

**Minutes of the June 11, 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
- ☐ Dale Magnuson- Absent

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Jay Kozlowski
Greg Peterson

Others Present:

Brody Fischer
Tim Davison
Rachel Thompson
Greg Morris
Randy Jonjak

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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: May 7, 2025

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

Appointments—

Mr. Kozlowski recommended the appointment of Allison Jonjak as an agricultural representative on the Land Conservation Committee and LWFR. Ms. Jonjak has a background in running a cranberry farm and is a full-time employee of UW Extension.

Motion to approve the appointment of Allison Jonjak and forward to County Board for confirmation by: Mr. Kariainen
Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

Events--

An application for Tricky Trout Paddle Triathlon was approved on a motion by: Mr. Evans

Second by: Mr. Neumann

Motion carried without negative vote.

An application for Seeley PreFat Race was approved on a motion by: Ms. Wilson
Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

Register of Deeds Update--

A written report was provided by Ms. Thompson showing three month comparisons of 2024-2025 data from Laredo, Tapestry recorded documents and vital records. Ms. Thompson attended a ROD conference last week.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report –

Written reports were provided.

Forestry –

County Forestry Report—

Mr. Peterson reported that there are 13 active timber sales with a value of \$80,000 in May, bringing the YTD timber revenues to \$780,000. Five ATV trail rehab projects are out for bid until July with a 2 year contract window for completion.

Wisconsin DNR Report- Mr. Fischer reported that the May fire season came to an end with all the rain we received and no significant acreage burned. He introduced Greg Morris who will be working with him.

USFS Report- No report

Motorized Trails Report—Mr. Davison reported on Sawyer County Alliance wrap-up projects as the fiscal year draws to a close.

Non-motorized— No report

Zoning/Conservation Department -

Mr. Kozlowski updated the committee on dam checks and non-metallic mine inspections and informed the committee that Nelson Lake was drawn down for a boat landing rehab and did not refill from snowmelt over the winter so it is about 10 inches lower than normal levels. The last stop log was put in yesterday but the base flow must still be maintained. Conservation met with a Lake Loretta group for a grant to control Curly Pond Weed. The Land and Water Advisory Committee had one meeting and is having a second meeting tomorrow.

Randy Jonjak gave a presentation on the Billy Boy water level, stating that Big LCO has been above the recommended water level for many years, and concluding that Whitefish Lake is 12 inches above Big LCO in elevation and increasing the water level in Big LCO would not raise the Whitefish water level.

USDA Report- No report

Mr. Markgren informed the committee on a request by the Bass Lake Town Board to remove Sanitary District restrictions on several town-owned parcels so they can be sold.

Ms. Wilson asked if the Sanitary District is something that may be needed in the future.

Resolution 2025- to Remove Restrictions on bass Lake Parcels was approved on a motion by: Mr. Evans

Second by: Mr. Neumann

Motion carried with Ms. Wilson opposed.

Board Appointed Committee Updates – None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings -- None

Future Agenda Items – Jane Getting, Whitefish lake Property Owners Association, to speak on the Billy Boy Dam topic.

Adjournment -- 9:12 am

Next Meeting: July 9, 2025 Time: 8:30am Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk