

**Minutes of the June 12, 2024 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: John Suralski
- ☒ Vice Chair: Steve Kariainen
- ☒ Kay Wilson
- ☐ Randy Neumann - excused
- ☐ Brian Bisonette

Lynn Fitch
Jay Kozlowski
Brody Fischer
Greg Peterson
Jerry Wright

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Chris Gregory
Tim Seidl

Call to Order – Chair Suralski called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: May 8, 2024

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

Register of Deeds Update -

A written report was provided detailing activity in the office of ROD.

Events -

CAMBA Kids 2024, CAMBA South Womens Weekend Clinic, and Cheq 100 events were presented by Mr. Wright; insurance is on file. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson made a motion to approve all three events as presented; second by Mr. Kariainen. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report -

Written reports were provided. Ms. DeVries advised that the department has been busy completing Certified Survey Maps; 11 in May. Last month the land information council had a short informational meeting pertaining to the future with our Wisconsin Regional Consortium for an aerial photography contract. There will be cost sharing opportunities with some state agencies for this project.

Sawyer County Forestry Department -

Recreational Trails Report – Mr. Wright advised that CAMBA has not been able to find individuals to work on the trail crew. This year they've had five days of volunteer help with trail rehab. They are instituting programs to get more volunteers involved.

County Forestry Report – Reports were provided and reviewed by Mr. Peterson; an overview of the department functions and responsibilities was included. Forestry supports a good share of our County budget. Sawyer County has many valuable partnerships with organizations to share our county forest land. Timber Sale value contracts unsold is \$4,898,729.55 which is on target for our budget.

DNR Forestry Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Fischer advised that the wet spring has helped keep wildfires low. Mr. Fischer's duties in relation to our county were included in the report.

Zoning/Conservation Department -

County Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Seidl provided an overview; purple loosestrife and curly leaf pond weed control efforts are underway in a couple areas. Sawyer County was approved for the Municipal Dam Grant for Fishtrap Lake targeting a replacement project in the fall of 2025. Staff have been helping land owners with shoreline erosion projects.

USDA Report – No update

LCO Report – No update

Outside Committee Updates --

Future Agenda Items – EBike Trail Ordinance Update

Other Topics for Discussion Only –

Adjournment – 9:09 am

Next Meeting: July 10, 2024 Time: 8:30 am Location: Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk