

**Minutes of the August 7, 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
- ☐ Brian Bisonette

Lynn Fitch
Jay Kozlowski
Paula Chisser
Greg Peterson
David Todus

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Brian DeVries

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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: July 10, 2024

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

Register of Deeds Update -

A written report was provided detailing activity in the office of ROD. Transfer fees were down from June's activity but marriages were up.

Events -

Mr. Peterson presented a request for CAMBA's Festival of the Trails Revival event. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson; second by Mr. Kariainen. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report -

Written reports were provided. Last month the department performed general maintenance and collected GPS coordinates on various PLSS corners in the towns of Hunter, Lenroot, Hayward, Round Lake, Bass Lake. Mr. DeVries advised that they have recorded a large number of CSMs this year and they are still awaiting Board of Review results from several municipalities. The LCO Tribal governing board has hired a GIS person and our department is working with them to develop communications and data information.

Sawyer County Forestry Department -

Recreational Trails Report – Mr. Neuman read a report from Ms. LaReau on the motorized trail activity; they report consistent and heavy trail use. The 9-county survey data includes over 2,000 results that they will begin compiling.

County Forestry Report –

A written report was provided and reviewed. Mr. Peterson reported seven active sales for the month of July and sale value now is approximately \$4.5M. One tree in Seeley Hills was reported with oak wilt which has since been treated. Several ATV/UTV trail rehab projects were completed or remain underway.

DNR Forestry Report – A written report was provided. The DNR will be continuing road improvements to the Parks Farm access road, off the Thornapple grade in the township of Winter. This access is vital to a wildlife management area for the WI DNR and public access to the county forest. The Draper Road Project's Sustainable Forestry Grant application has been signed and submitted with all required supporting documents.

Zoning/Conservation Department -

County Report – A written report was provided showing that they continue to monitor water levels on the seven County-owned dams, and conservation staff have been assisting property owners with shoreline erosion and other projects. Mr. Kozlowski reports that they have completed several trainings/meetings for lake associations.

USDA Report – No update

LCO Report –

Outside Committee Updates --

Future Agenda Items –

Other Topics for Discussion Only –

Adjournment – 8:30 am

Next Meeting: September 11, 2024 Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk