakes and their total acreage where each game and panfish species occur.

There are also nearly 690 miles of perennial streams and rivers in the county, including 265 miles of trout stream which are also important to the county's fishery resources.

Table 2. Lake Fishery Resources in Sawyer County		
Fish Species	Occurrence (number of lakes)	Acres
Muskellunge	67	42,093
Walleye	82	49,568
Northern Pike	76	43,365
Largemouth Bass	170	52,560
Smallmouth Bass	53	44,693
Panfish	194	53,619
Trout Lakes and Springs	37	1,527
Minnow only, or none	330	3,127

Boating

There are 15 natural lakes and impoundments of over 500 acres in size that offer a total of 40,235 acres of surface water. There are an additional 20 lakes between 200 and 500 acres

providing another 6,075 acres of surface water to the boater. Altogether these 35 lakes account for 81 percent of all the surface water (46,310 acres) in the county. The largest of these lakes are the Chippewa Flowage, Lac Courte Oreilles, Round, Grindstone, Nelson, Chetac, Moose, Lost Land, Spider, Teal, Sand, Tiger Cat, Sissabagama, Whitefish, and Windigo. Boating is available on a number of the other named lakes and flowages throughout the county, depending on access and some lakes may have local restrictions on speeds and water skiing.

Of the 35 lakes over 200 acres, thirty have one or more public access points.

Canoeing-Kayaking-Paddle Sports

Sawyer County contains a large number of paddling rivers, many of them are often categorized as the best in the Midwest. Fourteen different rivers lend themselves to a variety of paddling experiences with a total mileage of approximately 268 miles. Rivers and mileage are shown in table 3. Access is good and varies from developed landing sites to more rustic bridge put-ins. The numerous area lakes and flowages also offers paddling opportunities.

Table 3. Canoeing/Kayaking Rivers in Sawyer County	
River Name	Length (miles)
Brunet River	40
Chief River	6.1
Chippewa River	27.1
Couderay River	16.3
East Fork Chippewa River	17
Moose River	10.1
Namekagon River	26.7
North Fork Flambeau River	32.8
South Fork Flambeau River	7.7
Teal River	4.1
Thornapple River	39.3
Torch River	3
Totogatic River	11.2
West Fork Chippewa River	27.4
Total Miles	268.8

Swimming Areas

Sawyer County has many lakes which provide excellent sand beaches for swimming. Both developed and undeveloped sites located in the county. Table 4 lists the developed swimming areas and location. Other lakes may also have boat access, privately owned beaches, or road rights-of-way where public swimming may be permitted.

Table 4. Developed Swimming Areas in Sawyer County		
Name	Ownership	Location
Round Lake Peninsula Beach	Town of Hayward	Northwest
Smith Lake	Town of Lenroot	Northwest
Silverthorn Lake	Town of Lenroot	Northwest
Hayward Beach	City of Hayward	Northwest
Connors Lake	Flambeau River State Forest	Southeast
Black Lake	Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest	Northeast
Moose Lake	Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest	Northeast

LAND BASED ACTIVITIES

Camping

Camping on the county forest is permitted in many areas, in general, most of the forest is open to camping with a tent, trailer, truck camper or other camping shelter for a period not to exceed ten days. A camping permit is required for a per night fee. A large percentage of campers on the county forest are hunters during the gun hunting deer season. At this time, there are no designated campgrounds on Sawyer County Forest Lands.

The Flambeau River State Forest offers two family campgrounds, primitive canoe sites along the Flambeau River and an ADA accessible yurt. The Lake of the Pines Campground has a total of 30 sites, all non-electric and there are no ADA designated sites. Connors Lake Campground has 29 sites with two ADA designated sites, 4 sites have electric service. There are also 12 primitive canoe campsites along the Flambeau River within Sawyer County. Each landing provides room for one to three individual campsites and includes a picnic table, fire ring and pit toilet.

The Chippewa Flowage contains 18 primitive island campsites. Each public campsite is marked with a sign and has a fire ring, picnic table and open-air box latrines. All campsites are accessible by water only. Of the 18 total campsites on the flowage, 11 are on WDNR owned islands, one is on an island under Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest ownership and the remaining 6 are on Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal ownership and are managed by the Lac Courte Oreilles Conservation Department.

The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway provides 11 different primitive shoreline campsites along the Namekagon River.

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest offers camping facilities at two campground recreation areas. Black Lake Recreation Area provides 29 sites on Black Lake. All campsites provide a hardened parking area, picnic table, and fire ring. Some sites can accommodate a 45-foot trailer. Moose Lake Recreation Area offers 15 campsites, 3 of which are tent only, the rest can accommodate RV's from 25-45 feet. Each site is equipped with a parking spur, picnic table and campfire rings.

Several Towns in Sawyer County also offer campground facilities. The Town of Ojibwa provides camping at Ojibwa Park. The park has 16 camper sites and 3 tent sites. The park is bordered by the Chippewa River and the Tuscobia State Trail. An RV dump station, drinking water, and pit toilets are available. The Town of Draper has a tent and RV campground located off the Tuscobia Trail. The sites are level and graveled, have fire rings and picnic tables. Electric service is available for each site. The Town of Radisson provides camping along the Couderay River.

Other private campgrounds are distributed throughout the county with a variety of camping amenities and densities, there is a growing demand in recent years for seasonal campsite rentals with many sites in private campgrounds being occupied by the same campers all season long.

Picnic Areas-Day Use Parks

Sawyer County has many picnic and day use area parks distributed throughout the county, county, state, federal, township and villages all provide day use areas with multiple amenities and facilities available. Table 5 Lists the various day use areas available throughout the County.

Table 5. Picnic/Day-Use Park Areas in Sawyer County	
Name	Ownership
Hatchery Creek Park	Sawyer County
Eagles Landing	Sawyer County
Nelson Lake Park	Sawyer County
Silverthorn Lake Park	Town of Lenroot
Smith Lake	Town of Lenroot
Black Lake	Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
Moose Lake	Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
Ojibwa Park	Town of Ojibwa
Grindstone Shallows Park	Town of Bass lake
Harvey Park	Town of Bass Lake
Henks Park	Town of Bass Lake
Windigo Park	Town of Bass lake
Grindstone Scenic Overlook	Town of Bass Lake

Loretta Draper Municipal Park	Town of Draper
County Hill Recreational Forest	Town of Hayward
Baird Community Park	Town of Ojibwa
Meteor Town Hall	Town of Meteor
Stone Lake Lions Park	Town of Sand Lake
Ed Anderson Recreation Area	Village of Couderay
Swan Creek Park	Village of Exeland

Nature Study and Hiking Trails

There are many suitable areas for nature study and hiking within the county. Among the designated trails are:

- Uhrenholdt Memorial Forest, 1.8 miles of trail through WDNR forest management demonstration area.
- Ojibwa Park Trails, 1-mile Turkey Feather Nature Trail. Also, a 1.5-mile skiing/hiking trail.
- Town of Hayward County Hill Recreational Forest Trails
- Sawyer County Forest Green Lake/Little Sissabagama non-motorized trail, 2.5 miles.
- Mino-giizhigad Trail, WDNR trail located east of the CC North Boat Landing.
- Moss Creek-Hay Creek skiing/hiking trails on WDNR land on the north side of the Chippewa Flowage, 2.0 miles.
- Hatchery Creek Park Nature Trail
- Lynch Creek State Wildlife Area, ¼ mile interpretive nature trail.
- Hayward Library Nature Park, ½ mile nature trail with informational kiosks.

Bicycling- Mountain Biking

Sawyer County offers a wide variety of biking opportunities. From paved county and town roads, paved bike paths, to excellent trail riding mountain biking.

There are no marked or signed bike routes for road touring within Sawyer County, there are, however, many paved county and town roads that offer excellent low traffic routes. A map for Sawyer County designating road and highways as routes for bicycle travel is available from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/travel/bike/bike-maps/county.aspx>

The City of Hayward provides a 6.6-mile paved bike path and connecting road routes. The path is slightly sloped, is separated from traffic and has safety signals at road crossings. A map can be viewed at <https://cityofhaywardwi.gov/wp-content/uploads/bike-trail.jpg>

There are great trail and off-road biking opportunities in Sawyer County on public lands. The Sawyer County Forest, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, and Hayward Area Memorial

Hospital provide miles of trails, including winter fat biking opportunities. The trail system was developed, built, marked, mapped and maintained by the Chequamegon Area mountain Bike Association (CAMBA). It provides a diverse, beginner to expert variety of mountain biking trails and includes approximately 41.5 miles of singletrack trails, 46-miles of winter Fat Bike trails, over 220 miles of gravel road and two-track road routes throughout Sawyer County. Additionally, built in 2016 the Hatchery Creek Bike Park located at Sawyer County Forest Hatchery Creek Park is a popular facility among CAMBA's trail and riding experiences. The bike park includes a pump track, singletrack climbing trail and two descending lines: a jump line and a flow line. The bike park also includes a skills area designed to accommodate beginner, intermediate and more advanced riders. Features include: rock gardens, skinnies, drops, benchcut singletrack, teeter-totters, log lifts/ride-overs, and ladder bridges. Maps can be viewed for Sawyer County mountain bike and fat bike opportunities at the CAMBA website: <https://cambatrails.org/trails/>

ATV/UTV Trails

ATV/UTV (All-terrain vehicle/ Utility terrain vehicle) is a popular activity that continues to grow throughout the county. Trail systems are provided for on the Sawyer County Forest, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF), Flambeau River State Forest (FRSF), Tuscobia State Trail, and some private landowners within Sawyer County. Sawyer County currently manages 150.4 miles of summer use state funded trails which includes the Tuscobia State Trail and trails on the CNNF in cooperation with the Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance which is the primary contract holder for all maintenance and grooming. There are approximately 25-miles of additional trail available on the FRSF as well as on the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Lands. There is also 149.8 miles of winter use ATV trails available in the county.

In 2012, the State of Wisconsin established a permanent program for UTV's, also known as side-by-sides, are allowed on all ATV trails managed by Sawyer County. These vehicles have been increasing in popularity every year.

Snowmobile Trails

Sawyer County has one of the best snowmobile trail networks in the Midwest. The trail system has over 600 miles of groomed trails which includes 383.2 miles of state funded trails under the management of Sawyer County. This system is part of the statewide network of snowmobile trails which links Sawyer County with adjoining counties as well as the rest of the state. The County has a single contract with the Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance to maintain the state-funded trails. The Alliance is very dedicated to keeping the trails in good condition.

The Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance is a non-profit corporation made up of 11 snowmobile and ATV clubs within Sawyer County. The purpose of the Alliance is to help create and maintain some of the best ATV/Snowmobile trails around.

A link to the snowmobile and ATV trails within Sawyer County can be found at:

<https://sawyercountyalliance.com/sawyer-county-snowmobile-atv-trail-maps/>

Cross-Country Skiing

There are extensive cross-country ski trails and associated facilities throughout Sawyer County. The American Birkebeiner Ski Trail includes trails from the north county line of Sawyer County to Highway 77 just outside of Hayward, which covers 32.5 miles of the original trail as well as the more recent addition of the classical trail which runs from the county line to the double OO trailhead facility. Facilities and trailheads associated with the birkie trail include Fish Hatchery Park- with parking, drinking water, pit toilet, warming building. Mosquito Brook – with parking, warming building, drinking water. Double “OO” Trailhead Building – with parking, indoor bathrooms and gathering area, and drinking water. Boedecker Trailhead – with warming building, parking, and drinking water. Firetower – Warming building, limited parking, drinking water.

Several loop trails are available at Hatchery Creek Park, Hayward Area Memorial Hospital Trails, Mukwonago Ski trail on CNNF, Seeley Hills Ski trail on Sawyer County Forest, Town of Hayward Recreational Forest Trail, Flambeau Hills Ski Trail on FRSF and the Turkey Feather Ski Trail in Ojibwa Park.

Lighted ski trails are also located at the “OO” trail facility on the Birkie Trail and at the Hatchery Creek Park.

Snowshoeing

Anywhere hiking is permitted in the county snowshoeing is also possible. The CAMBA single track trails at Hatchery Creek Park are a designated snowshoe trail. Mosquito Brook and “OO” trailheads also have designated and marked snowshoe trails. The Hayward Hospital trails as well as the Town of Hayward Recreational Forest Trail also provide trail opportunities.

Hunting

There are approximately 330,000 acres of publicly owned lands open for hunting in Sawyer County. There are 115,197 acres of county land, 81,719 acres of state land, and 126,728 acres of federal land. A map of public lands in Sawyer County is included in this plan. In addition to public lands, hunting is also permitted by law on over 86,000 acres of private forest under the State’s forestry tax programs.

State Natural Areas Within Sawyer County

State natural areas (SNA’s) protect outstanding examples of Wisconsin’s native landscape of natural communities, significant geological formations and archeological sites. Sawyer County

has 16 valuable state natural areas for research and educational use, the preservation of genetic and biological diversity and for providing benchmarks for determining the impact of use on managed lands. They also provide some of the last refuges for rare plants and animals. Sawyer County has the following SNA's

- Bass lake Peatlands
- Flambeau River Hardwood Forest
- Ghost Lake
- Hanson Lake Wetlands
- Kissick Alkaline Bog Lake
- Lake Helane
- Lake of the Pines Conifer – Hardwoods
- Moose River Cedar Hills
- No-Name Lake
- Oxbo Pines
- Snoose Creek
- Spring Brook Drumlins
- Swamp Lake
- Thornapple Hemlocks
- Upper Brunet River
- Wilson Lake

More information can be found at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp>

Recommendations

Introduction

Previous sections of this plan have dealt with supplies, trends, and demands of recreational facilities of Sawyer County. This final section will analyze existing facilities and makes recommendations for possible improvements.

The plan is divided into two sections, the first discusses the projected needs by activity and makes general recommendations that may be implemented by a variety of governmental units. Existing parks, trails, and recreation facilities are listed in the next section, with more specific recommendations where applicable.

Recreational Needs by Activity

Water Based Activities

Fishing

Sawyer County's abundance of lakes, rivers and streams assures of an adequate fishery resource for many years to come. Improvements that could be considered are development of additional public access sites.

On the larger lakes, increased parking could be developed. Boat ramps could be improved to hard-surfaced concrete planks or cement pads. Handicap accessible docks should also be incorporated. Small lake public access sites should be designed to discourage deep draft boats and large motors. Walk-in access for small, lightweight hand-carried crafts should be provided on smaller bodies of water where possible.

Boating

According to the 2019-2023 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), motorboating remains a high recreational demand in the northwest region of the state. In order to continue to accommodate a large number of boaters in the county, additional public boat launches may need to be developed, and existing launches and facilities improved.

Canoeing/Kayaking

Rivers and streams suitable for canoeing and kayaking are abundant in Sawyer County. Increased public access points and maintaining the existing access should be adequate to meet projected demands.

Swimming

Sawyer County has several beaches throughout the county, but many areas of the county need well-developed public swimming areas.

Land Based Activities

Camping

Sawyer County has a number of private campgrounds as well as public campgrounds available on state and federal lands. Primitive camping is available throughout the county forest. Much of the increased demand for camping is provided for through private campgrounds.

Picnic – Day Use Areas

There hasn't been a demand for additional picnic facilities in Sawyer County. Picnic facilities will generally be better utilized if combined with other recreation activities such as swimming beaches, recreational trails/trailheads, playground equipment etc. Picnic areas should be included at any new park development.

A number of parks are being recommended for future improvements, additional grills and picnic tables will be incorporated into the parks to accommodate day-use activities.

Nature Study and Hiking Trails

Sawyer County offers many hiking and nature study opportunities to the public. Development of any hiking trails could include modifying the trail for disabled individuals, constructing boardwalks, providing interpretive signs and trail brochures, and creating overlooks and rest areas along the trail. These improvements will help satisfy nature study and hiking trail demands.

The Grindstone Lake Foundation currently has a project acquisitioning a former cranberry bog on Grindstone Lake to provide water quality protection, provide low-impact public recreation and educational experiences and demonstration of wetland, shoreline and nearshore habitats and land restoration which would be a benefit for Sawyer County for nature study.

Bicycling-Mountain Biking

Mountain biking is a sport that is increasing in popularity in Sawyer County every year. Sawyer County provides many miles of both singletrack, two track, and gravel road routes throughout the county. Proposed improvements to the trails system would include on-going trail maintenance, improvements and rehabilitation of older trails. Reclamation of degraded trail segments. Expansion of gravel route system, including mapping and marking routes. Upgrading trailhead kiosk facilities and upgrading wayfinding signage.

ATV/UTV Riding

As ATV/UTV use is constantly growing, facilitating trail improvements and developments on the Sawyer County state funded trail system will be a priority. Trail rehabilitations, developments

of new trail and trail facilities will help to address the growing demand for trail riding opportunities. Sawyer County will continue to work with the Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance as well as other units of government and other landowners to maintain and improve the trails. Bridge and trail rehabilitation will continue as needed. Development of shelters, restrooms and other trailhead facilities are recommended for remote locations along the trail system. Trail interconnectivity will also be a focus for any future developments. Coordination among Townships Sawyer County and adjoining Counties for development of consistent speed limits and regulations on ATV/UTV routes needs additional attention.

Snowmobile Trails

Sawyer County continues to be a destination for snowmobiling and continues to experience a high demand on snowmobile trails throughout the county. Sawyer County will continue to work with the Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance as well as other units of government and landowners to maintain and improve the trails. Bridge and trail rehabilitation will continue as needed. Development of shelters, restrooms and other trailhead facilities are recommended for remote locations along the trail system. Trail interconnectivity will also be a focus for any future developments.

Cross-Country Skiing

Sawyer County also continues to be a destination for cross country skiing as well, with the world-famous American Birkebeiner Ski Trail as well as several other smaller loop trail systems throughout the county provides facilities for this increasingly popular activity in the county. Sawyer County will continue to work with the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation and other local groups to provide and improve trail and trailhead facilities within the county.

Summary

Sawyer County has ample natural resources that are attractive to residents and nonresidents alike. The key to keeping this attractive is adequate resource protection, maintenance of current facilities, and expansion of facilities in the areas previously discussed.

The next section analyzes and makes recommendations for improving existing parks and facilities.

Recommendations

County Facilities

- **Hatchery Creek Park**

A former DNR fish hatchery, Hatchery Creek Park was established as the first county park in 1984. Hatchery Creek Park has become a focal point for many events including the Chequamegon Fat Tire mountain bike race, American Birkebeiner ski race, and regional high school cross-country meets. These events bring thousands of participants and spectators from around the world to the area each year.

In addition to large, competitive events the park hosts many smaller, private functions and provides opportunities for outdoor education and recreation. Opportunities include ski trails with lights for night skiing, trout fishing, picnicking and a nature trail for hiking. Mountain bikers access singletrack trails and pump park bike area from the trailhead at the park. Located at the park, the Hatchery Creek Trailhead provides access to the southern portion of the Birkie trail within a short distance of Hayward

Existing Facilities

- Paved parking area and trailhead on the southern portion of Sawyer County Forest Seeley Block
- Restrooms
- Heated log pavilion/shelter with picnic tables
- Fire ring and benches
- Picnic tables and grills
- Trail information
- Lighted ski loops
- Nature/ educational trail
- Drinking water

Recommendations

- Increase opportunities for multi-season use
- Improve nature/educational hiking trail signs
- Replace picnic tables and grills

- **American Birkebeiner Trail**

The primary focus of development will be for year-round recreational use as well as providing support for annual events.

Existing Facilities

- Mosquito Brook Trailhead

- Warming Building
- Parking
- Drinking water
- Pit Road Trailhead
 - Warming building
 - Limited parking
 - Drinking water
- Double OO Trailhead Center
 - Indoor bathrooms
 - Meeting area
 - Parking
 - Fitness park
 - Drinking water
- Boedecker Road Trailhead
 - Warming building
 - Limited parking
 - Drinking water
- FireTower Trailhead
 - Warming building
 - Limited parking
 - Drinking water
- Birkie Ridge Trailhead
 - Parking area

Seeley Fire Tower

The location of the now removed Seeley Fire Tower provides a unique vista south across miles of the Sawyer County Forest. The site is adjacent to the birkie trail and CAMBA singletrack bike trails and is used as a stopping point by hikers, mountain bikers, skiers and snowmobilers.

Recommendations

- Develop an elevated overlook
- Information kiosk

Nelson Lake Wayside

Former Department of Transportation wayside located on State Highway 27 North, adjacent to the County owned Totogatic Dam that forms Nelson Lake and immediately upstream from the WDNR Totogatic Wildlife Area. Managed in cooperation with the Town of Lenroot.

Existing Facilities

- Paved parking Area
- Picnic table and grills
- Pit toilets
- Boat landing
- Pavilion
- Native plant display

Eagles Landing Park

A 1.42-acre park and landing on the Namekagon River, which is accessible from Airport Road. Improvements will emphasize the natural setting and aesthetics of the Namekagon River and improve wildlife and shoreline habitat.

Existing Facilities

- Gravel parking area
- Artesian well
- Handicap accessible restroom
- Wildlife viewing benches
- Picnic area
- Walkway to river access
- Pier for river access

Recommendations

- Shelter/pavilion

Sawyer County Fairgrounds

A 10.65-acre site adjacent to the County Highway Shop on CTY Hwy B. The fairgrounds are available to organizations for events and storage of county equipment.

Existing Facilities

- Pavilion
- Exhibit hall
- Large animal barn
- Hog/sheep barn
- Poultry barn
- Milking parlor
- Motocross track

- Grandstand
- 4-H building
- Large parking area

Recommendations

- Surface improvements for walkways and road
- Insulate and install HVAC system in exhibit hall
- Bleachers
- Outdoor public bathrooms
- Storage building for fair equipment

Boat Landings

- Nelson lake Dam Boat Landing, developed
- Nelson Lake Tag Alder Landing, developed
- Weirgor Lake, walk in landing
- Price Dam Landing, Lake Winter, developed
- Windfall lake, developed
- Spring Lake, developed
- Tiger Cat Flowage, developed
- Deer Lake, developed
- Green Lake, undeveloped

Township Recreational Facilities

Town of Bass Lake

Existing Facilities

- Durphee Boat Landing – Cement ramp with limited parking located on County Road KK
- Grindstone Scenic Overlook
- Grindstone Shallows Park – Boat landing, pavilion, picnic area, grills, restrooms and rustic nature trail
- Harvey Park – Rustic walkway with benches at LCO shoreline with limited parking located on Circle Drive at the end of County Road KK.
- Henks Park
- Little LCO Boat Landing
- Spring Lake Boat Ramp – Cement ramp and dock with limited parking located at the junction of Williams Road and County Road E

- Windigo Boat Landing – Cement boat ramp with dock, gazebo, view shed, large paved parking area, picnic area, grills and restroom located on Highline Road.
- Town Hall Park located on County Road K in Northwoods Beach. Open pavilion, picnic area, grills, restroom and playground equipment

Town of Draper

Loretta/Draper Municipal Park

Existing Facilities

- Pavilion
- Picnic area

Boat/Canoe access to Lake Loretta, located off Dam Road, 1 mile north of State Highway 70.

Tent/RV Campground: Located at junction of State Highway 70 and County Highway M. 15 camper sites, electrical outlets, restrooms, showers, drinking water, parking for ATV/UTV trailers and direct access to Tuscobia State Trail.

Town of Hayward

The Town of Hayward maintains a lake access and swimming area on Peninsula road and boat landing with parking on Linden Road, both sites are on the west side of Round Lake.

County Hill Recreational Forest

A year-round park for non-motorized recreation located on County Hill Road adjacent to the WDNR Kissick Swamp Wildlife Area.

Existing Facilities

- Picnic/warming shelter
- Handicap accessible restroom
- Gravel parking area
- Sledding hill
- Natural lake
- Trail system for hiking, hunter walking trail, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing

Recommendations

- Signage
- Develop interpretive trail for forest management practices and native trees and vegetation
- Benches
- Power to shelter building
- Trail lighting
- Develop Kozniesky pond area
- Gravel pit reclamation for skating rink

Town of Lenroot

The town of Lenroot owns and maintains two recreation facilities and a boat landing. The facilities are on Silverthorn Lake and Smith Lake, with the boat landing on Nelson lake.

Eytcheson Park – Smith lake

Existing Facilities

- Boat landing and parking
- Swimming beach
- Restrooms
- Picnic area
- Pavilion

Silverthorn Lake Park

Existing Facilities

- Swimming beach
- Shelter/pavilion
- Restrooms
- Tennis court
- Playground equipment
- Baseball field

Town of Meteor

Existing Facilities:

- Softball field
- Sand volleyball court
- Paved court area
- Picnic pavilion with grill and tables

Recommendations:

- Continue development of recreation center at Town Hall.

Town of Ojibwa

Ojibwa Park

The Town of Ojibwa owns and maintains the former Ojibwa State Park. The Town has a 4-member park committee who oversees maintenance/ management of the Ojibwa Park. The Park provides access for snowmobilers and ATVs to the Tuscobia State Trail, as well as a campground. The Turkey Feather Trail is a one-mile marked hiking trail on the north side of Highway 70 in Ojibwa Park. A two-mile ski loop starts at the Turkey Feather Trailhead.

Existing Facilities:

- Restrooms
- Picnic areas & large grill
- Sixteen camper sites and three tent sites

Existing Facilities

- Drinking water
- RV waste station
- Shelter building
- Playground equipment for pre-school to age 10
- Turkey Feather Trail – hiking & skiing

Recommendations:

- Develop/install shower unit in campground

Baird Community Park

Located on the north side of the Chippewa River.

Existing Facilities:

- Picnic tables
- Grills
- Restrooms
- Ball Field with dugouts
- Concession stand
- Canoe access to the river

Recommendations:

- Replace concrete floor in shelter
- Roll grounds in ball park outfield

Ojibwa Park-Canoe Access

A small parking area adjacent to the Ojibwa Park that provides scenic access and a canoe take-out point on the north side of the Chippewa River.

Existing Facilities:

- Picnic area
- Improved canoe access point
- Gravel parking area

Town of Round Lake

The Town of Round Lake utilizes the Town Hall located on CTH A for Town meetings and annual functions. Hall/Community Building is also used by multiple lake and property associations for meetings and informational forums.

Existing Facilities:

- Parking area
- Non-motorized boat launch
- Scenic area with fishing access (West Fork Chippewa River)
- Battle of the Horsefly historical site/marker

Recommendations:

- Develop picnic facilities including grills and tables, pavilion, and landscaping.
- Restrooms
- Drinking water
- Hiking/Snowshoe trail development on 40 acres of town property adjacent to Town Hall.
- Develop water access/swim/picnic area, possibly in conjunction with adjacent Towns.

Town of Sand Lake

Recreation facilities in the Town of Sand Lake are provided primarily for Stone Lake area residents, visitors and tourists.

Stone Lake Lions Park

The park is located on STH 70

Existing Facilities:

- Softball field with improved fencing and players benches
- Pavilion. With adjoining serving area (roll serving doors and picnic tables)
- Picnic areas with tables and grilles
- Fire Pit
- Playground Equipment
- Equipment Storage Building and Garage

- Restrooms (Pit Toilets)
- Basketball court
- Pickle Ball court
- Volley Ball court

Recommendations:

- Add Horseshoe courts
- Provide a water source to the park
- Paint the existing Pit toilets
- Build Restrooms with running water and sewer.
- Add ADA equipment and ADA surfacing to the Lion's Park playground.

Stone Lake Elementary School

Previously the Stone Lake Elementary school building, the building and lot is now owned by the Stone Lake Cranberry Fest, Inc. and used as a community park.

Existing Facilities:

- ~~Playground Equipment, 2 groupings~~

Recommendations:

- ~~Move one grouping of Playground equipment to Lions Park (Replacement) or Lions Hall (New Play Area)~~

Town of Winter

Archery Range – Lagoon Road

Existing Facilities:

- Pavilion
- Small storage shed
- Parking
- Porta-potty (owned by archery club)

Recommendations:

- Expand facility to include rifle and pistol range
- Expand parking area to accommodate approximately 20 vehicles and/or trailers
- Develop recreational vehicle operation training area for youth lessons/certifications
- Plant a buffer of trees
- Provide a water source to the area
- Provide restroom facilities
- Provide playground equipment
- Develop a picnic area with shelter, tables and grills

- Provide electricity to site

Lake Winter Boat Landing – Tower Road (NE side of lake)

Existing Facilities:

- Seasonal boat dock
- Handicap accessible fishing dock
- Parking area

Recommendations:

- Develop playground area with shelter and equipment
- Provide electricity to picnic area
- Provide picnic tables
- Provide water source
- Provide restroom facilities
- Boat Landing of Price Dam Road

Village recreational facilities

Village of Couderay

The recreation facilities are provided within the village located on the Couderay River.

Ed Anderson Recreation Area

Existing Facilities:

- Two ball fields
- Playground equipment
- New pavilion
- Picnic area
- Restrooms

Recommendations:

- New barrier free restrooms should be added
- New chain-link backstops on both fields
- New line fencing on both fields
- Picnic area with tables and grills could be developed along the river within the park
- Access to Couderay River
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Village of Radisson

Four outdoor recreation areas are located in the village. All town roads are open to ATV and

Snowmobiles.

New Project Recommendations:

- Create path and rehabilitation of boat landing/public rest area on Couderay River. Property lies within Town of Radisson and owned by North Central Power.
- Develop biking/walking/rollerblade path to Tuscobia Trail to create a circular recreational path

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Radisson Recreational Park

Existing Facilities:

- Eight campsites with electric & water hookup
- 5 tent sites
- Picnic tables
- Pavilion with electricity & water
- Restrooms
- Playground equipment for preschool
- Volleyball net
- Basketball hoop
- RV waste station
- ATV wash station
- ATV unloading ramp

Recommendations:

- Shower building
- Blacktop parking area

Radisson Ball Park

Existing Facilities:

- Restrooms
- Concession stand
- Ball field

Recommendations:

- Add a chain-link backstop and outfield fence

Village Firehall Park

Located adjacent to the Firehall on the Tuscobia State Trail.

Existing Facilities:

- Pavilion

- Restrooms inside the pavilion
- Basketball court

Recommendations:

- Remodel Village Hall restrooms

Village of Winter

Excellent outdoor recreation facilities are provided in the village.

Dr. H.A. Smith Park and V.F.W.

Existing Facilities:

- Picnic area
- Ball field
- Pavilion
- Restrooms – barrier free 2006

Recommendations:

- Park signage
- Recondition softball diamond
- Repaving
- Event shelters with electricity
- Construct two ballpark dugouts
- Construct ballpark concession stand

CM Olson Athletic Field

The Winter School District also provides excellent facilities at the school.

Existing Facilities:

- Baseball diamond
- Asphalt track
- Playground equipment

Friends of Tuscobia – Winter Depot Trailhead

Existing Facilities:

- Historic Village of Winter railroad depot near the Tuscobia Trail for use as a multi-use trailhead including ATV, snowmobiles, hiking, and biking.

Recommendations:

- Provide entrance and parking areas to accommodate vehicles and trailers
- Establish picnic area with shelter, tables and grills

- Establish a water source
- Restrooms
- Lighting
- Landscaping
- Fencing
- Signage

Village of Exeland

The Village of Exeland has excellent and well used recreation facilities.

Swan Creek Park

Existing Facilities:

- Shelter.
- Camping.
- Water pump.
- Restrooms.
- Horseshoe pits.
- Little League field.
- Grass open play area with playground equipment.

Recommendations:

- Create a multi-use community recreation facility. A fishing area for children could be developed at the park where the Swan and Weirgor Creeks come together. A small shelter and a stream-side handicap accessible fishing dock could be included.
- Ice skating rink
- Tennis courts
- Bathroom/shower facility for camp area

Exeland Sports Center

Excellent recreation opportunities are available at this facility.

Existing Facilities:

- Rod & Gun Club with a trap and rifle range
- Softball field
- The major facility of the Exeland baseball field
- New restrooms
- Concession stand
- New batting cages & dugouts
- Pavilion

- New sand volleyball court
- Playground equipment
- Open and covered bleachers

City recreational facilities

City of Hayward

Hayward, the county seat of Sawyer County, has shown substantial growth in the past thirty years- from a 1980 population of 1,698 to a 2010 census population of 2,340, an increase of 27 percent.

The Town of Hayward, which surrounds the city, increased from 2,331 in 1980 to 3,601 people in the 2010 census. This is an increase of 35 percent. The City and Town of Hayward now have a combined population total just under 6,000.

This dramatic increase has placed increased pressure on existing recreation facilities and created demand for new recreational opportunities. The City of Hayward's existing recreation facilities receive extremely heavy use during high tourist periods. The lack of major picnic open-space play area is evident. The city swimming beach, which is the only public swimming area in Hayward, is now accessible via the biking/walking trail that circumnavigates the city limits.

Hayward functions as a popular service center for area second home residents, and resorts and receives extremely sharp population increases in the summer months. Special events as the Musky Festival, Lumberjack World Championships, Winterfest, Fat Tire Festival and the American Birkebeiner cross-country ski race bring additional thousands of visitors into the area. Hayward is also fortunate to be the home of the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame. This facility is located adjacent to the city beach.

The Hayward area presently supports men's and women's summer softball leagues, Little League baseball, a men's city baseball team, youth soccer, logrolling and amateur ice hockey programs. The majority of organized team recreation activities take place at the Hayward Sports Center located adjacent to the Middle School.

Hayward Community School District

Hayward Primary School

Existing Facilities:

- Ball fields
- New playground equipment
- Gymnasium

- Soccer field
- Paved parking

Recommendations:

- Upgrade ball fields (new backstops)

Hayward Intermediate School

Existing Facilities:

- Access to paved fitness trail
- New playground equipment
- Gymnasium
- Paved parking

Hayward Middle School

Existing Facilities:

- Shares outdoor fields with Sports Center and High School
- Large gymnasium
- Paved parking
- Football field
- Sand volleyball court

Hayward Senior High School

Existing Facilities:

- Baseball fields
- Softball fields
- Track facility
- Football field
- Soccer fields
- 4 tennis courts
- Auditorium
- Access to paved fitness trail

Recommendations:

- Upgrade tennis courts

Erik and Randy Lawry Skate Park

Excellent skateboard and rollerblade park (44,167 sq ft.). Located adjacent to the High School and Middle School. Open to the public.

Hayward Sports Center

This 28-acre sports complex is on land owned by the City of Hayward but is administered by the Hayward Sports Center Board of Directors and provides recreation opportunities for Sawyer County and area residents, and visitors.

Existing Facilities:

- 28,000 sq. ft. indoor arena providing ice hockey, meetings, concession, restrooms, and year-round activities
- Softball field with restrooms
- 3 Little League fields with concession and storage
- Playground equipment

Recommendations:

- Bury overhead electric lines
- Develop swim park

Dog Park (formerly Nyman Park)

A 9.2-acre parcel located along Smith Lake Creek on the north side of the city with 77,700 sq. ft. of mowed area.

Existing Facilities:

- Vehicle parking area
- Designated area for unleashed dogs
- Walking trail for leashed dogs

Smith Creek

Recommendations:

- Develop a plan to address problems and utilize the potential of the creek.

Upper Shues Pond

This area is adjacent to the Senior Citizens Center.

Existing Facilities:

- Benches
- Trails (.3 miles)

Recommendations:

- Develop a picnic area with a small pavilion

Pedestrian/Bike Trail

Year-round, paved fitness trail originates near the City Beach, continues through the business park, past the school campuses and down Nyman Ave, continuing past the Sherman & Ruth Weiss public library, and ends at the city limits on Highway 77 near Walmart/Slumberland. The trail

provides access to the Middle School, Sports Center, Intermediate School, and Primary School locations, as well as the public library.

Recommendations:

- Complete bike/walking trail and work with adjacent townships to make a regional trail.
- Utilize the trail corridor for the Tree City/Bird City initiative

Jaycees Tot Lot

This small playground and ice skating rink is located at the corner of Wisconsin and Fourth Street in the City of Hayward (34,956 sq. ft.).

Existing Facilities:

- Playground equipment
- Outdoor skating rink

Recommendation:

- Additional lighting

City Beach

Existing Facilities (121,000 sq. ft.):

- Swimming beach
- Restrooms
- Open shelter
- Basketball court
- Boat ramp
- Accessible Pier
- Picnic area with tables and grills
- Playground with a variety of equipment

Recommendations:

- Define parking for boat access

Shues Pond

This attractive area provides beautiful inter-city open space (90,000 sq. ft.). The annual “Lure of the Lights” display is held here. The pond is used by a variety of wildlife, and many residents enjoy viewing the wildlife while having lunch.

Existing Facilities:

- Gazebo
- Picnic tables

- Flag pole
- Playground equipment

Recommendations:

- Plant a pollinator garden to attract birds and butterflies.
- Utilize the area for the Tree City/Bird City initiative

Library Nature Park

Existing Facilities:

- Nature park
- Walking trails
- Viewing pier
- Bridge
- Informational kiosks
- Plant identification signs
- Outdoor amphitheater/classroom

Recommendations:

- Upgrade/improve/maintain outdoor amphitheater
- Conserve and restore the wetland and upland areas
- Invasive species control
- Reforestation/habitat management

SUMMARY

Sawyer County has a diverse natural resource base providing a variety of recreational opportunities. Many of the opportunities take place on public lands such as Sawyer County Forest, Chequamegon National Forest, State of Wisconsin lands managed by the DNR, and the Namekagon River National Scenic Riverway. The area offers many nationally recognized recreational events.

Sawyer County has a unique group of citizens who, through volunteer efforts, are able to make things happen, and provide unique recreational opportunities and world class recreation events. The county's role is that of managing and maintaining its vast county forest system as a viable multi-use recreation base as well as providing quality forest products. The municipalities in the county must continue to provide and maintain community-based recreation facilities that have made Sawyer County one of the most livable areas in the Midwest.

APPENDIX A - FINANCIAL AIDS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program

This is a federal program administered in all states that encourages creation and interpretation of high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities. Funds received by the DNR for this program are split between DNR projects and grants to local governments for outdoor recreation activities.

Grants cover 50 percent of eligible project costs.

Eligible applicants

Towns, villages, cities, counties, tribal governments, school districts or other state political subdivisions are eligible to apply for grants for acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

Eligible projects

- Land acquisition or development projects that will provide opportunities for public outdoor recreation.
- Property with frontage on rivers, streams, lakes, estuaries and reservoirs that will provide water based outdoor recreation.
- Property that provides special recreation opportunities, such as floodplains, wetlands and areas adjacent to scenic highways.
- Natural areas and outstanding scenic areas, where the objective is to preserve the scenic or natural values, including wildlife areas and areas of physical or biological

importance. These areas shall be open to the general public for outdoor recreation use to the extent that the natural attributes of the areas will not be seriously impaired or lost.

- Land or development within urban areas for day use picnic areas.
- Land or development of nature-based outdoor recreation trails.
- Development of basic outdoor recreation facilities.
- Renovation of existing outdoor recreation facilities which are in danger of being lost for public use.

Ineligible project examples

- A project that is not supported by a local comprehensive outdoor recreational plan.
- Acquisition and development of golf courses.
- A project where storm water management is the primary purpose.
- Motorized recreation trails.
- Lands that include cell towers.
- Land that will be used for non-outdoor public recreation purposes.

Deadlines and funding cycles

- Submit completed applications by **May 1** of each year

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- Department of Natural Resources regional staff review and rate eligible projects in **early June**.
- Final project listing is compiled in **July** with projects ranking the highest selected for grants to the extent funds are available.
- Final selected projects will be reviewed and approved by the National Park Service prior to the sponsor receiving an agreement with the DNR.

Application materials

Because these grants are often coupled with grants from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, LWCF grant application materials appear in the same booklet as [Stewardship Local Assistance grant application materials](#).

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Sawyer County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2021-2025 Updates

Updating Town of Sand Lake, Stone Lake Lions Park to accommodate an upcoming grant application by the Town and the Stone Lake Lions Club.

Page 27 Adding the following item under the recommendations:

Add ADA equipment and ADA surfacing to the Lion's Park playground.

Removing the Stone Lake Elementary School items.

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