

**Minutes of the January 7, 2026 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
- ☒ Allison Jonjak

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Jay Kozlowski
Greg Peterson
Brian Lehner
Brody Fischer
Jane Schroeder

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.

Public Comments – Nancy Schryer, Ginny Chabek, Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: December 10, 2025

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

Events—No applications were received

Register of Deeds Update--

A written report was provided by Ms. Thompson.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report –

Land Records—A written RPL report was provided.
Surveyor—A written surveyor report was provided.

Resolution 2026-1 Supervisory District Boundary Amendment was approved for action by the County Board on a motion by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Evans
Motion carried without negative vote.

Treasurer Report- Mr. Lehner updated the committee on seven In Rem foreclosure parcels that will be sold.

Forestry –

County Forestry Report—

Mr. Peterson reported that 16 sales were active in December. There is approximately \$4.7M in sold-uncut timber on file. Gross timber sales for 2025 totaled \$2.2M.
Mr. Peterson reported that snowmobile trails have been cleared and groomed by the Alliance.
Carbon credits were submitted for sale.

The 2026 SCF Annual Workplan was approved for action by County Board on a motion by: Mr. Neumann
Second by: Mr. Evans
Motion carried without negative vote.

Wisconsin DNR Report-

Mr. Fischer presented a written report submitted by Craig Morris.

USFS Report- No report

Motorized Trails Report— Ms. Schroeder spoke for the Alliance and reported that their goal of opening the trails by Christmas was met and it was a very busy holiday season for snowmobiles in the county.

Non-motorized— No report

Zoning/Conservation Department – Mr. Kozlowski reported on the DNR public meeting to discuss the water level on LCO- the public was in favor of a 6” increase. Mr. Kozlowski is waiting to hear the official decision from Jacob Druffner of the DNR.

The tree sale is ongoing, the poster and speaking contest is Jan 14-16, and staff is working on end of year grant reporting.

Board Appointed Committee Updates – None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings -- None

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjournment – 8:51am

Next Meeting: February 11, 2026 Time: 8:30am Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk