

**Minutes of the April 9, 2025 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: Steve Kariainen
- ☒ Vice Chair: Randy Neumann
- ☒ Kay Wilson
- ☒ Jim Evans- virtual
- ☒ Dale Magnuson

Others Present:

Andy Albarado	Brody Fischer
Liz Klein	Tim Davison
Jay Kozlowski	Mike Markgren
Greg Peterson	Brian DeVries
Brian Lehner	
Rachel Thompson	

Call to Order – Chair Kariainen 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 – Set

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **March 12, 2025**

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

Motion carried without negative vote.

Events –

An application for the Hungry Bear Gravel Race was received and approved on a motion by: Ms. Wilson

Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

Register of Deeds Update--

Written reports were provided by Ms. Thompson.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report –

Written reports were provided.

Forestry --

Motorized Trails Report—Mr. Davison updated the committee on grading and brushing progress. The Alliance is working with USFS to gate access to trails that are intended for snow use only.

Non-motorized— No update

Forestry Report—

County Forestry Report- Written and verbal reports were provided by Mr. Peterson on timber sales. A meeting with Seeley Trails stakeholders was held, a revised trail plan will come back to the committee in May.

2025 Recreational Trail Aids Resolution—

A Resolution to apply for 2025 snowmobile and ATV grants to pass on to County Board was approved on a motion by: Mr. Evans

Second by: Mr. Neumann

Motion carried without negative vote.

WI DNR Report- Mr. Fischer reported on timber sales projects and stated that fire danger is rising across the state and working toward Sawyer County.

USFS Report- No update

Carbon Credit Update—

Mr. Albarado reported that the county is on step 9 of 12 steps in the Carbon Credit program: the information has been submitted to 3rd party verification to American Carbon Credit and should become available for sales by the end of 2025 with projected revenues in 2026. These revenues may be spent in any area of the county budget. It is a 40-year program with contracts that renew every 10 years.

Zoning/Conservation Department -

Mr. Kozlowski gave a written and verbal report on SCOPE scholarships, non-metallic mine inspections, dam checks, and a legal review of the Billy Boy water level easement.

USDA Report- No update

Tax Deed /Foreclosure Process –

Discussion of In Rem parcels—

Treasurer B. Lehner presented a list of properties the county has in tax foreclosure process and will be working with the committee to set the prices for upcoming sales.

Administration and Management of Tax-Deeded Lands Ordinance—

The proposed ordinance was reviewed. Language was changed to reflect three years and add county fees.

A motion for a Resolution to approve the proposed Ordinance and fee schedule as written for consideration by the County Board was made by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

Board Appointed Committee Updates -- None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings – Mr. Kozlowski gave a report on staff attendance at the Wisconsin Land & Water Conference and Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Conferences.

Future Agenda Items – Review In Rem list

Adjournment – 9:24 am

Next Meeting: May 7, 2025 Time: 8:30am Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk