



# Sawyer County

## Agenda

**Land, Water, & Forest Resources Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ 8:30 AM**

**Sawyer County Board Room**

**Revised: Thursday, December 7, 2023 1:42 PM**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/99719807086> You can also use the dial in at **1-312-626- 6799** with the Webinar ID: 997 1980 7086. Use \*9 to Raise/lower hand and \*6 to Unmute/mute. If additional assistance is needed please contact the Sawyer County Forestry Office at 715-634-4846 prior to the meeting. This meeting will be recorded and will be available on our website at: <https://sawyercountygov.org>. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial \*9 and wait to be recognized.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW**

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
  - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
  - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
  - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.
  - Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

### **6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- a. [11.8.23 LWFRM Minutes DRAFT](#)

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|         | <b>7. REGISTER OF DEEDS UPDATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 6       | a. <a href="#">ROD Monthly Report</a>                                                                                                                                                                        |
|         | <b>8. EVENTS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)</b>                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7 - 9   | a. Seeley Big Fat - 1/20/24 (discussion and possible action)<br><a href="#">1) SBF Long course 2024</a><br><a href="#">2) SBF Short Course 2024</a><br><a href="#">3) SCF Use Application Seeley Big Fat</a> |
|         | <b>9. WAKEBOARD DISCUSSION UPDATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
|         | <b>10. LAND RECORDS AND COUNTY SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT REPORT</b>                                                                                                                                                |
| 10 - 11 | a. <a href="#">1) Surveyor December 2023</a><br><a href="#">2) Property Lister LWFRD December 2023</a>                                                                                                       |
|         | <b>11. SAWYER COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |
|         | a. Recreational Trails Report<br>Motorized-<br>Non-motorized-                                                                                                                                                |
| 12 - 14 | b. County Forestry Report<br><a href="#">nov 23 forestry report</a>                                                                                                                                          |
| 15 - 16 | c. Consider County Gravel Pit Siting/Development on County Land (discussion and possible action)<br><a href="#">1) gravel pit parcel map</a><br><a href="#">2) gravel pit proposal map</a>                   |
|         | d. DNR Forestry Report                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|         | <b>12. ZONING/ CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 17      | a. County Report<br><a href="#">Conservation Department Update Dec 2023</a>                                                                                                                                  |
| 18      | b. USDA quarterly report<br><a href="#">FSA Update 12_04_2023</a>                                                                                                                                            |
|         | c. LCO report                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|         | <b>13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |

**14. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**DISCLAIMER:**

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

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

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

**Minutes of the November 8, 2023 meeting of the Sawyer County  
Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee  
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Board Room; Sawyer County**



**Voting Committee Members (X) Present:**

- ☒ Chair: **Ed Peters**
- ☒ Vice Chair – **Marc Helwig**
- ☒ **Kay Wilson**
- ☒ **Brian Bisonette – virtual**
- ☒ **Jason Weaver**
- ☐

**Others Present:**

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Lynn Fitch          | Andy Albarado |
| Cathy LaReau        | Phil Neis     |
| Brody Fischer       | Tim Siegl     |
| Greg Peterson       |               |
| Tatyana Kurtzweil   |               |
| Kris Treland-Neuman |               |

**Call to Order** – Chair Ed Peters called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. A moment of silence was held for member Kevin Sheptick.

**Certification of Compliance** with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; a quorum was met.

**Meeting Agenda –**

**Public Comments –**

**Minutes from the previous meeting dated: October 11, 2023**

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Wilson      Second by: Mr. Helwig  
Motion carried without negative vote.

**Register of Deeds Update -**

A written report was provided. WLIA moving forward with legislation to increase the recording fee from \$30 to \$45. Currently the \$30 fee is split \$15-County fund/\$8 Land Records/\$7 DOA; the \$45 would be split \$15-County fund/\$15 Land Records/\$15 DOA. The base budget would be raised from \$100,000 to \$175,000 and the training and education budget would be increase from \$1000 to \$5000.

**Events -**

A written list of 2024 events being requested was provided. Mr. Peterson advised that all have the application and proof of insurance verified. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Ms. Wilson. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Preference to Previous Owner – Tax ID #42994 -**

A real estate property listing for Tax ID #42994 was presented along with the application to purchase County-owned land. Ms. Kurtzweil presented the application for purchase and cash payment to cover delinquent taxes and fees. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Weaver to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report -**

Written reports were provided by Kimberly Wendt and Chris Gregory. Field work continues in the Town of Winter, Township 37 North Range 5 West.; six CSMs were reviewed in October. The department processed approximately 200 transfers in October. And they are preparing to calculate and print property tax bills.

**Sawyer County Forestry Department -**

Recreational Trails Report – Ms. LaReau provided a verbal update. She advised that some trails close 11/15-12/15 for hunting season. Through NORTAC they have been working on a motorized 10-county user survey that has just been

published. Data from this should help provide information for an economic impact report toward the end of next year. Kris Treland-Neuman was introduced.

County Forestry – A written report was provided; there were 18 sales listed active in the month of September and 64 inactive sales. We will likely surpass our sale revenue goal this year. WDNR conducted Sawyer County Forest Timber Sale Programmatic & Fiscal Review Audit.

Fall Timber Sale Bid Approval – the November 2023 timber sale bid summary was provided along with a list of 2023 fall Sawyer County Timber Sale Bid Results. Mr. Peterson provided a review of the bids. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried without negative vote.

DNR Forestry – Mr. Fischer provided a verbal update, advising that they are working toward their County hours and setting up some timber sales in the Winter block.

**Legislative Bill (LRB-3518) to Regulate Wakeboarding -**

Mr. Peters presented a resolution on Enhanced Wake Regulations. After this resolution was assembled, the item was removed from the legislature but the concern of resurfacing exists. Mr. Nies provided an update of the lake effects of wakesurfing and wakeboarding and where Sawyer County has been positioned on this topic to date. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig and forward to County Board; second by Mr. Weaver with the removal of the specific bill # or word “bill” and change to legislation in lines 6, 7, 12, 14. A call to approve the change in wording was passed without negative vote. A second call to approve and send the amended resolution to the County Board passed without negative vote.

**Zoning/Conservation Department -**

County Report – A written report was provided. Several ordinance amendments are being worked on which includes updating the County Floodplain Ordinance; the 2024 Joint Allocation Plan has been approved. The department is preparing to launch the spring tree sale and information packets were sent to Sawyer County schools for the Conservation Poster and Speaker contest.

USDA Report – Representative Kevin Sheptick recently passed away.

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette advised that their habitat improvement projects are concluding within the next couple of weeks. They are planning for fiscal 2024 projects now. Campsites closed in mid-October.

**Future Agenda Items -**

**Other Topics for Discussion Only -**

**Adjournment – 9:15 am**

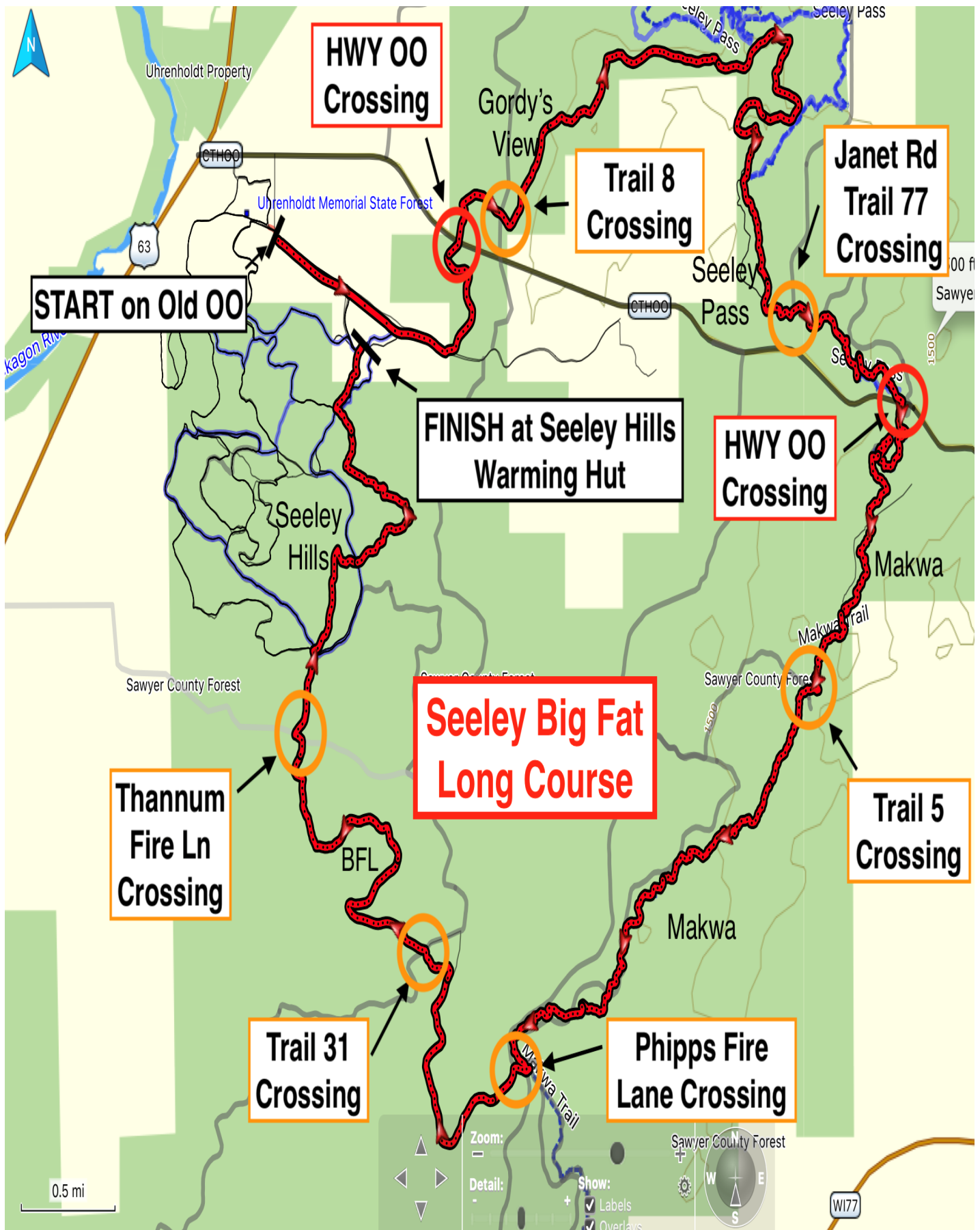
**Next Meeting:** December 13, 2023    **Time:** 8:30 am    **Location:** Board Room  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

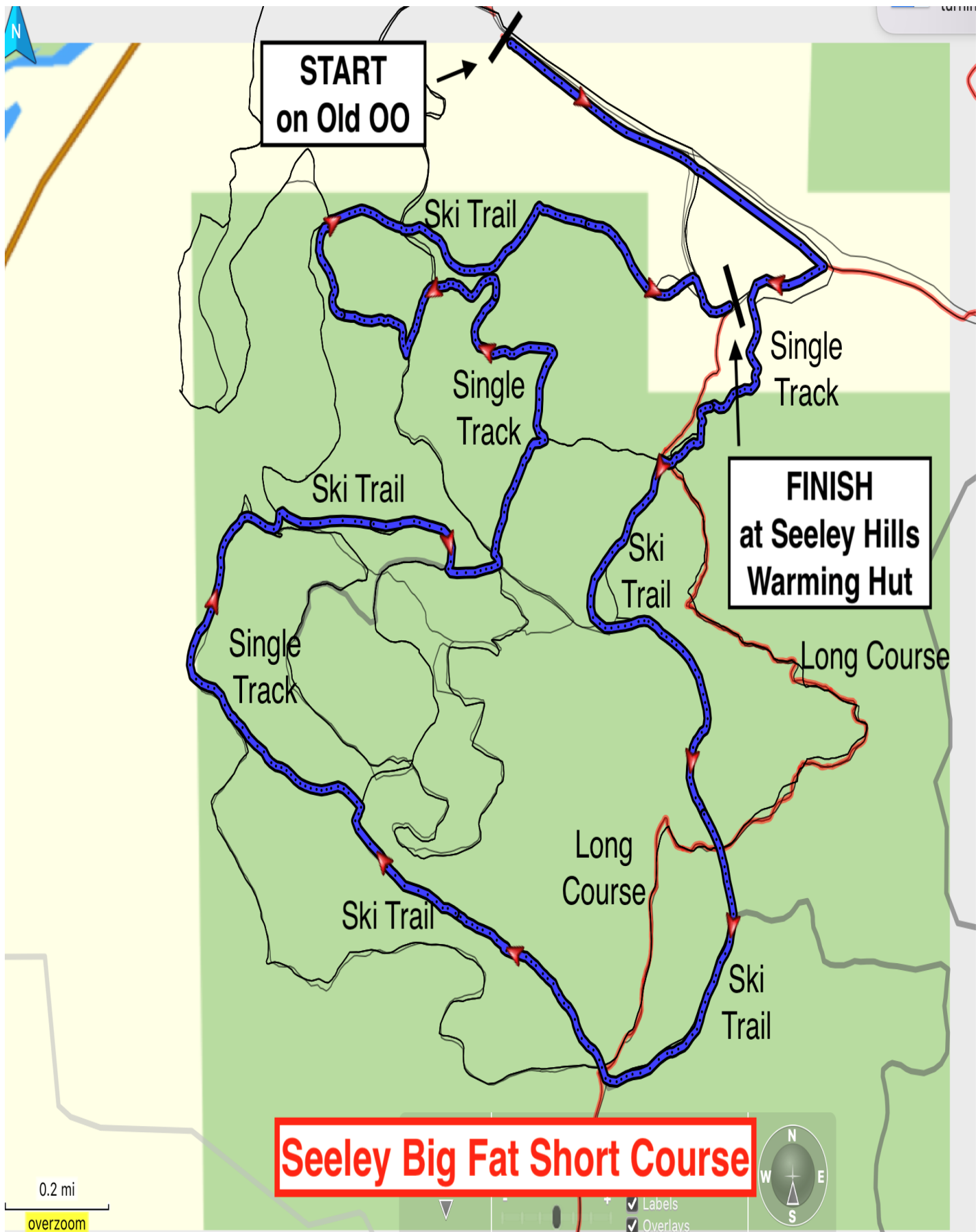
## ROD Monthly Report

November, 2023

| Activity           | Number of Copies | Total Revenue including amounts to State |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Emailed Copies     |                  | 190.00                                   |
| Counter Copies     |                  | 93.00                                    |
| Birth              | 42               | 589.00                                   |
| Death              | 44               | 825.00                                   |
| Marriage           | 6                | 89.00                                    |
| Divorce            | 0                | 0                                        |
| Recorded Documents | 431              |                                          |
| Transfer Fees      |                  | 62,931.00                                |
| Laredo             |                  | 4,174.60                                 |
|                    |                  |                                          |

### General:





## SAWYER COUNTY APPLICATION FOR USE OF COUNTY FOREST LANDS

Application must be submitted to the Sawyer County Forestry Office, Sawyer County Courthouse, 10610 Main Street, Suite 100, Hayward, WI 54843, **60 days prior to the event.**

Please include a **copy of the entry form and route map** with your application.

Date of Application Oct 30, 2023 Date of Event Jan 20, 2024

Name of Event Seeley Big Fat Race

Type of Event (please describe in detail)

See Attached

Responsible Person

Bert Jackson

Phone Number

715-492-0979

Address

10639 Hayward Court, Hayward, WI 54843

Street/Box/Fire Number City State Zip

~~Fee Schedule: \$1.00 per entrant~~

Number of Entrants 125

Entry Fee See Attached for details

Payment is due 10 days after the event. Checks should be made payable to the Sawyer County Treasurer and forward to the Sawyer County Forestry Department, Sawyer County Courthouse, 10610 Main Street, Suite 100, Hayward, WI 54843.

Proof of Insurance must be provided at least 15 days prior to the event. Please note that you will be required to name Sawyer County as co-insured.

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**Sawyer County Surveyor's Department**  
10610 Main Street, Suite 54  
Hayward, Wisconsin 54843-0248  
Telephone 715-634-3564 Fax 715-634-3546  
<https://sawyercountygov.org/>

County Surveyor's Report 12/13/23

We have had some excellent working conditions this past month. We are just over half done with Township 37 North Range 5 West.

Another batch of approximately 70 new and replacement address signs were installed throughout the County.

Only four Certified Survey Maps were reviewed in November.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Gregory  
Sawyer County Surveyor



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December 1, 2023

#### Real Property Lister Report

We processed all transfers through November 17<sup>th</sup> before pausing to start compiling and printing tax bills. All 2023 documents recorded after November 17<sup>th</sup> will be processed during the second half of December and January.

We got a bit of a late start this year due to some programming issues that needed to be fixed before we could begin printing tax bills. Eight municipalities have been printed so far (as of the end of 12/4), with thirteen to go. Tax bills must be mailed by December 18<sup>th</sup> and we should be able to meet that deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Wendt  
*GIS Technician and Real Property Lister*

715-638-3279

[kimberly.wendt@sawyercountygov.org](mailto:kimberly.wendt@sawyercountygov.org)

Forestry Report      November 2023

Active Sales

Twenty sales listed as active in month of November

| Sale Date | # of Sales | Acres | Bid Value      | Received     | Est. Remaining |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 11/2/18   | 1          | 52    | \$23,803.90    | \$7,170.59   | \$16,633.31    |
| 5/3/19    | 0          | 0     | \$0            | \$0          | \$0            |
| 11/1/19   | 0          | 0     | \$0            | \$0          | \$0            |
| 5/5/20    | 1          | 27    | \$16,825.00    | \$9,368.88   | \$7,456.12     |
| 11/3/20   | 2          | 155   | \$221,556.50   | \$139,928.78 | \$81,627.72    |
| 5/7/21    | 3          | 322   | \$391,855.00   | \$152,348.83 | \$239,506.17   |
| 10/22/21  | 3          | 180   | \$344,724.00   | \$92,368.66  | \$252,355.34   |
| 5/11/22   | 6          | 292   | \$384,981.87   | \$149,006.65 | \$247,260.24*  |
| 11/1/22   | 0          | 0     | \$0            | \$0          | \$0            |
| 5/10/23   | 4          | 289   | \$380,619.84   | \$191,695.18 | \$188,924.66   |
| 11/3/23   | 0          | 0     | \$0            | \$0          | \$0            |
| Totals    | 20         | 1317  | \$1,794,366.11 | \$741,887.57 | \$1,033,763.56 |

Inactive Sales

| Sale Date | # of Sales | Acres | Bid Value      | Received     | Est. Remaining |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 11/2/18   | 2          | 106   | \$56,687.85    | \$1,005.21   | \$55,682.64    |
| 5/3/19    | 2          | 106   | \$46,520.00    | \$0          | \$46,520.00    |
| 11/1/19   | 1          | 83    | \$83,319.14    | \$56,223.74  | \$27,095.40    |
| 5/5/20    | 3          | 247   | \$233,488.50   | \$270,027.96 | \$42,147.04*   |
| 11/3/20   | 2          | 113   | \$54,230.00    | \$9,000.00   | \$45,230.00    |
| 5/7/21    | 8          | 677   | \$360,586.00   | \$31,725.31  | \$328,860.69   |
| 10/22/21  | 7          | 613   | \$443,860.20   | \$67,361.03  | \$376,499.17   |
| 5/11/22   | 11         | 765   | \$691,610.35   | \$155,153.67 | \$536,456.68   |
| 11/1/22   | 13         | 1128  | \$668,624.20   | \$119,430.20 | \$549,194.00   |
| 5/10/23   | 11         | 710   | \$1,172,061.30 | \$87,175.58  | \$1,084,885.72 |
| 11/3/23   | 16         | 1417  | \$693,810.95   | \$0          | \$693,810.95   |
| Totals    | 76         | 5965  | \$4,504,798.49 | \$797,102.70 | \$3,786,382.29 |

\* Sales having overruns

\*\* Sales having underruns

One sale closed out in November.

Timber Sale Value (sold contracts-uncut) on file = **\$4,820,145.85**

|                                    |                        |                      |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b><u>Timber Revenue</u></b>       | <b><u>November</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b>    |
| Timber Sales                       | \$187,214.42           | \$2,339,539.75       |
| <u>Christmas Trees/Boughs</u>      | \$10                   | \$10                 |
| <u>Performance Bond Cashed</u>     | \$3,275.00             | \$20,222.94          |
| <b><u>Other Revenue</u></b>        |                        |                      |
| <u>Camping/Firewood/Access/Hay</u> | \$56                   | \$896                |
| <u>Park Reservations</u>           | \$50                   | \$760                |
|                                    |                        | <b><u>Budget</u></b> |
| Gross Timber Sale Revenue          | \$2,339,539.75         | \$1,850,000          |
| 10% Payment to Towns               | \$ 233,953.98          |                      |
| Net Timber Sale Revenue            | \$2,105,585.78         |                      |
| Performance Bonds Drawn            | \$ 20,222.94           |                      |
| Total Other Revenue                | \$ 1,656.00            |                      |
| Timber Sale Revenue Billed Out     | \$ 137,772.61          |                      |

|                         |                       |                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Timber Sale Inspections | <b><u># month</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b> |
|                         | 40                    | 328               |

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

|                     |                                  |                               |                    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tract Establishment | <b><u># sales month/ YTD</u></b> | <b><u>acres month/YTD</u></b> | <b><u>Goal</u></b> |
|                     | 6/37                             | 311/2801                      | 3600               |

Comments:

|                     |                        |                   |                           |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Recon Acres Updated | <b><u>November</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b> | <b><u>Annual Goal</u></b> |
|                     | 143                    | 6102              | 6,000 acres               |

Comments: Recon is the assessment of geographic, structure and compositional attributes of forest stands. Field information is stored in the Wisconsin Forest Inventory & Reporting System (WisFIRS). Basic resource information is collected, stored and updated systematically and continuously. Database is used to analyze existing resources, evaluate management alternatives, and assist in the development and implementation of management plans.

Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Hours

November

18

FY24 Contract

207.25

Current Contract:

Pending Contract FY24 Stands

Approximately 600 hours timber sale establishment/admin. \$43,775.10.

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

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

Oak Wilt:

Nothing new to report.

Mountain Bike Trails:

Nothing new to report.

Birkie Trail:

Nothing new to report.

ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Trails:

Trail 5 rehab project started. 7.27 miles from FR 784 to 2.35 miles west of FR 174.  
Grant funded, \$188,250 project cost.

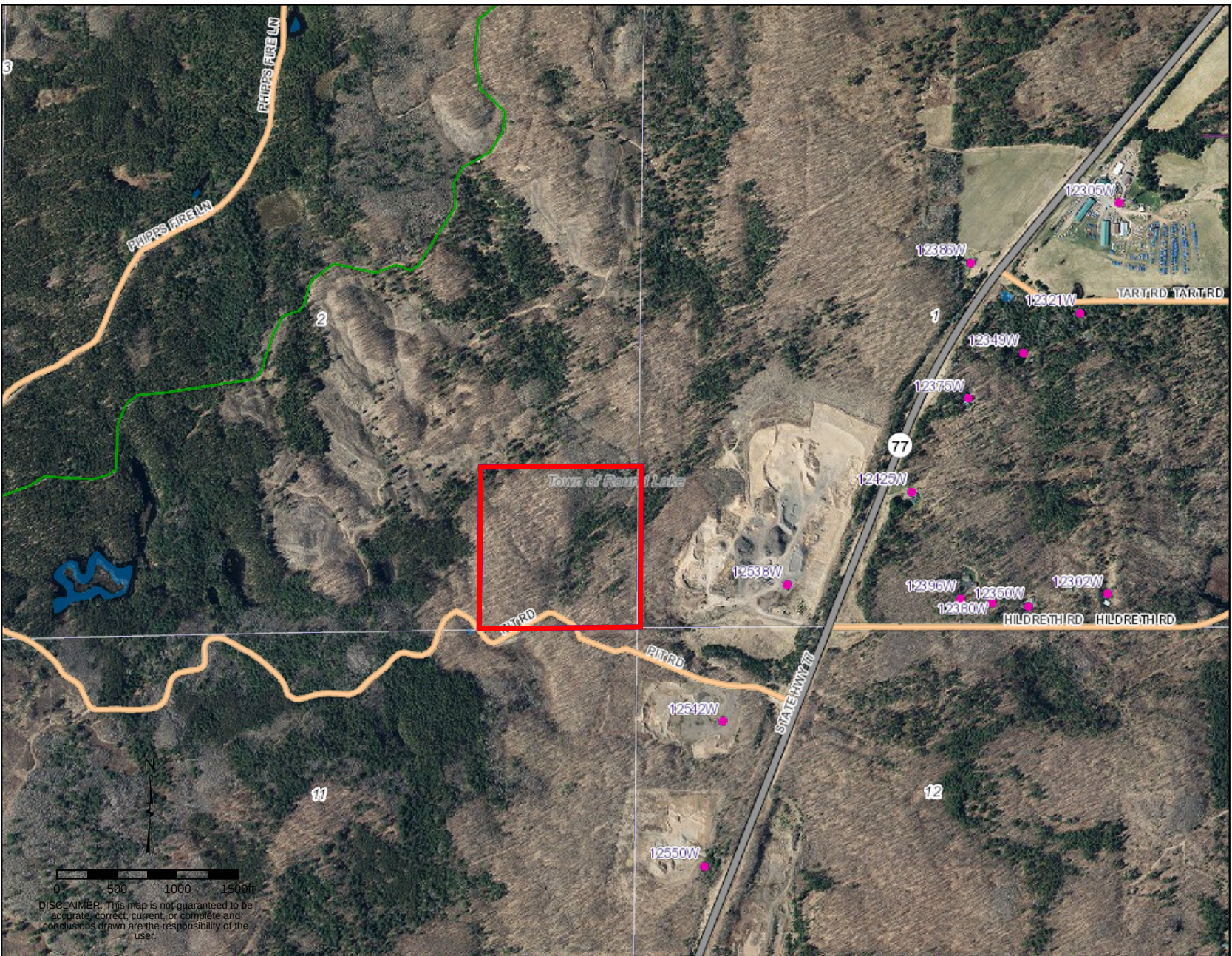
Parks:

Hatchery Park: Nothing new to report.

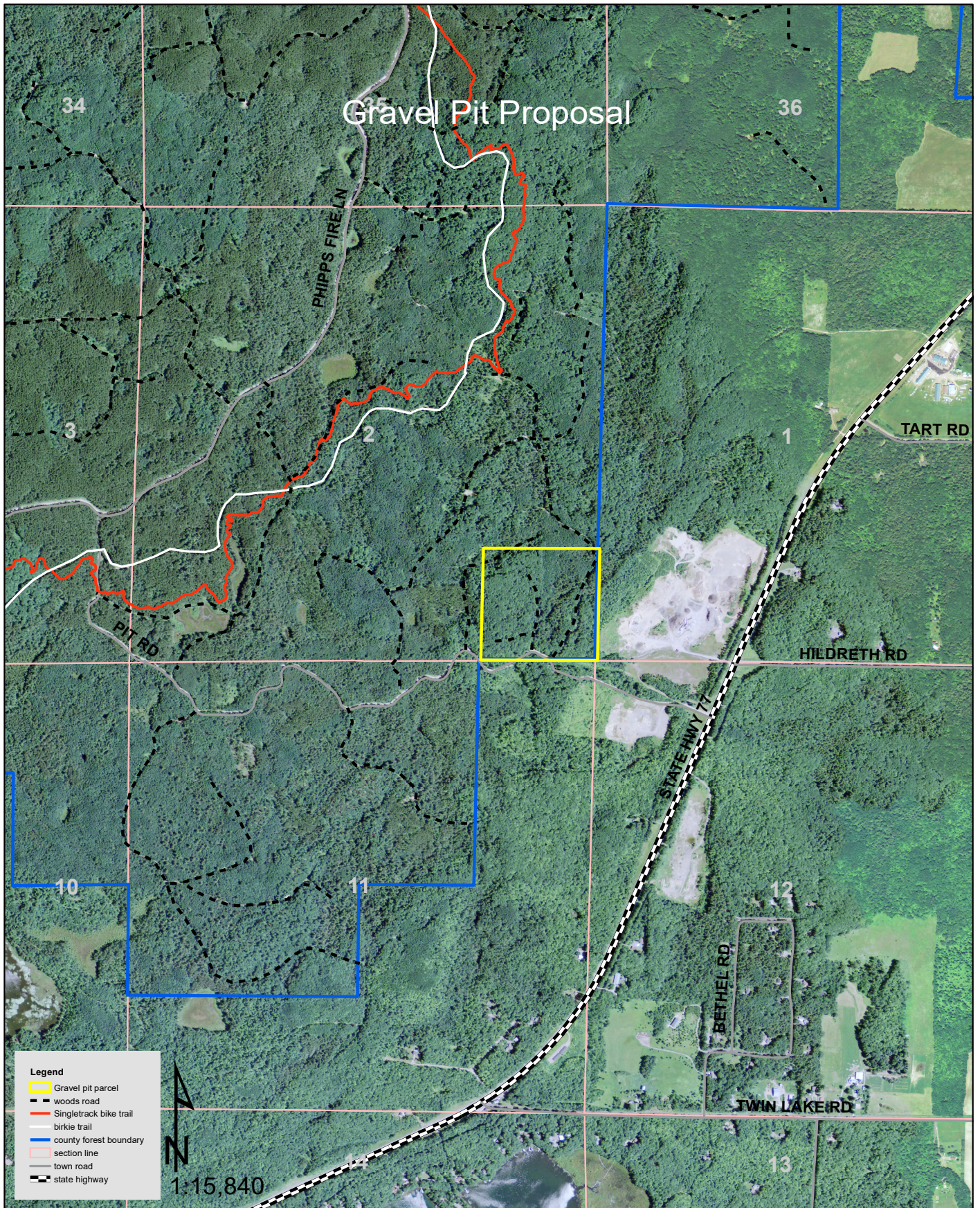
Nelson Lake Park: Nothing new to report.

Carbon Credit Project:

Nothing new to report.



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## **Zoning & Conservation Department Update Sept. 2023 – Oct. 2023**

Prepared by Jay Kozlowski, Zoning & Conservation Administrator

- Tree Sale is up and running. More than half of the inventory has already been sold.
- Still looking for an agricultural representative to sit on the LWFR. We have reached out to Farm Service Agency with no response back.
- We have been reaching out to community members to find judges for the Conservation Speaking Contest.
- Working with the DNR to send out letter about invasive Knotweed found near the lakeshore Grindstone and LCO.
- Will be setting up nutrient management plan training with farmers over the winter months.

Quick update from Farm Service Agency – October 4, 2023

Farm bill has been extended, but no additional information at this time.

COC election is in progress. Ballots will be counted in Rusk Sawyer County on December 14, 2023.

Marketing assistance loans (MAL) available for the 2023 crop season. Commodity is used as collateral and placed under loan for 9 months. Interest rate for December is 6.375%. Bushels must be paid back before feeding or selling. If selling, there are options for repayment timing. Contact the office for more information.

Livestock Forage Program (LFP) is still going on. This is for pasture losses due to drought conditions. Sign-up ends January 30, 2024.

Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) national average margin for October was \$9.44. For those that had selected the \$9.50 coverage level, a payment was issued in December.

Amy Moldenhauer  
County Executive Director