

**Minutes of the December 20th 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:

- ☒ Interim Chair: Steve Kariainen
- ☒ Vice Chair – Vacant
- ☒ Kay Wilson
- ☒ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Jim Evans
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Others Present:

Andy Albarado	Liz Klein
Jay Kozlowski	Janeen Abric- Virtual
Brian DeVries	Kimberly Wendt- Virtual
Brody Fischer	Atty. Rebecca Roeker- Virtual
Greg Peterson	
Rachel Thompson	16 Citizens

Call to Order – Chair Kariainen called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

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

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – Lynne Amundson, Kimberly Kayler, Greg Eisold, Thomas Murray, Martin Hanson, Rhonda Eisold, Doug Caywood, Ray Schnepf

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: November 6, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Ms. Wilson

Motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: November 27, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Ms. Wilson

Motion carried without negative vote.

Register of Deeds Update --

A written report was provided. ROD-elect Rachel Thompson introduced herself to the committee.

Events - None

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report –

Written reports were provided.

Sawyer County Forestry Department --

County Forestry Report- A written report was provided. Timber sale value (sold contracts-uncut) is \$4,578,105.26.

YTD timber sales are \$2,427,914.88, exceeding the budget goal of \$1,850.00.

Recreational Trails Report – Grant-funded projects are completed on Trails 3 and 5.

DNR Forestry – No report

Zoning/Conservation Department -

County Report – A written report was provided. The spring tree sale link is up on the website.

Tax Deed/Foreclosure Process --

Treasurer Janeen Abric presented the report of auction bids on foreclosed county properties and requested action by the committee to reduce the minimum price on two parcels receiving no bids.

Motion to reduce the minimum bid on parcels 31488 and 36965 to \$1000.00 each by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Evans. Motion carried without negative vote.

Callahan/Mud Lake District Petition --

Mr. Albarado reviewed the process timeline for the committee's report to the county board. Atty. Roeker presented the edits requested by the LWFRC on November 27th and clarified statutory signature requirements. Discussion followed. The LWFRC will revisit the report at the January 8, 2025 meeting before making a recommendation to the Sawyer County Board on January 16, 2025.

Board Appointed Committee Updates -- None**Future Agenda Items - None****Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings -- None****Adjournment – 11:57 am**

Next Meeting: January 8, 2025 **Time:** 8:30am **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, Elected Officials Deputy