



## MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Date and Time of Meeting:** Tuesday, October 1, 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: 2488 433 5189. 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, September 3, 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. Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts
    2. 2025 Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department Budget Update
    3. Consider Investigating Land for Sale in the Town of Reid for an Addition to the County Forest
  - 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. Ragnar Trail Wisconsin Update

8. **Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 1:00pm at 212 River Dr, Wausau, WI 54403, Room 5 or via Webex**
- A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence
  - B. Future Agenda Items: Consider Timber Sale Extension Requests, Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts, DNR Liaison Report, Update from Fall WCFA Meeting, DNR Partnership Meeting Minutes and Discussion, Potential Land Purchases – Town of Reid.

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: Winnie Parker  
EMAIL DATE/TIME: September 24, 2024, 3:15 p.m.

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m/p.m.

Members present: Rick Seefeldt (chair), Tom Rosenberg (vice-chair) Excused: Jean Maszk  
Staff present: Tom Lovlien - Forest Administrator, Joe Tucker, County Forester, 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 Seefeldt / Rosenberg to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2024, regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 2-0.

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. Consider approving Fall 2024 Timber Sale Package – The Fall 2024 Timber Sale Package has been distributed to the Committee for review. Included in the Fall 2024 Timber Sale are four (4) Sales totaling 311 acres and one (1) 79-acre County Park sale at Big Eau Pleine Park which was approved by the Parks Commission last April. The sales will be advertised, and the bid opening is Monday, September 30, 2024. Questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Seefeldt to approve the Fall 2024 Timber Sale. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 2-0.

2. Consider 2024-2026 County Conservation Aids Project – 2024-2026 County Conservation Aids Grant of \$4,314 with a match of \$4,314, which comes from a tax levy. These grants issued toward projects that benefits hunting, fishing, and/or are game-related. After consulting with the operations department about what the next three (3) years needs were, it was determined that the retaining walls, target holders, and other maintenance at the shooting range was the most critical. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Seefeldt to rebuild the retaining walls and target holders, and to conduct other maintenance as necessary at the shooting range. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 2-0.

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. Preliminary results of the 2024 Forest Certification Audit – A recertification audit is held every 5 years by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). For the second consecutive recertification audit, no major or minor issues are needed to be addressed. This “clean slate” is something of which to be proud, as three (3) auditors from three (3) different parts of the country preside over the audit and deemed the forestry program in good standing. These audits hold the county to a high standard. The final report is forthcoming.

B. Department of Natural Resources Liaison Report – Jeff Sorenson, DNR Liaison, reported on attending a timber market meeting held by Great Lakes Timber with Joe Tucker, Forester. The committee was informed about what is trending in the pulp market in the states of Michigan and Wisconsin. The Department of Natural Resources is exploring alternative timber markets due to market challenges. He is seeking a scarification site for John Hunt to do some work this fall using money budgeted from the Wildlife Grant and Forestry Budget.

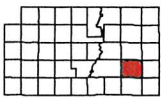
C. Wisconsin County Forest Association Annual Meeting – September 25-27

8. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 1:00 pm, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403, or via Webex

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – Rebecca Luedtke and Doug Brown did a presentation on forestry at the August County Board meeting. The presentation demonstrated what the forestry program does and what it takes to run.

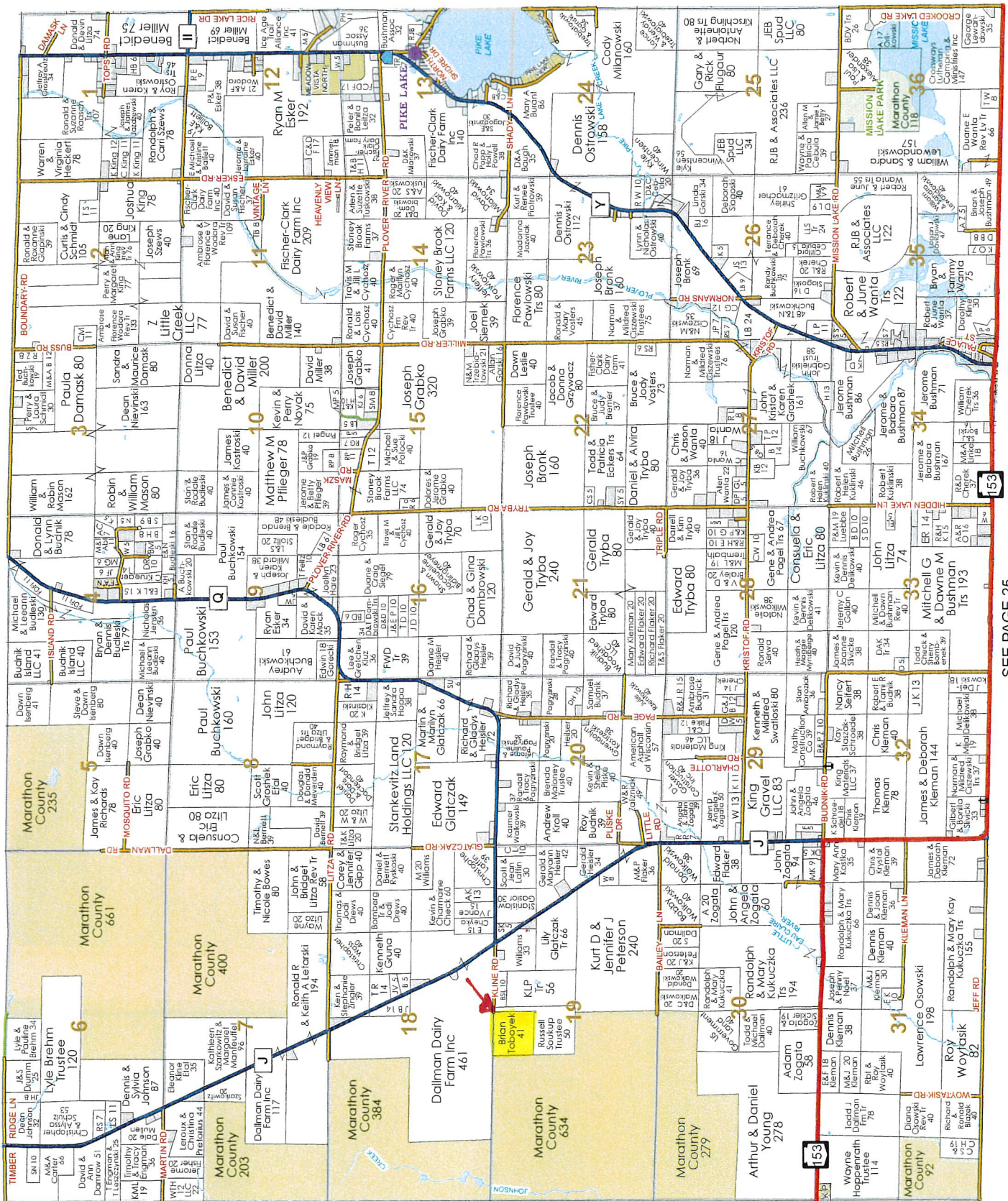
B. Future Agenda Items – Consider timber bids and award contracts, 2025 Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department Budget update, DNR/County Partnership Meeting, minutes and discussion, DNR Liaison Report, Ragnar Trail Wisconsin update.

9. Adjourn – Motion / second by Seefeldt / Rosenberg to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 2-0.



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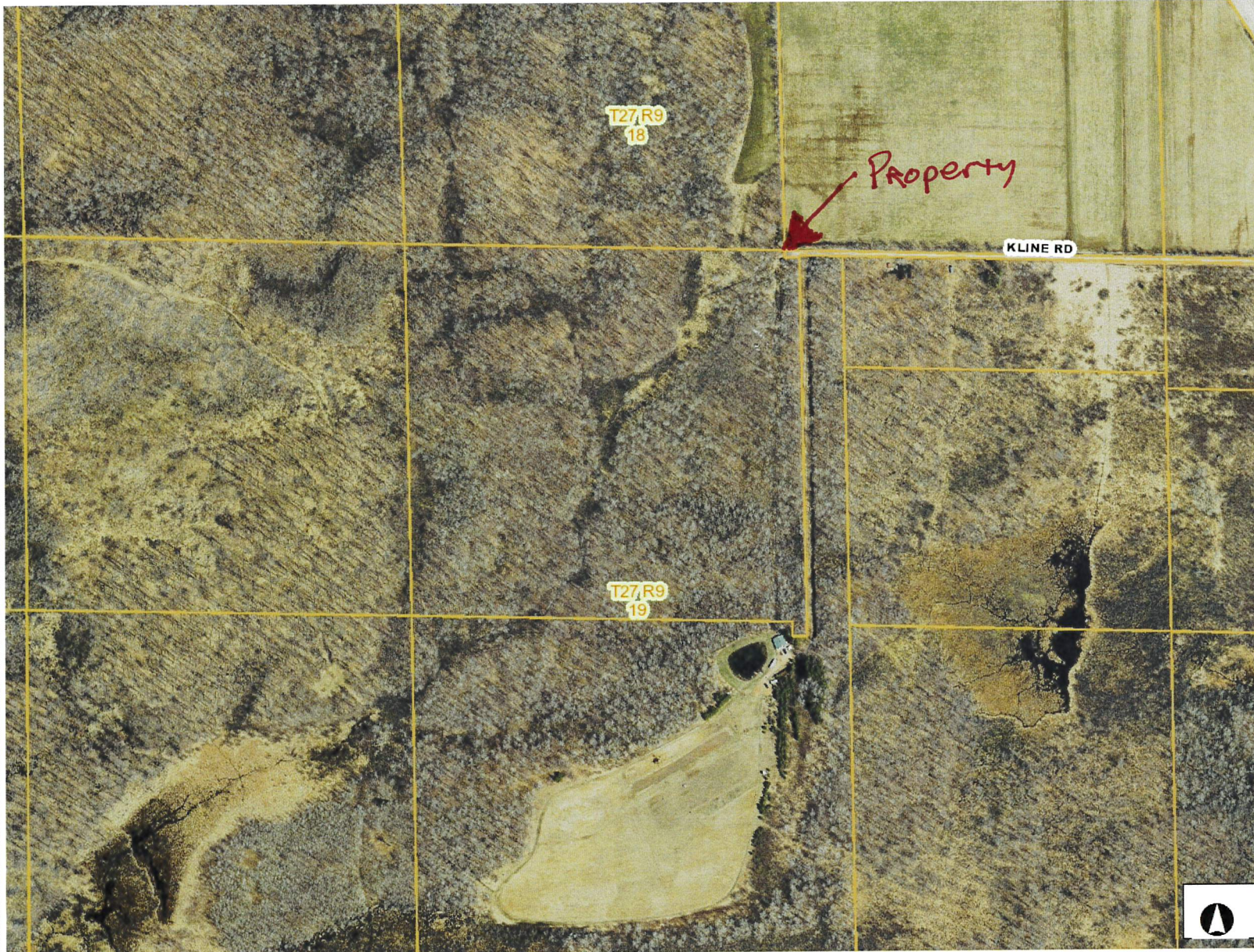
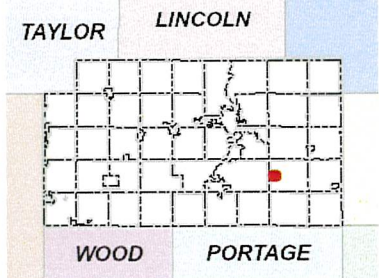


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# Land Information Mapping System



## Legend

- Road Names
- Parcels
- Parcel Lot Lines
- Land Hooks
- Section Lines/Numbers
- Right Of Ways
- Named Places
- Municipalities
- 2020 Orthos Countywide
  - Red: Band\_1
  - Green: Band\_2
  - Blue: Band\_3



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## Notes

Marathon County Forestry Committee

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Meeting

- As of 9/27/24, DNR staff will have completed ~185 hours of 660 time standard hours (~ 28%) covering (~25%) of the time period for '24/'25.
- As of 9/27/24, Sorenson will have completed ~125 hours of 535 of personal goal time standard hours (~ 23%) covering (~25%) of the time period for '24/'25.
- September was a light month of county related work due to about a week of vacation and focus on other more pressing DNR related work.
- Hunt started scarification work on "Old Sled" timber sale red maple shelterwood. We're trying to set back a heavy stocking of musclewood and ironwood to try to help future red maple and other hardwood regeneration.
- Conducted DNR-Marathon County Forest (MCF) annual partnership meeting. Our new team leader, Jordan Truitt was in attendance, so it was a good way to get her up to speed with how MCF operates.
- Hunt and Sorenson will begin field work for 80-100 acre timber sale in the Ringle Forest Unit.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Sorenson*

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Wisconsin DNR – Marathon County Forest Liaison