



## MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Date and Time of Meeting:** Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 1:00pm

**Meeting Location:** Conference Room #5, 212 River Drive, Wausau WI 54403

MEMBERS: Rick Seefeldt (Chairman), Tom Rosenberg (Vice-Chairman), Jean Maszk

***Marathon County Mission Statement:*** *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.*

***Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Mission Statement:*** *Adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the preferred place to live, work, and play.*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference beginning ten (10) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number: Phone Number: 1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 2481 596 3111. When you enter the telephone conference, PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!

### Agenda Items:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment (15 minute limit)** *(Any person who wishes to address the County Board, or one of its committees, during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting.)*
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, July 2, 2024 Committee Meeting**
4. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination**
  - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee - None
5. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:**
  - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
    1. County Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee Appointments
    2. Timber Sale Closeout – Koerner Forest Products LTD Contract #699-20
  - B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration - None
6. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee - None**
7. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**
  - A. Department of Natural Resources Liaison Report
  - B. County Forest Timber Sale Revenue Through July 30, 2024

- 8. **Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 1:00pm at 212 River Dr., Wausau, WI 54403, Room 5 or via Webex**
  - A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence
  - B. Future Agenda Items: Results of the 2024 Forest Certification Audit, Consider Approving Fall 2024 Timber Sale Package, 2024-2026 County Conservation Aids Project, DNR Liaison Report

9. **Adjournment**

**SIGNED /s/ Thomas Lovlien  
PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE**

ANY PERSON PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WHO NEEDS SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD CALL THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 261-1500 OR E-MAIL [COUNTYCLERK@CO.MARATHON.WI.US](mailto:COUNTYCLERK@CO.MARATHON.WI.US) ONE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

EMAILED TO: Daily Herald and other News Media Groups  
 EMAILED BY: Jodi Luebbe  
 EMAIL DATE/TIME: July 19, 2024 1:30 p.m.

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m/p.m.

Members present: Jean Maszk, Rick Seefeldt (chair), Tom Rosenberg (vice-chair)

Staff present: Tom Lovlien - Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley - Director, Jeff Sorenson - DNR Forest Liaison

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Seefeldt at 1:00pm, Rm. 5, 212 River Dr., Wausau. Official notice and the agenda for the meeting was posted publicly in accordance with State statutes.
2. Public Comment – none brought forward.
3. Approve Minutes – **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2024 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.
4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination
  - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee - None
5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution
  - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
    1. Timber Sale Closeout – Flannel Fleet Logging Contract #721-23 - A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 5310 and 5133.45 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$179,802.97. Lovlien’s recommendation is to close out Contract #721-23 and return their original Letter of Credit after their final payment is received. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Maszk to close out Contract #721-23 and return their original Letter of Credit after their final payment is received. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.
    2. Nine Mile Forest Springbrook Road Red Pine Harvest, History and Revenue – Lovlien put together information for County Board at Committee’s request. He gave history that 60 acres at Nine Mile were planted around 1940. Starting in 1970 ten individual selection thinning’s and one final harvest of all trees was done. This 60 acres was replanted this spring. The cost to reforest was about \$33,879.00 or \$564.65 per acre. Revenue from all harvests on the 60 acres was almost \$450,000 or \$7,500 per acre. Other benefits of County owned lands include economic, social, environmental, recreational, wildlife habitat, and watershed protection. Questions were answered and discussion occurred. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Rosenberg to direct Lovlien to contact Rebekah Luedtke from the Wisconsin County Forests Association to give a presentation at a subsequent County Board meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.
  - B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration - None
6. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee – None
7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports
  - A. Spring 2024 Timber Sale Summary – Sorenson reported this last bid opening was remarkable in terms of the increase in value. All five timber sales were sold with 31 bids received from 14 different contractors. The value of the acres sold was \$351,659.00 which is \$1,233.89 per acre. Questions were answered.
  - B. Department of Natural Resources Liaison Report – Sorenson reported that the 2023/2024 time standard hours had been met. He has assisted the County Forester with marking a hardwood timber sale in the Burma Forest Unit, pulling Garlic Mustard in the Burma Forest Unit, and conducting habitat classification typing. He will be assisting the County Forester with oak wilt control treatments at Nine Mile and with a musclewood/ironwood control project on a timber sale this summer.

C. Springbrook Road Tree Planting Video and Pictures – Lovlien discussed the pictures and video he had taken of the planting done at Springbrook Road. There were nine planters and one supervisor who planted about 56,000 trees in less than 9.5 hours. They used containerized seedlings which have an extremely good survival rate.

D. Billerud Cancels Plans for Escanaba Mill Upgrade – Lovlien said about a year ago Billerud had said they were going to convert the Escanaba mill to different type of packaging and create more jobs but have since backed away from upgrading it. They still are going to invest in the mill but will not be creating more jobs.

E. Wisconsin County Forests Association State Budget Priorities – The Wisconsin County Forests Association is working on support for areas in the DNR budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2027 which include the County Forest Administration Grant, the Sustainable Forestry Grant, the Wildlife Habitat Grant and Time Standard Hours.

F. Nine Mile Forest Events in 2024 – Lovlien discussed the events which include TREK WORS race June 14-16, WEMS Bike Race June 28-29, Wausau 24 Bike Race July 26-28, NICA Girls Bike Retreat August 10, Mosinee Cross Country Race September 3, Marathon Cross Country Race September 5, Ragnar Running Race Sept. 19-21, DC Everest Cross Country Sectional October 19, and the IronBull Granite Grinder Bike Race October 19.

8. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, July 30, 2024, 1:00 pm, Room. 5 & Webex, 212 River Dr., Wausau WI 54403 – If needed

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – none

B. Future Agenda Items: Forest Citizens’ Advisory Subcommittee Appointments, Department of Natural Resources Liaison Report, County Forest Timber Sale Revenue Through July 30, 2024.

9. Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON FOREST CITIZENS ADVISORY  
SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – JULY 30, 2024

1. John Burke – Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing - Expires Sept. 1, 2026
2. Greg Klos – Conservation – Expires Sept. 1, 2026
3. Mike Lane – Hunting – Expires Sept. 1, 2026
4. Carmen Engelman – Equestrian – Expires Sept. 1, 2026
5. Susan Haug – Birding – Expires Sept. 1, 2026
6. John Lauer – Mountain Biking – Expires Sept. 1, 2026

APPLICATION FOR THE MARATHON COUNTY FOREST  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Name JOHN LAUER Are you a resident of  
Address 225950 BLUEGILL AVE Marathon County?  
STREET  
RIB MOUNTAIN WI 54401 Yes   
CITY, STATE, ZIP  
Phone 715-297-2822 No   
Home Work

I am available for meetings: Day  Evening

Please describe your background as it relates to the county forest or forestry or natural resource management in general.

*I am involved with CWCC as a Board Member & trail leader - I have extensive experience in Land Management stemming from a BS in NRM (Natural Resource Mgmt) from Colorado State University*

Why are you interested in participating as a member of the advisory committee?

*My passion for land conservation and outdoor recreation namely Mountain Biking - Trail maintenance.*

Please add any other information we should consider.

*I am eager to learn new things and lend my knowledge & experience where I can.*

Please return the completed application by October 30, 2022 and any supporting materials to:

Thomas Lovlien, Forest Administrator  
Wausau and Marathon County Parks,  
Recreation, and Forestry Department  
212 River Drive, Suite 2  
Wausau, WI 54403-5476

# CLOSE OUT TIMBER SALES

Sale 699-20

KOERNER FOREST PRODUCTS LTD

	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Cut</b>	
Aspen Pulp	2850 Tons	2968.09 Tons	Aspen Pulp
Basswood Pulp	80 Tons	52.70 Tons	Basswood Pulp
Mixed Hardwood Pulp	400 Tons	518.04 Tons	Mixed Hardwood Pulp
Oak Pulp	340 Tons	73.67 Tons	Oak Pulp
	<b>3670 Tons</b>	<b>3612.50 Total Tons Cut</b>	
Ash Sawlogs	7 MBF	6.03 MBF	Ash Sawlogs
Basswood Sawlogs	20 MBF	9.15 MBF	Basswood Sawlogs
Red Maple Sawlogs	4 MBF	3.85 MBF	Red Maple Sawlogs
Red Oak Sawlogs	25 MBF	20.00 MBF	Red Oak Sawlogs
	<b>56 MBF</b>	<b>39.03 Total MBF Cut</b>	

Total Revenue for Sale:     **\$35,734.10**

Balance:                         (\$2,965.90)

Bond Amount:                 \$9,361.88

Bond Type:                    Letter of Credit

Recommendation:     **Sale has approximately 20 acres to be harvested. Recommendation is to close sale and return original Letter of Credit and remaining balance in the account.**

Marathon County Forestry Committee

July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting

- As of 7/19/24 (just into the new fiscal year) I have completed 38.25 hours of 660 time standard hours (~ 6%) for '24/'25.
- Conducted habitat classification typing with Tucker on a few stands in the Hewitt/Harrison unit.
- Completed some stand reconnaissance and updated the stand data in WisFIRS (our data tracking software) – stocking levels, timber volumes, tree heights, species mixture, revised habitat types and recommended future management and estimated harvest year entry. I plan to continue this throughout the rest of the summer months.
- Plan to assist Tucker with musclewood/ironwood control project on the Einstein timber sale and timber sale establishment later this fall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Sorenson*

Jeff Sorenson

Wisconsin DNR – Marathon County Forest Liaison



## MARATHON COUNTY FOREST

### TIMBER SALE SUMMARY

#### TIMBER SALE REPORT:

During the first seven months of the year six timber sales have been active. Three sales were closed and three had harvesting but not completed. Twenty-five sales are currently under contract to be harvested with an estimated value of \$1,414,600 over the next 2-3 years.

County forest timber sale revenue through July 30, 2024 is \$258,270.01. Net timber sale revenue to Marathon County is \$180,790.00. This amount (70%) is actual dollars to Marathon County after repayment of the County Forest loan (20%) and yearly town payment (10%).

For the remainder of 2024, I anticipate that some timber sales in Nine Mile and Burma Forest Units become active which will increase revenues closer to the \$305,000 budgeted amount.