

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2023

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Ken Schmitt	Chippewa County	District 3 (Chair)	Present	
Charles Bomar	Chippewa County	District 12 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
James Flater	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
David Bischel	Chippewa County	District 4	Absent	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that all Supervisors were present except Supervisor Bischel, who had notified the Chair.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), D. Hutchison (DNR), M. Hansen, L. Schweikert, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

County Board Chairman D. Gullickson was present.

Members of the public present (as identified) were D. Barrickman, C.D., A. Droske, S. Gygi, D. Hauser, T. Henke, D. Johnson, C. Kaiser, K. Roytek, M. S., J. Van Den Heuvel, and B. Zimmerman.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

S. Gygi addressed the Committee. He gave a brief history of the Ruby Game Trail and how the multi-use option was arrived at through meetings with the hunter and snowmobile organizations, and County Administrator F. Pascarella. He felt that the map in the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan showing the frozen ground access in the Ruby Block is incorrect.

T. Henke, President of the Chippewa Valley Snowmobile Organization, addressed the Committee. He indicated that the organization would like to keep this section a snowmobile trail and noted safety issues they have encountered with vehicles using the trails.

B. Zimmerman did not speak.

K. Roytek did not speak.

D. Johnson did not speak.

J. Van Den Heuvel, President of the Flambeau Area Trail Tenders Snowmobile Club, addressed the Committee. He indicated that an agreement was made between the hunter and snowmobile organizations for multi-use on snowmobile trails but did cite safety concerns when there is deep snow and vehicles are driving on the trails.

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C. D. did not speak.

M. S. did not speak.

D. Hauser, representative of the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association, addressed the Committee. He indicated that interest remains strong within the Association to continue the cooperative agreement with the County.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bischel

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - February 15, 2023

5. REPORTS

1. Overview of D. Hakes Ash Sale - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Map titled: Tract 9-19: ~55 acres of Ash Removal from Swamp Hardwoods, (LCFM - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the location of the timber sale and the individual areas of the remnant sale.
2. Map titled: Tract 8-19: ~45 acres of Ash Removal from Swamp Hardwoods, (LCFM - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the location of the timber sale and the individual areas of the remnant sale.

The contractor would now like a release from the contracts. M. Hansen has identified a small local contractor who is interested in direct sales for these and other small ash stands.

There was limited discussion.

2. Mountain Bike Trail Expansion Report - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Photograph of bridge installed by CORBRA in Fall, 2022, (LCFM - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached).

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2. Map titled: Hickory Ridge Mountain Bike Expansion 2022 As Built, (LCFM - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the location of the existing Hickory Ridge Mountain Bike Trail, the agreed-to 2022 trail layout, and the expansion, as built in December, 2022.
3. Map titled: Required Route, (LCFM - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the Hickory Ridge Mountain Bike Trail proposed current route required to stay below the threshold of needing a State Storm Water & Erosion Control Permit.
4. Map titled: Possible Reroute, if Necessary (LCFM - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The map show the Hickory Ridge Mountain Bike Trail possible reroute, if necessary, to stay below the threshold of needing a State Storm Water & Erosion Control Permit.

M. Hansen reported that CORBRA has not completed the return loop at this point and will continue the trail instead to Dog Island. This change in route will not trigger the threshold for a storm water & erosion control permit. The organization may come back to the Committee in the future to ask for smaller sections to be added to the trail.

There was limited discussion.

3. Update on Chippewa County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Table titled: Compiled from Phone Calls 2/4-2/11 to all Stakeholders Who Previously Agreed to Serve on the Update (2021-2035 County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan), (LCFM - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The table outlines the stakeholder group, name, and interest in serving.
2. Listing titled: Potential Members of the Chippewa County Outdoor Recreation Plan Steering Committee, (LCFM - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The list provides the names and organizations of potential members of the steering committee.

M. Hansen asked if there were other organizations or individuals the Committee would like to see on this steering committee. The Committee indicated they would like representatives from the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association, Chippewa Valley Rough Grouse Society, Trout Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, and the Bloomer and Stanley Rod & Gun Clubs.

4. WI Land+Water 2023 Conference - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an oral report inviting members to the annual conference. The report was supported by an email from C. Schlutt (WI Land+Water) to land and water conservation staff and supervisors (1/10/23) regarding the 2023 WI Land+Water annual conference on March 1-3, 2023, at Chula Vista, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, (Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached).

There was limited discussion.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Review Summary of Second Fall 2022 Timber Sale Bids and Award Contracts - M. Hansen

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M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Table titled: Chippewa County Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management Weighted Average of High Bids - 12/19/22, (LCFM - copy on file & attached). The table outlines the wood types marketed through the second Fall, 2022 timber sale process, the weighted average by wood product type, and the % change from the accepted 5/16/22 and 11/14/22 timber sale processes.
2. Summary table titled: Chippewa County Forest Listing of High Bids Submitted at December 19, 2022, Bid Opening, (LCFM - copy on file & attached). The table outlines the volume of highest bid and the value of the accepted bid from the second Fall, 2022 timber sale.
3. Summary tables from the second Fall, 2022 Timber Sale bids for Tracts #17-22, #19-22, #20-22, #21-22, #22-22, and #23-22, (LCFM - copy on file & attached), which outlines the specific timber sale information for each tract, as submitted by each bidder.
4. Maps and prospectuses for Tracts #17-22, #19-22, #20-22, #21-22, #22-22, and #23-22, (LCFM - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached).

There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve the bids, as presented: Peterson/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bischel

2. Discrepancies Between Signage and the Map of Ruby Frozen Ground Access - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Map titled: Chippewa County Forest, Chase Family Acquisition (340 Acres), (LCFM - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The map shows a section of the County Forest and the parcels in the County Forest that were acquired in 2011 from the Chase Family.
2. Map titled: Permanent Secondary Roads in Town of Ruby County Forest Open to Motorized Vehicle Use During Frozen Ground Conditions, (LCFM 3/11/2015 - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the location of public year-round roads and permanent secondary roads opened during frozen ground conditions in the County Forest, Town of Ruby.
3. Portion of 7/15/2015 LCFM Committee minutes concerning public testimony and Committee action relating to motorized vehicle use during frozen ground conditions in the Town of Ruby County Forest, (Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached).
4. Map titled: 925.13 Permanent Secondary Roads in Town of Ruby County Forest Open to Motorized Vehicle Use During Frozen Ground Conditions, (July 2015), (LCFM 7/20/2015 - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The map is from the 2021-2035 County Forest

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Comprehensive Land Use Plan showing the location of public year-round roads, permanent secondary roads opened during frozen ground conditions, snowmobile trail, and public easements over private lands opened during frozen ground conditions in the County Forest, Town of Ruby.

5. Photo of sign posted on permanent secondary road indicating multi-user trail, (Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The history and agreement between hunting and snowmobile organizations to allow multi-use on the snowmobile trail in the Town of Ruby.
2. The location of the trail segment that is involved and signs indicating multi-use.

Motion to alter the map and update the plan to reflect the existing signage to create a multi-use trail: Bomar/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bischel

3. Sale of Four (4) Tree Planters - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The LCFM has four (4) tree planters, two (2) which are operational and two (2) non-operational. Due to the low demand for use of these planters, the DNR will take over responsibility for scheduling and maintenance of the operational planters. The LCFM would like to sell the non-operational planters.

There was limited discussion.

Motion to dispose of the non-operational planters through the County Clerk's Office and keep the operational planters that DNR will take for service: Flater/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bischel

4. SWRM 2022-2023 Grant Funds Request, Transfer, and Extension - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by a table titled: Chippewa County's Request to Extend Cost-Share Contracts from 2022-2023, (Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). She explained the SWRM funding process, transfers, and approval requests to extend the 2022 contracted funds into 2023.

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There was limited discussion.

Motion to extend all (SWRM) contracts into 2023: Flater/Pingel. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	James Pingel, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bischel

5. Approval of Community Well Ad Hoc Committee Members - L. Schweikert
L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by four (4) application forms that were received by individuals applying for the Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee, (Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached).

There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve the ad hoc committee applicants: Peterson/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bischel

6. Resolution to Use ARPA Fund for Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells - L. Schweikert
L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by a resolution titled: Resolution to Authorize the Use of American Rescue Act Funding for the Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells Project, (Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached).

There was limited discussion.

Supervisor Bergeron requested that tentative timelines/goal dates be placed on the attached fact sheet titled: LCFM ARPA Project Contaminate Mitigation in Resident Wells, (LCFM) before being presented to the Executive Committee.

Motion to approve the ARPA funds resolution: Bomar/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bischel

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7. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between Chippewa County & the LWIPA to Implement LWSP - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Agreement titled: Cooperative Agreement Between the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, (LCFM 9/20/17 - Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The agreement establishes the roles and responsibilities of the LWIPA and the LCFM to implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, (2017-2022).
2. Amendment titled: First Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, (Distributed 1/11/23 - copy on file & attached). The amendment extends the agreement through 12/31/2024 and assigns one or more LCFM employees or limited term staff position(s) to the project.

There was limited discussion.

The Committee agreed to place this as an agenda item for the February, 2023, LCFM meeting.

8. The LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T30N, R6W and T31N, R6W) - M. Hansen
Motion for the LCFM Committee to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T30N, R6W and T31N, R6W) with the LCFM Committee, any other County Board members, R. Scholz, L. Schweikert, M. Hansen, J. Schemenauer, and County Board Chair Gullickson in closed session attendance: Bergeron/Flater. Roll call vote: Supervisor Bergeron - Aye, Supervisor Bomar - Aye, Supervisor Flater - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

The Committee went into closed session at 5:45 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bischel

The Committee will convene to open session.

Motion to go into open session: Bergeron/Bomar. Roll call vote: Supervisor Bergeron - Aye, Supervisor Bomar - Aye, Supervisor Flater - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

The Committee went into open session at 5:52 p.m.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bischel

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The following items were addressed for future agenda items:

1. Review the Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between Chippewa County & The Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association to Administer the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (LWSP), for a possible extension to 2025.
2. The use of "hot" saws in County Forest timber sale operations.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Flater/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote at 5:54 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bischel

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James Flater	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
David Bischel	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Absent	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that all Supervisors were present except Supervisor Bergeron, who had notified the Chair.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), D. Hutchinson (DNR), K. Clow, M. Hansen, J. Larson, L. Schweikert, T. Shutter, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

County Board Chairman D. Gullickson joined the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Members of the public present were P. Krumenauer and S. Jasper.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

P. Krumenauer, President of the Chippewa Valley ATV Council, thanked the Committee for supporting the ATV clubs and allowing them use of the trails.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - December 21, 2022

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5. REPORTS

1. Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee Update - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by an application titled: Application Form for Committees, Commissions, and Boards (Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached). Applicants will submit the application to serve on the Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee.

There was limited discussion.

2. Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Audit Update - T. Shutter

T. Shutter presented an oral report. The report was supported by a handout titled: 2022 WI DNR Nonmetallic Mine Audit Non-Compliance Results, (Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached). The handout outlines the 2022 WI DNR nonmetallic mine audit of Chippewa County (non-compliant category, corrective action required, and the date to complete the corrective action).

There was general discussion.

3. Review of 2022 Stormwater Audit - K. Clow

K. Clow presented an oral report. The report was supported by a PowerPoint titled: Stormwater Program Audit, (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached). The PowerPoint provides an update on the results of the 2022 DNR stormwater audit in regards to the Chippewa County Stormwater Ordinance and plan revisions.

There was general discussion.

4. Update on Fall 2022 Timber Sale - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. He reported that the LCFM would like to hold a second Fall 2022 timber sale due to additional sales that will be available and the current timber market.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discount for Veterans on State Bike Trail - M. Hansen

M. Hansen provided an oral report. He reported that the State of Wisconsin currently does not have a discount program for veterans for state trail passes. Chippewa County LCFM would like to use donations, that have been received over the years for the Old Abe Trail, to provide a 50% discount for a state trail pass to all veterans. The pass is good for all trails in Wisconsin. The LCFM will work with the Chippewa County Veterans Office to get the word out on this discount.

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve the discount for veterans on state trail passes: Bomar/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

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2. Review Summary of Fall 2022 Timber Sale Bids and Award Contracts - M. Hansen

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1. Table titled: Chippewa County Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management Weighted Average of High Bids - 11/14/22, (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached). The table outlines the wood types marketed through the Fall, 2022 timber sale process, the weighted average by wood product type, and the % change from the accepted May, 2022, timber sale process.
2. Summary table titled: Chippewa County Forest Listing of High Bids Submitted at November 14, 2022, Bid Opening, (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached). The table outlines the volume of highest bid and the value of the accepted bid from the Fall, 2022 timber sale.
3. Summary tables from the Fall, 2022 Timber Sale bids for Tracts #11-22, #12-22, #13-22, #14-22, #15-22, #16-22, and #18-22 (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached), which outlines the specific timber sale information for each tract, as submitted by each bidder.
4. Maps and prospectuses for Tracts #11-22, #12-22, #13-22, #14-22, #15-22, #16-22, #17-22, and #18-22, (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached).

There was limited discussion.

Motion to award timber sales to highest bidders (as presented): Flater/Peterson. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

3. Overview of County Forest Timber Sales Contracted with Kafka Forestry, LLC - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a table that outlined four (4) timber sales Kafka Forestry, LLC currently has under contract with Chippewa County. The logger would like to subcontract all four (4) sales but only Propkop Logging has agreed to subcontract one (1) sale, following the contract requirements.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. Reasoning for the County to take back the three (3) sales.
2. Terminating the three (3) outstanding contracts with Kafka Forestry, LLC before their contract expiration date and assessing a possible penalty to the contractor.

Motion to assess a 10% penalty (to Kafka Forestry, LLC) with a deadline of 11/23/22 (for the contractor) to opt out (of the three (3) timber sale contracts): Flater/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

4. Resolution to Approve 2023 Forest Work Plan and Application for Grant - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by an annual work plan titled: 2023 Annual Workplan for the Forest and Trails Division of the Chippewa county Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management, (LCFM - Distributed 11/15/22 - copy on file & attached).

Chair Schmitt noted an error in Section 3. General Administration, Statement #3. which incorrectly states "Monitor 2022 budget and prepare 2023 budget...". The sentence should read "Monitor 2023 budget and prepare 2024 budget...".

There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve the work plan with the correction of the clerical error under Section 3. General Administration, Statement #3: Bischel/Flater. Motion carried on voice vote.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 12/13/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	David Bischel, District 4	
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1	
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel	
ABSENT:	Bergeron	

5. The LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T32N, R7W and Sec. 31 and 32) - M. Hansen
- Motion for the LCFM Committee to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T32N, R7W and Sec. 31 and 32) with the LCFM Committee, any other County Board members (D. Gullickson), S. Jasper, R. Scholz, L. Schweikert, M. Hansen, and J. Schemenauer in closed session attendance: Bomar/Flater. Roll call vote: Supervisor Bomar - Aye, Supervisor Bischel - Aye, Supervisor Flater - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

The Committee went into closed session at 5:04 p.m.

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SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

6. The Committee will Convene to Open Session

Motion to go into open session: Flater/Bischel. Roll call vote: Supervisor Flater - Aye, Supervisor Bomar - Aye, Supervisor Bischel - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

The Committee went into open session at 5:50 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	David Bischel, District 4
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

7. The LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T30N, R6W and T31N, R6W) - M. Hansen
- Motion for the LCFM Committee to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T30N, R6W and T31N, R6W), with the LCFM Committee, any other County Board members (D. Gullickson), R. Scholz, L. Schweikert, M. Hansen, and J. Schemenauer in closed session attendance: Bomar/Peterson. Roll call vote: Supervisor Bomar - Aye, Supervisor Bischel - Aye, Supervisor Flater - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

The Committee went into closed session at 5:52 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

8. The Committee will Reconvene to Open Session to Continue with the Agenda

Motion to go into open session: Flater/Bomar. Roll call vote: Supervisor Flater - Aye, Supervisor Bomar - Aye, Supervisor Bischel - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Nov 16, 2022 4:30 PM (Consent Agenda)

Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee

Minutes

November 16, 2022

Regular Meeting

Chippewa County Courthouse, Rm 302

4:30 PM

The Committee went into open session at 6:38 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no future agenda items discussed.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Peterson/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote at 6:38 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bergeron

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Nov 16, 2022 4:30 PM (Consent Agenda)



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION OVERVIEW OF D. HAKES ASH SALE

5.1

David Hakes Logging was the winning bidder on two (2) ash timber sales offered in the Spring, 2019, bid opening. Sales 1289 and 1290 both have approximately 2/3rds of the sale acreage harvested. Both sales indicate they will produce significant overruns in the volumes estimated.

Since 2016, the contractor has successfully completed seven (7) contracts with Chippewa County. There have been no consequential operational or financial issues.

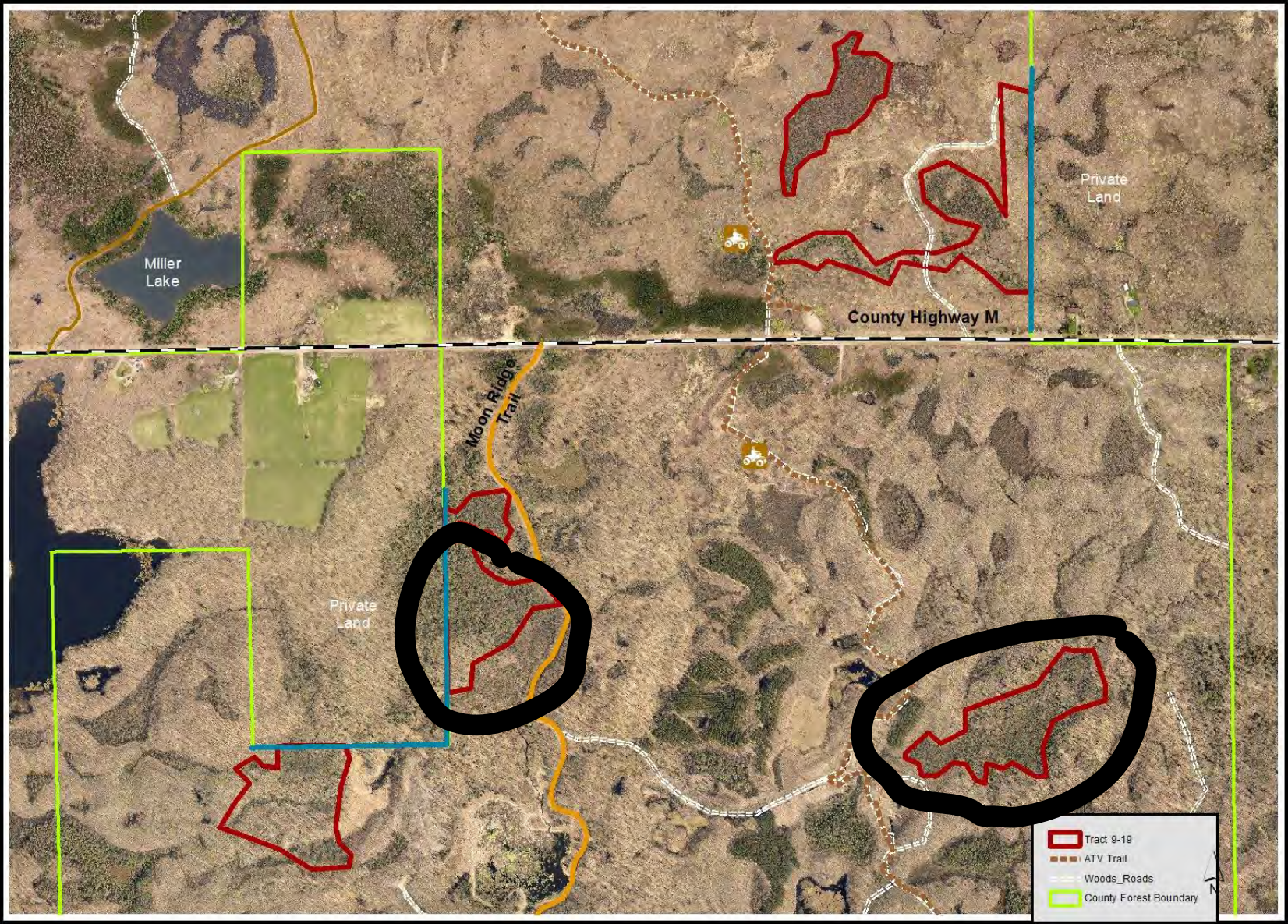
Due to the small volume in the remnant sale areas, the County Forest Administrator (CFA) offered to release the contracts without penalty when harvesting operations ceased last spring.

At that time, the contractor requested to have contract extensions to complete the sales. This fall, the CFA made the same offer again and the contractor would now like a release from the contract, if there is no financial penalty.

The CFA has identified a small local contractor who is interested in direct sales for these and other small ash stands. The contractor has worked in Chippewa County before and has had no operational or financial issues.

This report will inform the committee of the sale administration actions being taken.

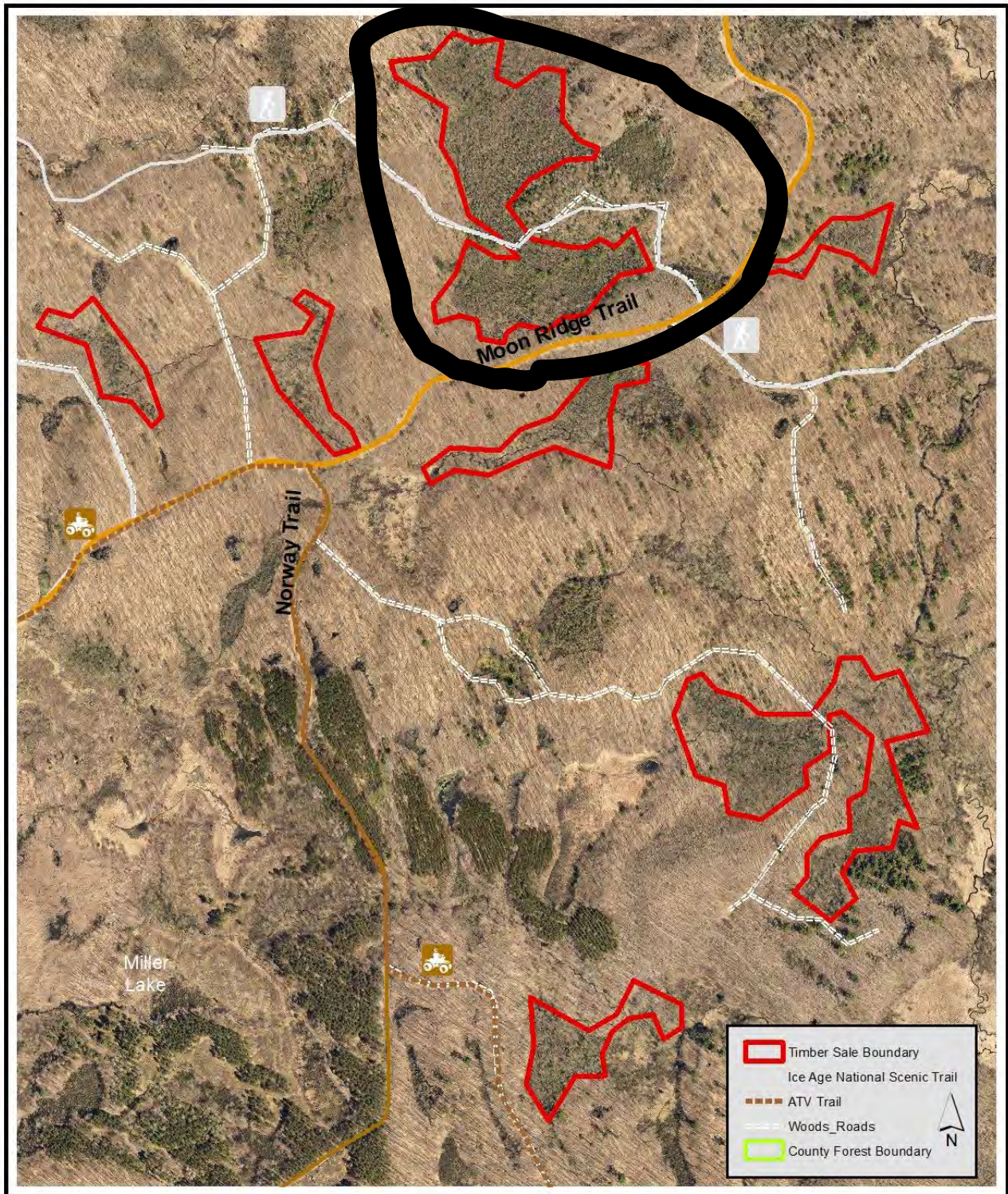
Tract 9-19: ~ 55 acres of Ash Removal from Swamp Hardwoods



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Attachment: Hakes Timbersales Information (7472 : Overview of D. Hakes Ash Sale)

Tract 8-19: ~ 45 acres of Ash Removal from Swamp Hardwoods



Map Not To Scale

Attachment: Hakes Timbersales Information (7472 : Overview of D. Hakes Ash Sale)



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL EXPANSION REPORT

5.2

In 2021, the County Forest Administrator (CFA) worked with representatives of the Chippewa Off Road Bike Association (CORBA) and the Chippewa Valley Trail Riders (CVTR) horse club to minimize user conflicts through improved trail layout. The Committee approved the layout agreed to by CORBA and CVTR, as presented by the CFA at the October, 2021 meeting.

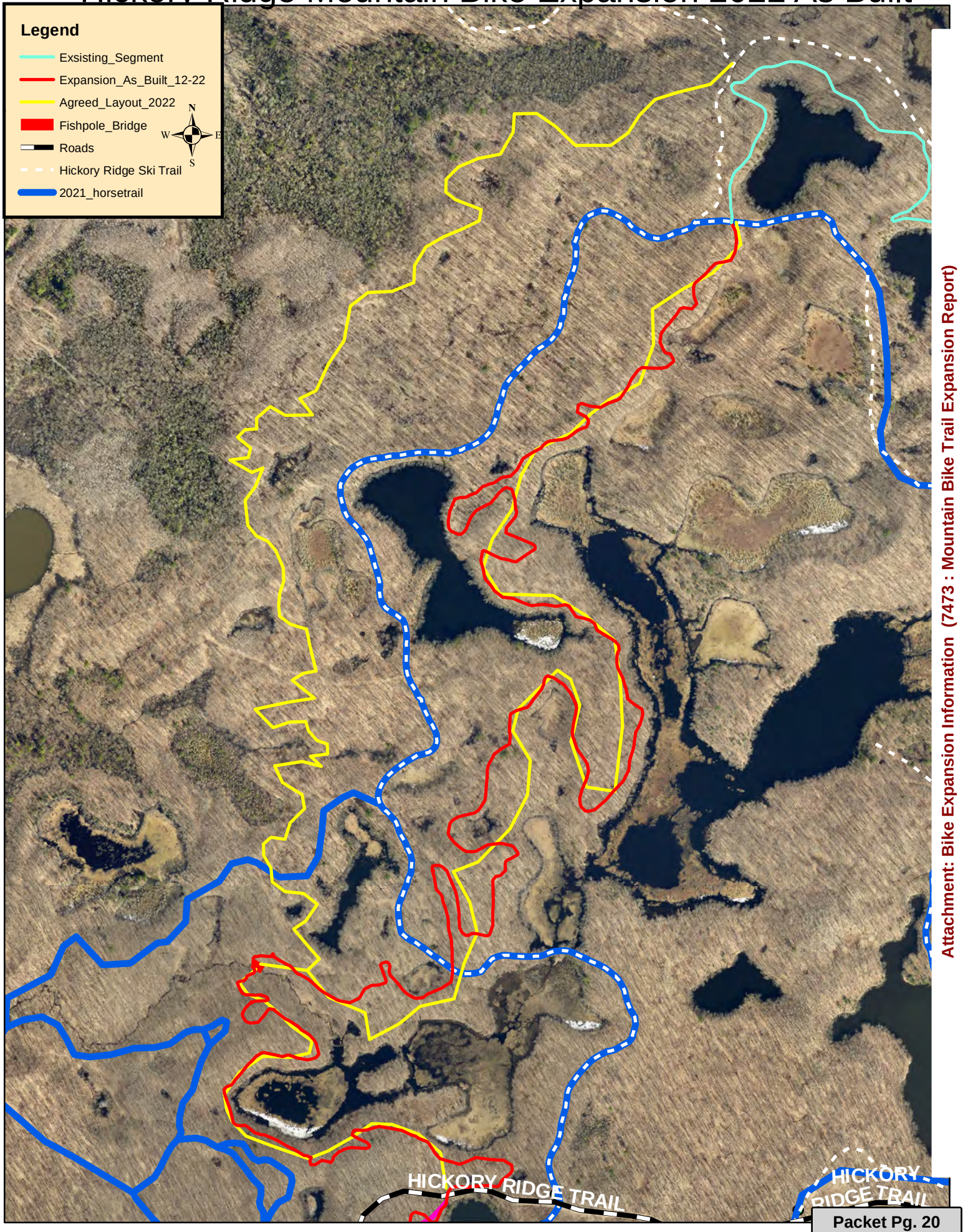
In order to create the best bridge design and user experience, since July, 2021, the CFA has been seeking a waiver of the State's 5' height requirement for bridges on navigable streams. Once that determination is made, the design can be determined and a permit for the bridge can be applied for.

On November 18, 2022, CORBA's representative for Chippewa County informed the CFA that they had installed a bridge across the stream before a determination was given by the State or an application for a permit could be submitted. The CFA requested the State enforce their policies and procedures. Instead the State encouraged the County to apply for an after-the-fact permit, which doubles the cost as a penalty. The CFA submitted an application for an after-the-fact permit electronically on 12-1-22.

On December 8, 2022, the CFA inspected the newly constructed trail with the CVTR representative. In two places, CORBA constructed a trail, directly contradicting agreements we made in the planning process. This results in increased visual overlap between the user groups. The trail, as constructed, does not follow layout on the maps approved by the Committee and has increased the mileage of trail from an estimate of 11,760 feet to 15,065 feet or 2.85 miles. The unbuilt western side of the trail loop is estimated to be at least 1.7 miles, for a total trail length of 4.55 miles, if constructed as designed. Assuming a 2 foot trail tread, 4.125 miles of trail equates to 1 acre, and is the limit for triggering the need for a State Storm Water & Erosion Control Permit. These permits require an erosion control plan with specific practices to reduce erosion and reduce the transport of sediment and other pollutants.

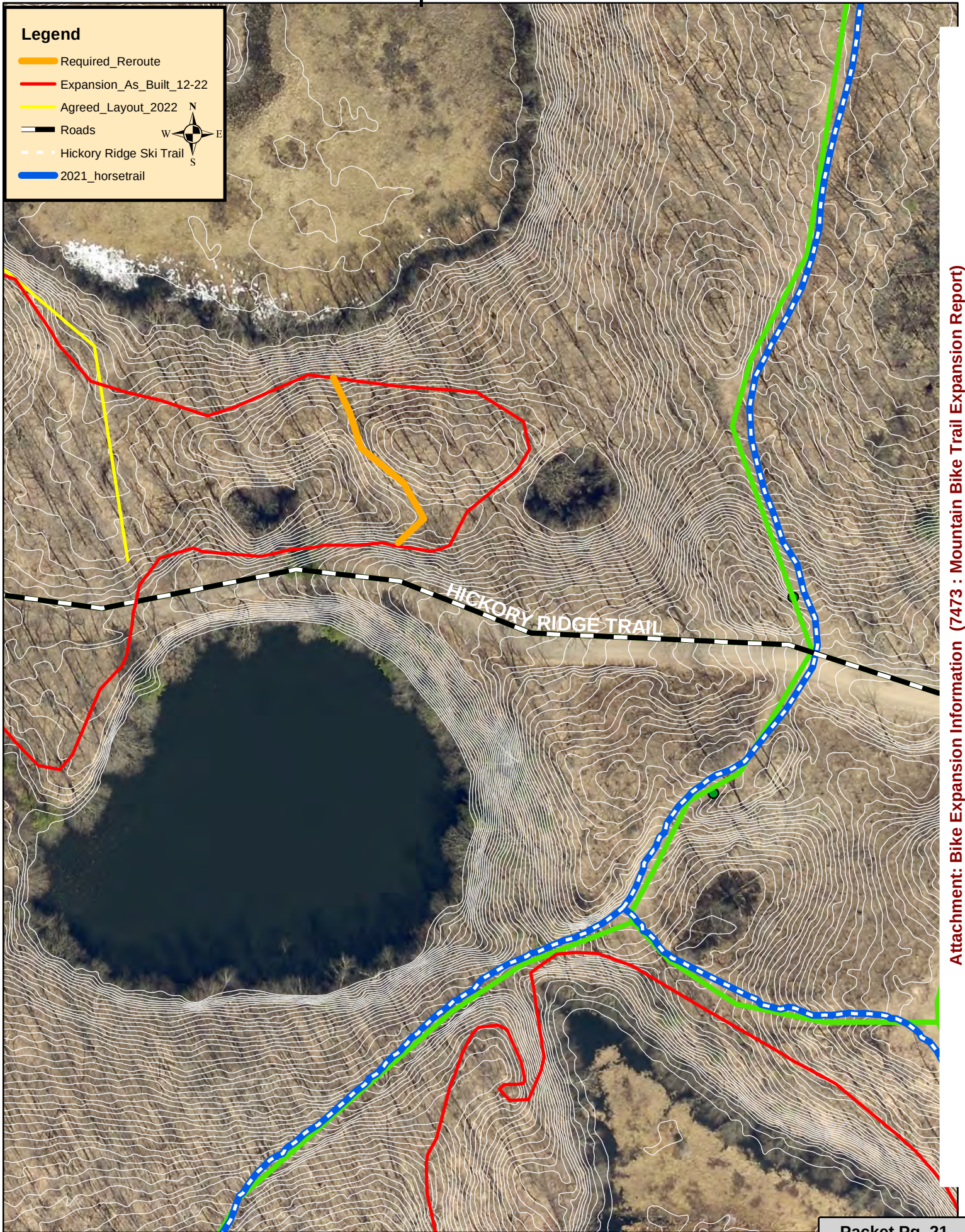
This agenda item will be used to discuss the consequences of failure to comply with the approved layout of the mountain bike trail expansion.





Required Reroute

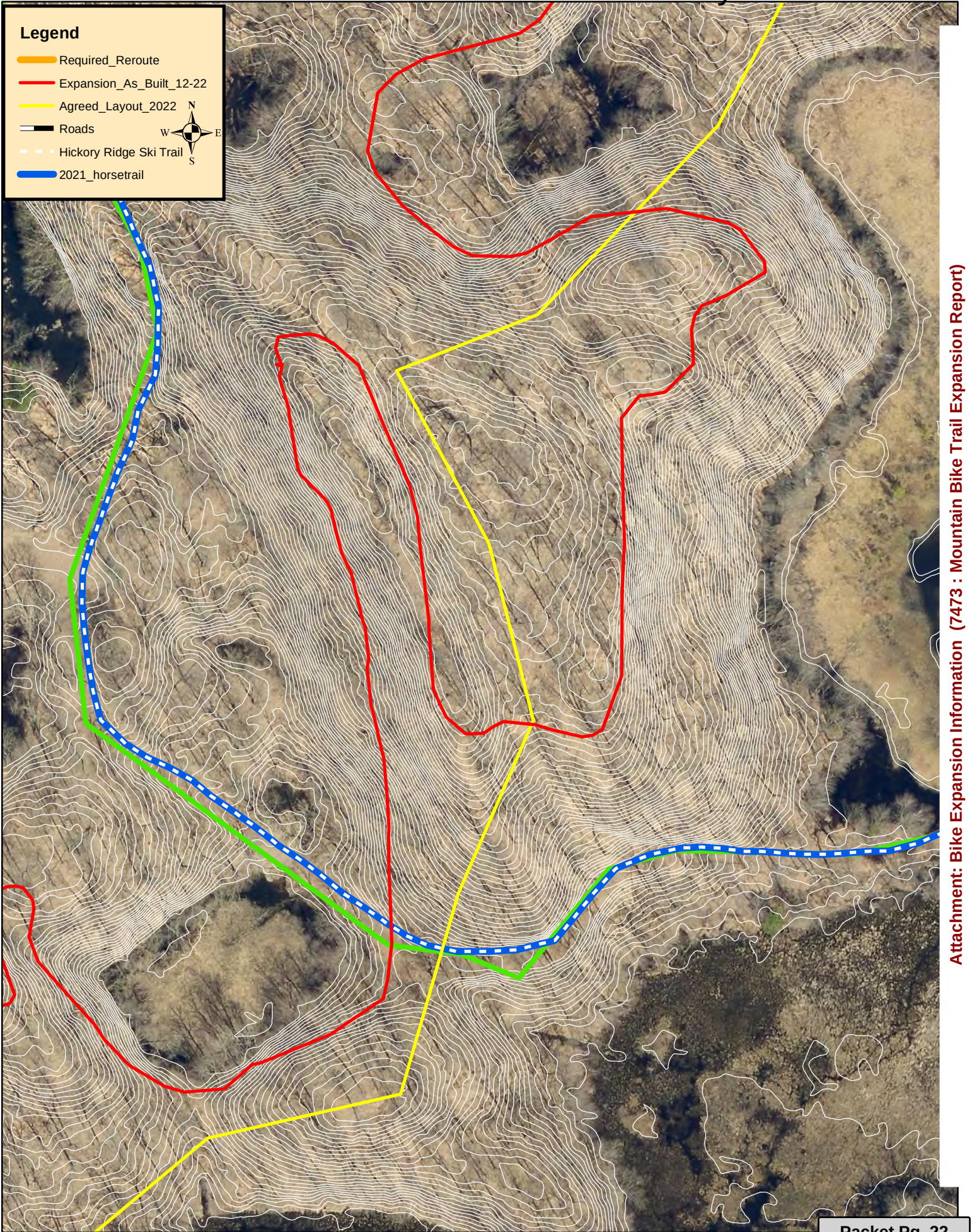
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Possible Reroute if Necessary

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
UPDATE ON CHIPPEWA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR
RECREATION PLAN

5.3

Chippewa County has contracted with the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to update the 2010-2015 Chippewa County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). Failure to update the CORP has caused the County to lose eligibility for several State and Federal outdoor recreation and conservation grants. A steering committee must be formed to guide the process of updating the plan.

This agenda item will be used to discuss the user-group representatives, and other interested parties LCFM intends to invite as steering committee representatives.

Compiled from Phone calls 2/4-2/11 to all Stakeholders who previously agreed to serve on the update

Type	Name	Still Interested
Individuals	Jim Jerabek (Adjacent Landowner)	Yes
	James Flater (Adjacent Landowner)	Yes
	Sonny Gygi (Public-At-Large)	Yes
	Paul Michels (Ag Interest)	yes
	Buck Steele (Public-At-Large)	yes
Towns	County Towns Association-Ron Artz, Town of Birch Creek	Yes
Public Safety	Sheriff's Department – Clayton Peters	Yes
Mills	Lake States Timber-Ken McIntyre	No
	Walter Bros. Lumber-Tim Walters	No
Industry/ Loggers	FutureWood Corp. Industrial Forester-Ben Hansen	No
	Theodore Strzok Logging	No
	Michael Prokop Logging	Yes
Land Trusts	Landmark Conservancy-Rick Remington	Yes
Hunt/Fish	Chippewa Rod & Gun Club-Ron Bakken	Yes
	Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance- Mike Gullickson	Yes
	Otter Lake Booster Club- Dan Liske	Yes
	Ruby Gamegetters- Stephen Tempski	Yes
	Wisconsin Trappers Association- John Lee	Yes
Trails	Chippewa Valley ATV Council- Paul Krumenauer	Yes
	Chippewa Valley Snowmobile Organization- Jeff Myers	Yes
	Chippewa Trailriders- Jeanne Fox	Yes
	Friends of the Hickory Ridge Trail- Bill Zimmerman	Yes
	Ice Age Trail Alliance- Richard Smith	Yes

Potential Members of the Chippewa County Outdoor Recreation Plan Steering Committee

Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation – Charlie Walker, President
Chippewa County Land Conservancy – Richard Smith, President
Chippewa Falls Area Chamber – Jackie Boos, Tourism Director
Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area – Dave Hladilek, Property Supervisor
Chippewa Rod and Gun Club – Jim Morning, President
Chippewa Valley ATV Council – Paul Krumenauer, President
Chippewa Off Road Bike Association – Bill Zimmerman, Chippewa County Member at Large
Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance – Mike Gullickson
Chippewa Valley Snowmobile Organization – Tom Henke, President
Chippewa Valley Trail Riders – Jeanne Fox, Secretary & Public Liaison
Friends of Hickory Ridge Trails – Adam Rogge, President
Ice Age Trail Alliance – Vicky Christianson, Chippewa Moraine Chapter Coordinator
Landmark Conservancy – Rick Remington, Conservation Director
Otter Lake Booster Club – Dan Liske, President



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION WI LAND+WATER 2023 CONFERENCE

5.4

Each year, WI Land+Water Conservation Association hosts an educational conference that provides valuable networking opportunities for conservationists across the State. Chippewa County LCFM is a member of the Association so committee members are eligible to attend.

The 2023 conference will be held March 1-3, 2023, at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Any committee members wishing to attend must let Lynda Schweikert know by January 27, 2023, to register.

Lynda Schweikert

From: Chris Schlutt <chris@wisconsinlandwater.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 9:16 AM
To: lcc-supervisors@wisconsinlandwater.org; lcd-staff@wisconsinlandwater.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WI Land+Water Conference - Early-bird registration
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Good morning!

A reminder that registration for our annual conference is now OPEN! The 70th WI Land+Water annual conference will take place from March 1-3, 2023, at Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells. *You'll want to take advantage of the early-bird registration, as fees go up after February 3.* The conference kicks off on Wednesday, March 1, with our opening luncheon; youth speaker presentations; and keynote presentation by Conservationist, Writer, and Environmental Historian Curt Meine. Thursday we are honored to have Strategic Leadership Partner and 2022 Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Alonzo Kelly as our luncheon presenter, as well as a breakout session leader that afternoon. With 40 breakout sessions, awards banquet, silent auction, raffle, annual business meeting, and networking opportunities, you won't want to miss it! You can view details on the breakout sessions in the attached document and the general schedule on the Conference-at-a-Glance, which are also located via the link below.

REGISTER: Please read carefully and visit the following link for on-line registration and other details: <https://wisconsinlandwater.org/conservation/annual-conference>. The online registration software is pretty straightforward. ***Please register each attendee separately unless including a guest/spouse registration. Choose that you want one ticket.*** You'll have the option to receive an invoice (*preferred payment method*) or pay via credit card. Invoices will be sent out closely to or *after* the conference. If you need one sooner, there are instructions on how to request one at the end of registering and in your confirmation email. When registering, *please take the time to choose which breakout session you think you'll attend during each time slot*, as this helps us determine room sizes.

CONFERENCE FEES: Full conference \$295 / Wednesday only \$120 / Thursday only \$155 / Friday only \$110 / Guest/spouse registration \$110

Extra fees apply to registrations after February 3, 2023 and for onsite registration. On or after February 17, you must register on-site and pay a fee for on-site registration. Registrations are transferrable at any time. Cancellations received on or before February 17, 2023 will be

Attachment: WI Land+Water Conference (7484 : WI Land+Water 2023 Conference)

refunded minus a \$25 cancellation fee. Cancellations or no-shows at conference on or February 19, 2023 will be liable for the entire conference fee. Due to pre-paid costs, there are ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS to the fee/cancellation schedule.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

CHULA VISTA RESORT, WISCONSIN DELLS – Phone #(866) 302-1093. Group Name: WI Land+Water (or leader number H08512).

JUNIOR SUITE/KING/GOLF VILLA: SINGLE RATE \$90/DOUBLE – QUAD \$109. Resort fee waived. See more details about Chula Vista and their rooms.

- Junior suite: 2 queens, pull out sofa sleeper, microwave, mini fridge, coffee pot
- King bed: 1 King bed, pull out sofa sleeper, microwave, mini fridge, coffee pot
- Golf Villa (vacation villa) (double queen studio): 2 queens, pull out sofa sleeper, kitchenette, coffee pot

ROOM BLOCK HELD UNTIL FEBRUARY 10, 2023. Plan to reserve your room sooner than later to ensure availability. Please provide proper documentation at check-in to secure your state rate. If the group rate is no longer available, prevailing rates may be offered for some or all of your dates.

We'll see you in March! Please contact me via email if you have any questions.

Chris Schlutt

Training and Events Manager

WI Land+Water

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
REVIEW SUMMARY OF SECOND FALL 2022 TIMBER SALE BIDS AND
AWARD CONTRACTS**

6.1

At the November 16, 2022, meeting, the Committee acted to release contracts 1323, 1328 and 1331 with a 10% penalty. Those sales, along with the unsold Tract 17-22 from the November, 2022, bid opening and two newly established sales, were advertised for a December, 2022, bid opening.

The six (6) tracts total an approximate 262 acres, offering 9801 tons of cordwood and 407 MBF of sawlogs.

This business item will be used to review the results of the competitive bid process and take action to award timber sale contracts for each tract.

The results of the bid opening can be found on the Chippewa County LCFM website, the following day after the bid opening.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
DEPT. OF LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF HIGH BIDS
12/19/2022

WOOD TYPE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	UNIT	Change From May 2022	SPRING WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Mixed Hardwood Logs	\$258.16	MBF	-\$105.50	\$363.66
Red Oak Logs	\$321.40	MBF	-\$69.60	\$391.00
White Oak Logs	\$301.00	MBF	-\$99.00	\$400.00
Oak Logs	\$221.77	MBF	-\$221.91	\$443.68
Red Maple Logs		MBF		\$385.00
Sugar Maple		MBF		\$385.00
Ash Logs		MBF		\$385.00
Basswood Logs	\$225.00	MBF	+\$25.00	\$200.00

Aspen Cordwood	\$5.00	TON	-\$5.78	\$25.83
Red Maple Cordwood		TON		\$11.00
Mixed Hardwood Cordwood	\$8.10	TON	-\$2.54	\$12.12
Oak Cordwood	\$13.47	TON	-\$9.93	\$18.87
White Pine Cordwood		TON		
White Spruce Cordwood		TON		\$10.00
Red Pine cordwood		TON		\$16.99

	<u>5/16/2022</u>	<u>11/14/2022</u>	<u>12/19/2022</u>
Total number of bids =	44	19	
Number of sales advertised =	10	8	
Number of sales sold =	10	7	
Total acres sold =	341	298	24
Total Volume of Cordwood (Tons) Sold =	15,670	14,475	9,37
Total Volume of Sawlogs (MBF) Sold =	621	413	40
Total value of advertised minimum bids =	\$337,258.00	\$ 360,347.00	\$ 195,573.00
Total value of winning bids =	\$569,771.50	\$ 462,725.00	\$ 241,080.00

Chippewa County Forest
Listing of High Bids Submitted at December 19, 2022 Bid Opening

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Strzok	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
17-22	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	1100			\$ 14.00	\$ 15,400.00
	Oak cordwood	1800			\$ 14.00	\$ 25,200.00
	Red Oak logs		165		\$ 335.00	\$ 55,275.00
	Mixed Hardwood logs		40		\$ 335.00	\$ 13,400.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 83,470.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 109,275.00
Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Strzok	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 19-22	Oak cordwood	900			\$ 14.00	\$ 12,600.00
	Red Oak logs		110		\$ 390.00	\$ 42,900.00
	White Oak logs		5		\$ 390.00	\$ 1,950.00
	Mixed Hardwood logs		2		\$ 390.00	\$ 780.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 47,100.00		\$ 58,230.00
Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	No Bids/Open for Direct Sale	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 20-22	Red Pine cordwood	411			\$ -	\$ -
	Aspen cordwood	20			\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 6,565.00		\$ -
Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Strzok	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 21-22	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	1000			\$ 8.00	\$ 8,000.00
	Mixed Hardwood logs		70		\$ 225.00	\$ 15,750.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 16,900.00		\$ 23,750.00
Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Strzok	
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Tract 22-22	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	550			\$ 10.00	\$ 5,500.00
	Oak cordwood	420			\$ 10.00	\$ 4,200.00
	Oak logs		54		\$ 225.00	\$ 12,150.00
	Mixed Hardwood logs		13		\$ 225.00	\$ 2,925.00
	Basswood logs		18		\$ 225.00	\$ 4,050.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 26,350.00		\$ 28,825.00
Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Strzok	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 23-22	Mixed Hardwood pulp	2400			\$ 5.00	\$ 12,000.00
	Aspen Pulp	1000			\$ 5.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Balsam Fir pulp	200			\$ 5.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Oak sawlogs		8		\$ 200.00	\$ 1,600.00
	Mixed Hardwood sawlogs		7		\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 15,188.00		\$ 21,000.00

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	Red Oak logs		110		\$ 301.00	\$ 33,110.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 42,900.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 33,000.00		\$ -		\$ -
	White Oak logs		5		\$ 301.00	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ -		\$ -
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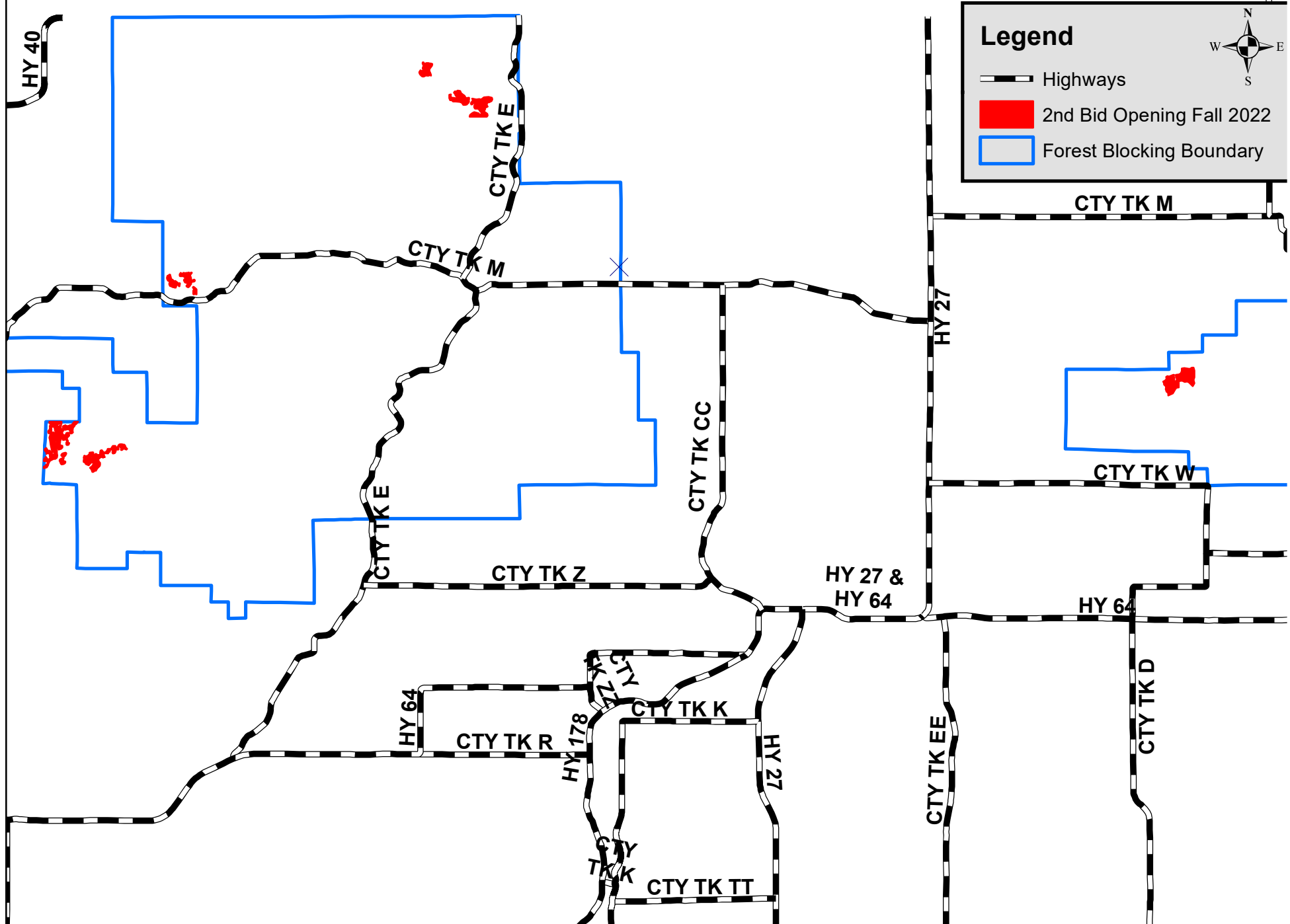
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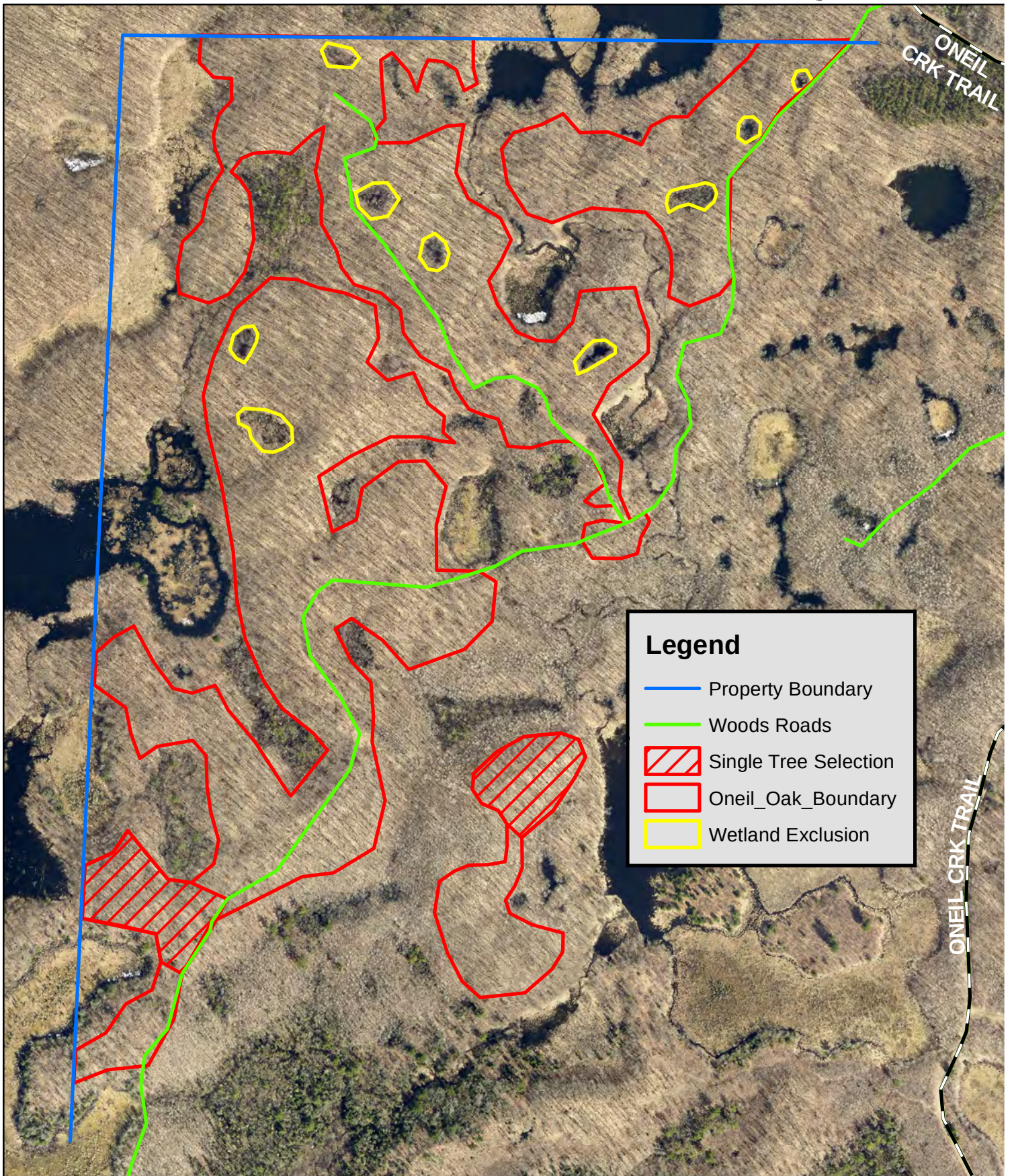
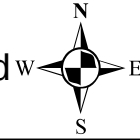
Chippewa County Timber Sale Locations 2nd Bid Opening Fall 2022



Attachment: Fall 2022 2nd Timber Sale Maps & Prospectus (7474 : Review Summary of Second Fall 2022

Rock Of Ages

Approximatly 65 acres Oak Shelterwood
5 acres Single Tree Selection



Attachment: Fall 2022 2nd Timber Sale Maps & Prospectus (7474 : Review Summary of Second Fall 2022 Timber Sale Bids and Award

Map Not To Scale

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 17-22**Rock of Ages**

Total Sale Area: (approximately 70 acres)

Located in T31N R8W Section 4, Town of Cleveland

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 17-22 is \$ 83,470.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Oak cordwood	1800	
MX HW cordwood	1100	
Red Oak Logs		165
MX HW logs		40

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines along State property. This sale is 65 acres of oak shelterwood first harvest and 5 acres Single tree selection. This harvest system will be implemented to regenerate an oak stand. Scarification by logging equipment will be encouraged in shelterwood area. Sale is located along the wood's road the leads to the north side of Rock Lake.

Cutting Requirements:

Shelter wood area: (65 acres) Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut reserve trees marked in Green, sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands.

Single Tree Selection area: (5 acres) Cut all trees including not commercial trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands.

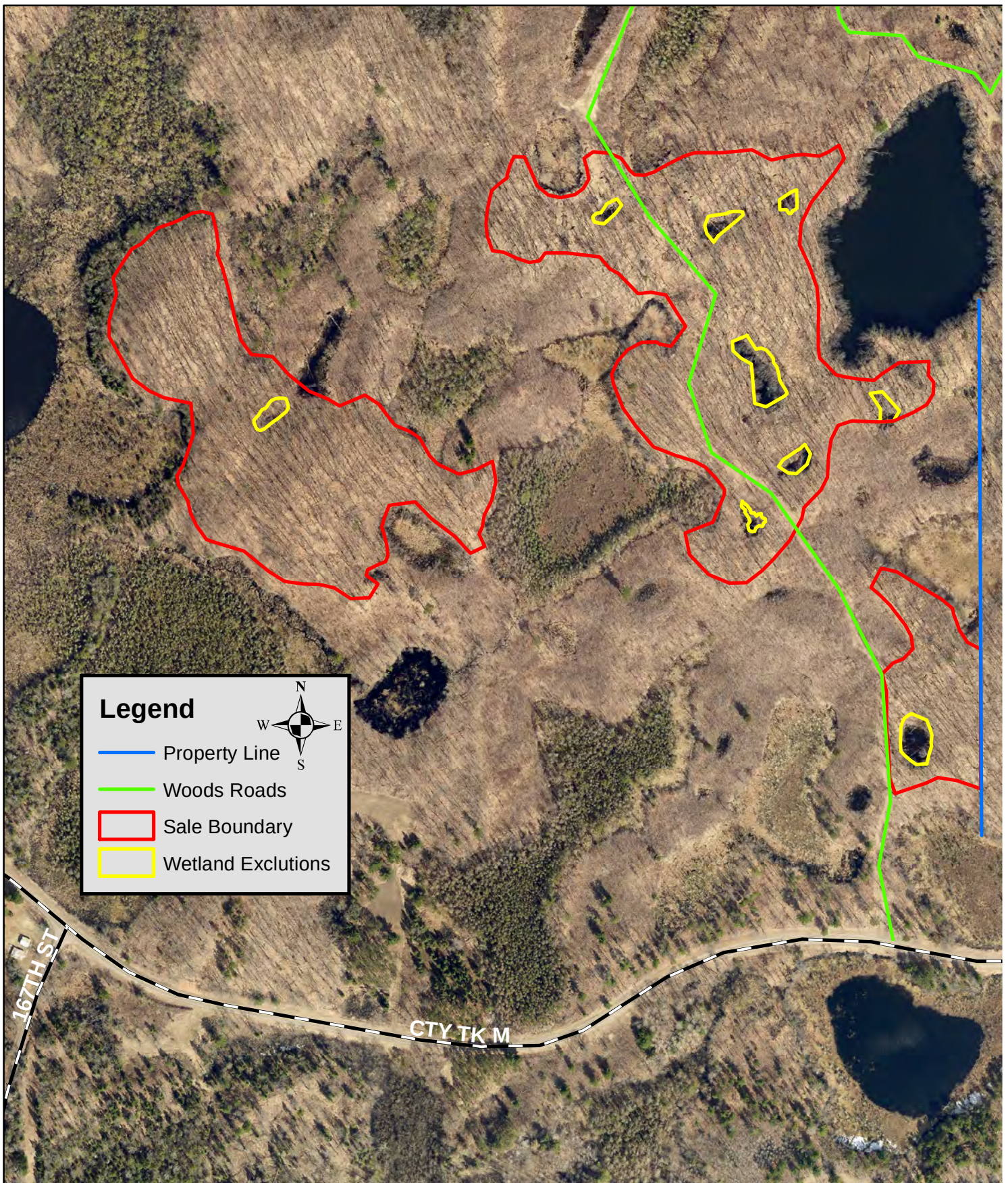
Special Conditions:

- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt and NHI Restrictions apply: No harvesting is allowed between April 1 and August 10th.
- No equipment operation is allowed within wetland areas delineated by yellow paint.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- The contract length is two years.

Map is Located on Back

Forgotten Oak

Approximately 26 acres Oak Shelterwood



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 19-22**Forgotten Oak**

Total Sale Area: (approximately 26 acres)

Located in T32N R8W Sections 22 and 23, Town of Sampson

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 19-22 is \$ 47,100.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Oak cordwood *	900	
Red Oak Logs		110
Whiter Oak Logs		5
MX HW logs		2

*Oak cordwood contains 10% mixed hardwood

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines along private property. This sale is 26 acres of oak shelterwood first harvest. This harvest system will be implemented to regenerate an oak stand. Scarification by logging equipment will be encouraged in shelterwood area.

Cutting Requirements:

Shelter wood area: (26 acres) Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut reserve trees marked in Green, sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands.

Special Conditions:

- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt Restrictions apply: No harvesting is allowed between April 1 and July 15th.
- No equipment operation is allowed within all wetland including areas delineated by yellow paint.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- The contract length is two years.

Map is Located on Back

2nd Pine Tract 20-22

Approximately 16 acres
Located on
Tealey Game Trail



Legend

- ATV_Trails
- Woods Roads
- 2nd_Pine

Map Not To Scale

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 20-22**2nd Pine**

(approximately 16 acres)

Located in Section 5, T32N R7W, Town of Birch Creek

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 20-22 is \$ 6,565.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Red Pine cordwood	411	
Aspen Cordwood*	20	

*Contains up to 20% Mixed Hardwood

Sale Area Description:

Red Pine Thinning: The pine trees to be thinned are about 45 years old. The purpose of this thinning will be to remove intermediate and co-dominant trees to reduce the basal area allowing good crown spacing for future growth. The boundaries of this sale are not marked. Boundaries of the sale will be one machine width outside of the pine plantation area and at least 15 ft from any wetland and 35 ft from any stream bank.

Cutting Requirements:

Red Pine Thinning Area: (16 acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint including non-merchantable trees.

Special Conditions:

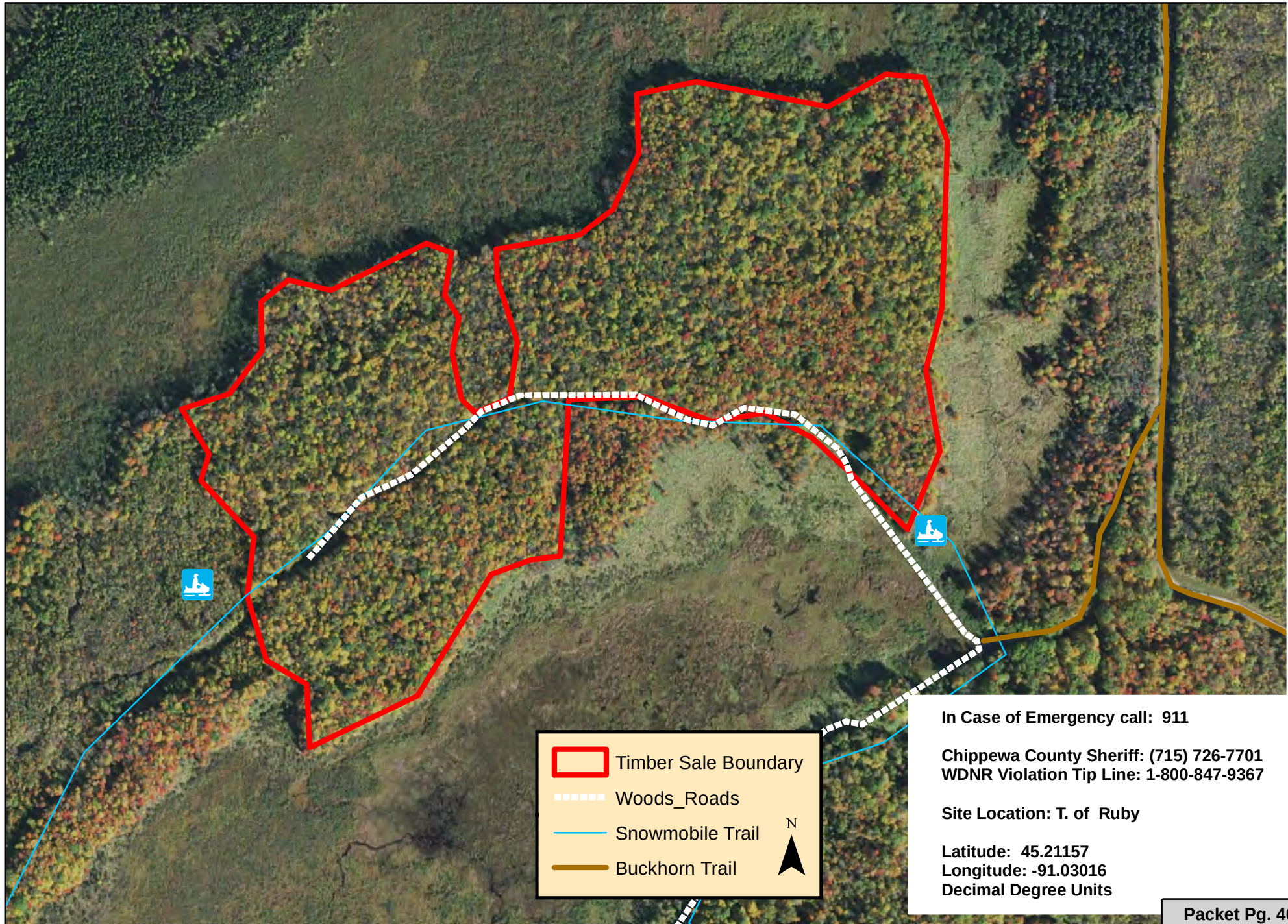
- The contract length is 2 years.
- If the logging contractor last cut a site that contained HRD and/or was within 25 miles of an infected site, the contractor will be required to clean all logging equipment with pressurized water prior to entering Chippewa County Forest- preferably on the previous site or at a commercial washing facility.
- The site is not within a 25-mile buffer of the location of a known stand of HRD as of 11/17/2022. In the event of confirmation of HRD within 25 miles of this site, the County will undertake, at its own expense, stump treatment as recommended by the WI DNR
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands.
- All landing locations must be approved.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.

Map Located on Back

Tract 21-22 Mallard Flowage Northern Hardwood Thinning

Approximately 57 acres

6.1.b



CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 21-22**Mallard Flowage Northern Hardwood Thinning**

Located in Sec. 31 T32N – R5W Town of Ruby

Total Sale Area: +/-57 acres

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each product; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 21-22 is \$ 16,900.00.**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Mixed Hardwood Cordwood	1000	
Mixed Hardwood logs		70

Sale Area Description: (Please see the sale map on the back of this page)

The boundaries of this sale are marked by a red paint line. This is a selective harvest to utilize mature ash prior to infestation by the Emerald Ash Borer, increase structural diversity, promote regeneration of northern hardwoods and release northern hardwood crop trees.

Cutting Requirements:

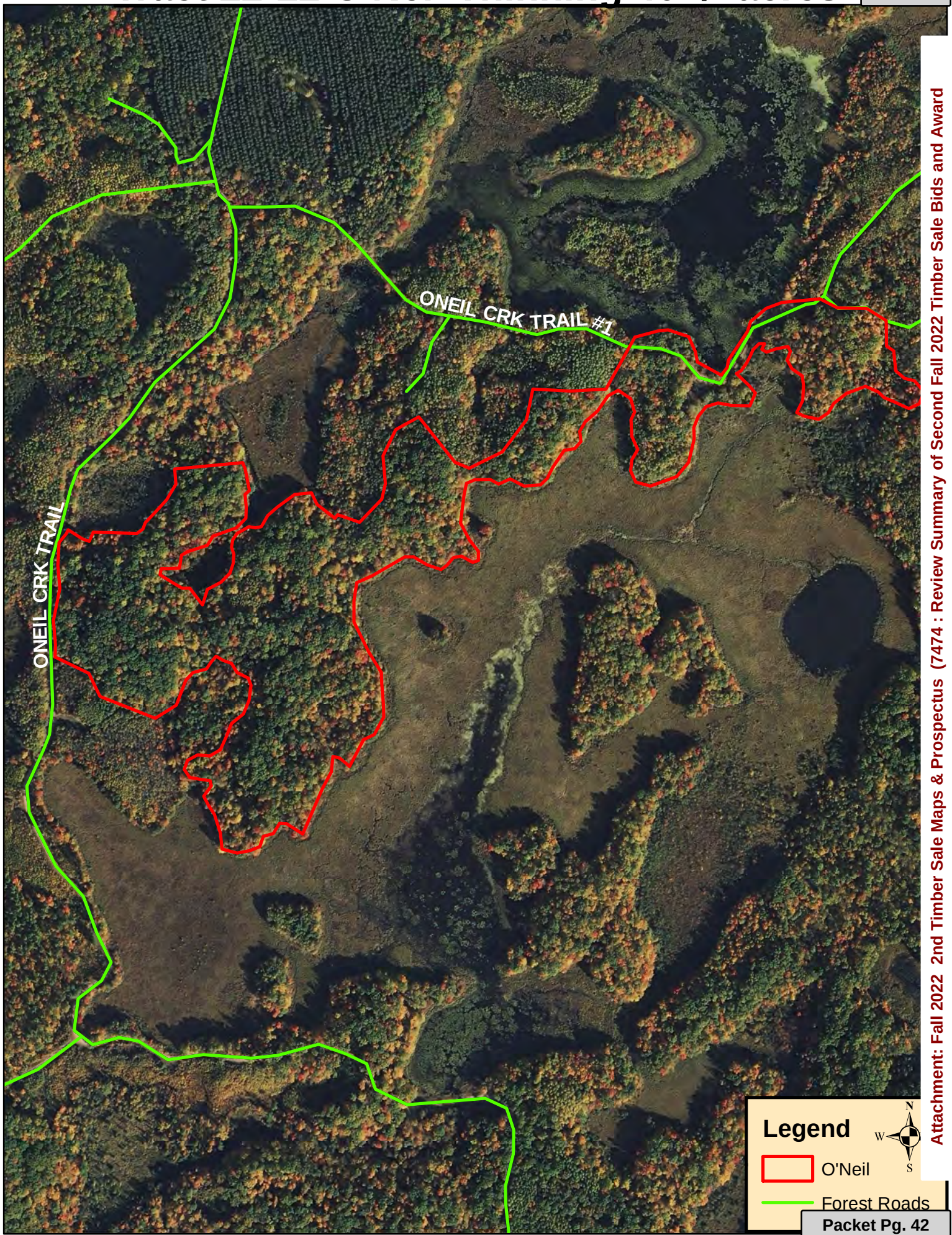
Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees marked with red paint. ***Do not cut or damage any conifers.***

Special Conditions:

- **Harvest activity is allowed under frozen ground conditions only.**
- The County must approve all landings.
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Timber mats or corduroy may be required.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- The contract length is approximately 1.5years, including 2 winter seasons, ending March 31, 2024.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*

Tract 22-22 O'Neil Thinning 40+/- acres

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 22-22

O'NEIL HARDWOODS Sale

Located in Sections 3 and 4 T31N R8W Town of Cleveland

Total Sale Area: (approximately 40 acres)

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 22-22 is \$ 26,350.00.**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Mixed Hdwd cordwood* (4" top) (4600 lbs/cord)	550	
Oak cordwood (4" top) (5500 lbs/cord)	420	
Oak logs		54
Mixed Hardwood logs		13
Basswood logs		18

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint lines. A Northern Hardwood stand that is approximately 40 acres will be thinned to maintain forest health.

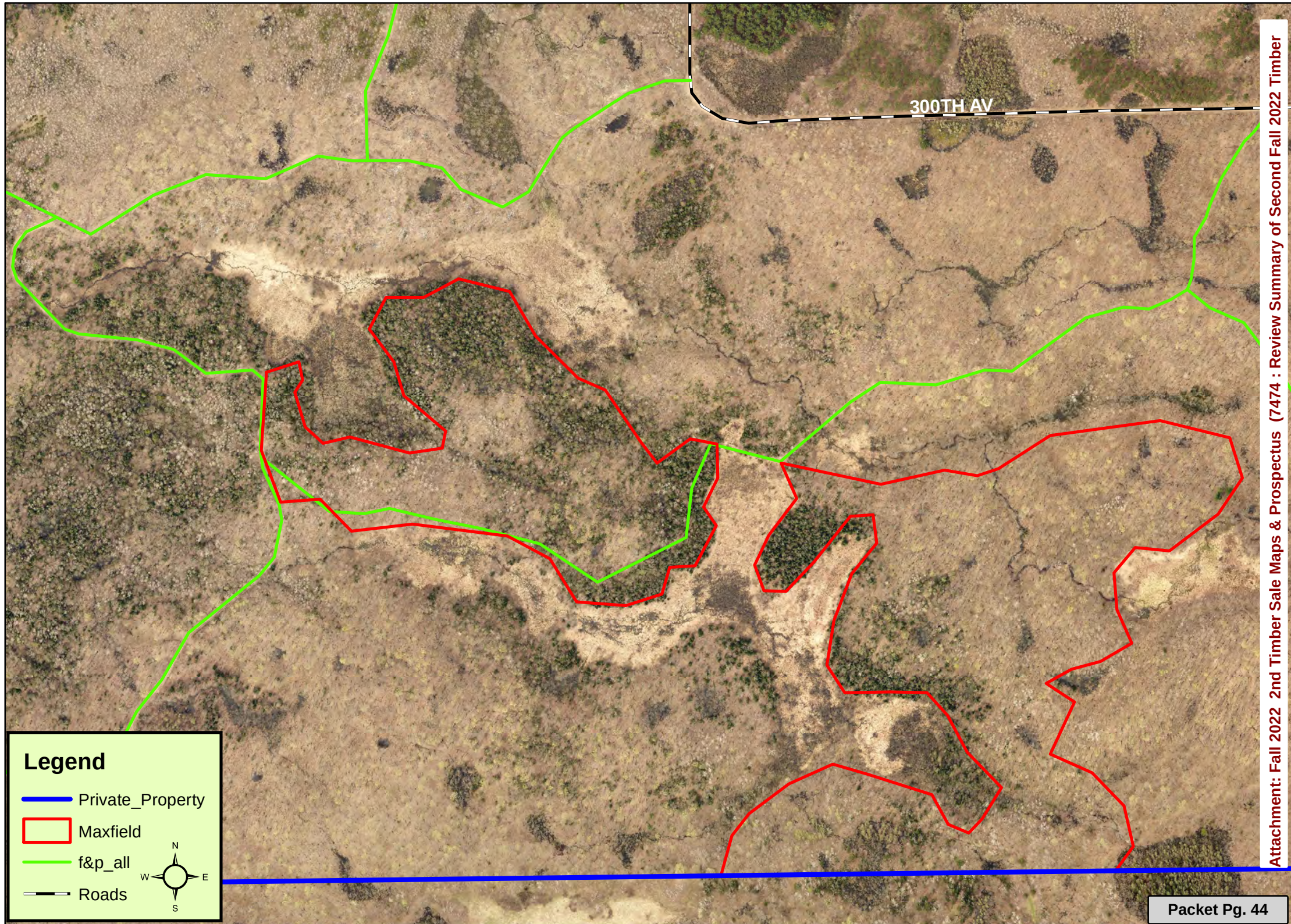
Cutting Requirements:

Selection Harvest: Cut all trees marked with orange paint, including non-commercial trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees that are marked with red paint.

Special Conditions:

- **Harvest activity is prohibited between April 1 and July 15 due to oak wilt restrictions.**
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- The contract length is 2 years.

MAP IS LOCATED ON THE BACK



CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 23-22 Maxfield Clearcut Sale

Located in T32N R7W Section 9, Town of Birch Creek

Total Sale Area: +/- 53 acres

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 23-22 is \$15,188.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Mixed Hardwood pulp	2400	
Aspen pulp	1000	
Balsam Fir pulp	200	
Oak Sawlogs		8
Mixed Hardwood Sawlogs		7

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint lines. In order to regenerate the timber type this area will be clearcut to promote a coppice of aspen.

Cutting Requirements:

Clear-cut Area: Cut all trees one inch in diameter and larger. **Do not** cut any trees marked with Red (boundary), Yellow (RMZ) or Purple (leave trees) or Red and White pine.

Special Conditions:

- Sale operations are limited to **frozen ground conditions only.**
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Yellow paint delineates equipment restriction around wetland areas.
- Timbers mats may be required, the County has mats available on a first-come first-served basis.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- All recreational trails shall remain passable to users and free of slash during sale operations.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- The contract length is approximately 1.5 years, including 2 winter season, ending March 31, 2024.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN SIGNAGE AND THE MAP OF RUBY FROZEN
GROUND ACCESS**

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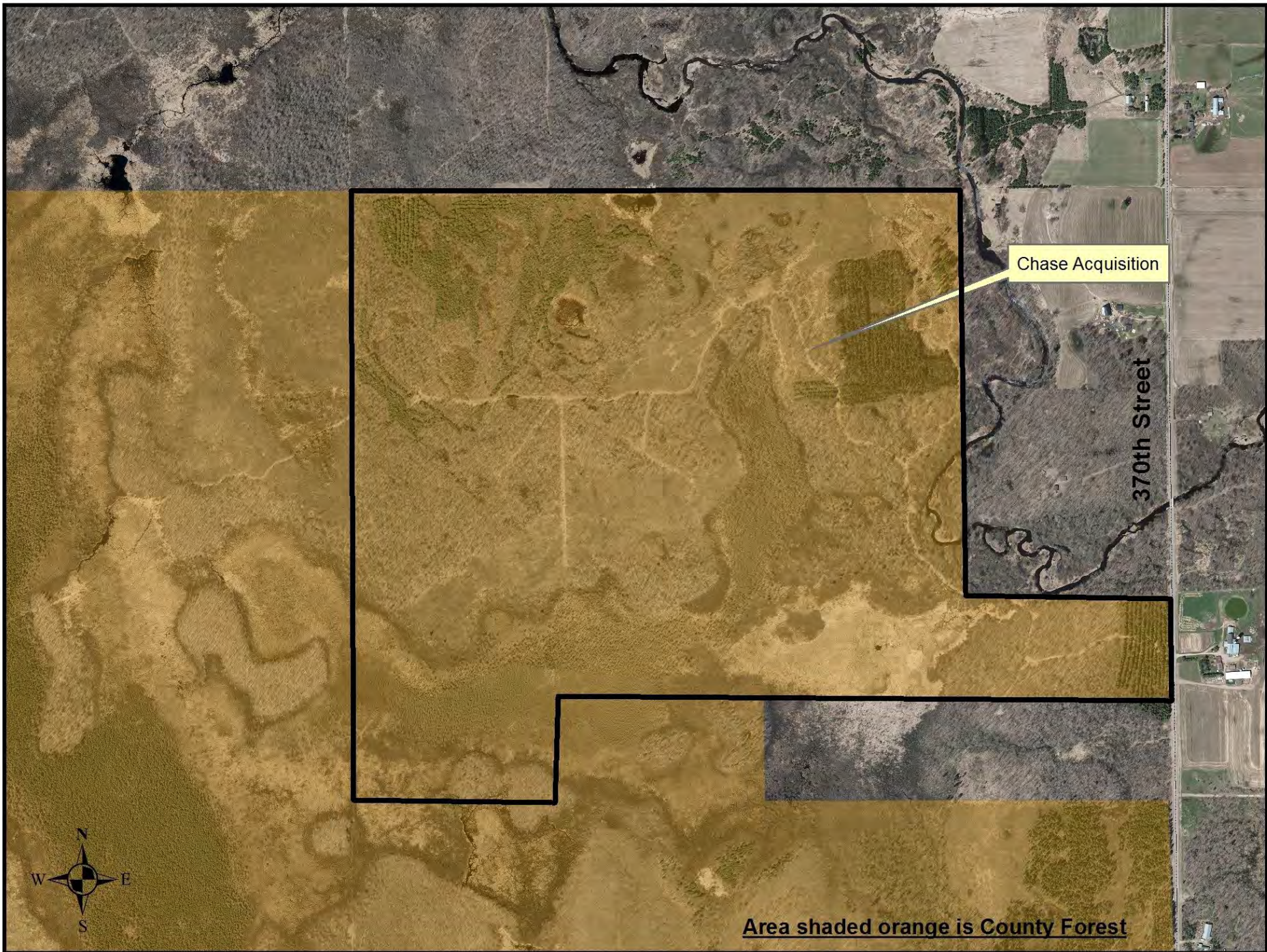
The Ruby Block of the Chippewa County Forest contains four (4) roads totaling approximately five (5) miles of frozen ground motorized access to the general public. Before opening the gates to traffic, the County Forest Administrator is responsible for making the determination that the roads are frozen and notifying the Town Clerk.

Chapter 700 Roads and Access, of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, references the maps housed in Chapter 1000 Appendix, to identify which roads are open to traffic. Guidance from the State allows the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee to update maps in the Appendix without requiring the full County Board to approve the update.

This agenda item will be used to discuss the current facts on the ground and take action to clarify which areas are open to frozen ground access.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY FOREST

CHASE FAMILY ACQUISITION (340 acres)



In 2011, Chippewa County expanded the County Forest by acquiring these parcels. Information pertaining to management of the Chippewa County Forest is available at www.chippewa.wi.us. Public uses available on this property include:

Hunting - Fishing - Hiking - Trapping - Skiing

This site is CLOSED to all unauthorized motorized vehicle use.

Use of this site is subject to Chippewa County Code of Ordinances and all State Rules and Regulations.



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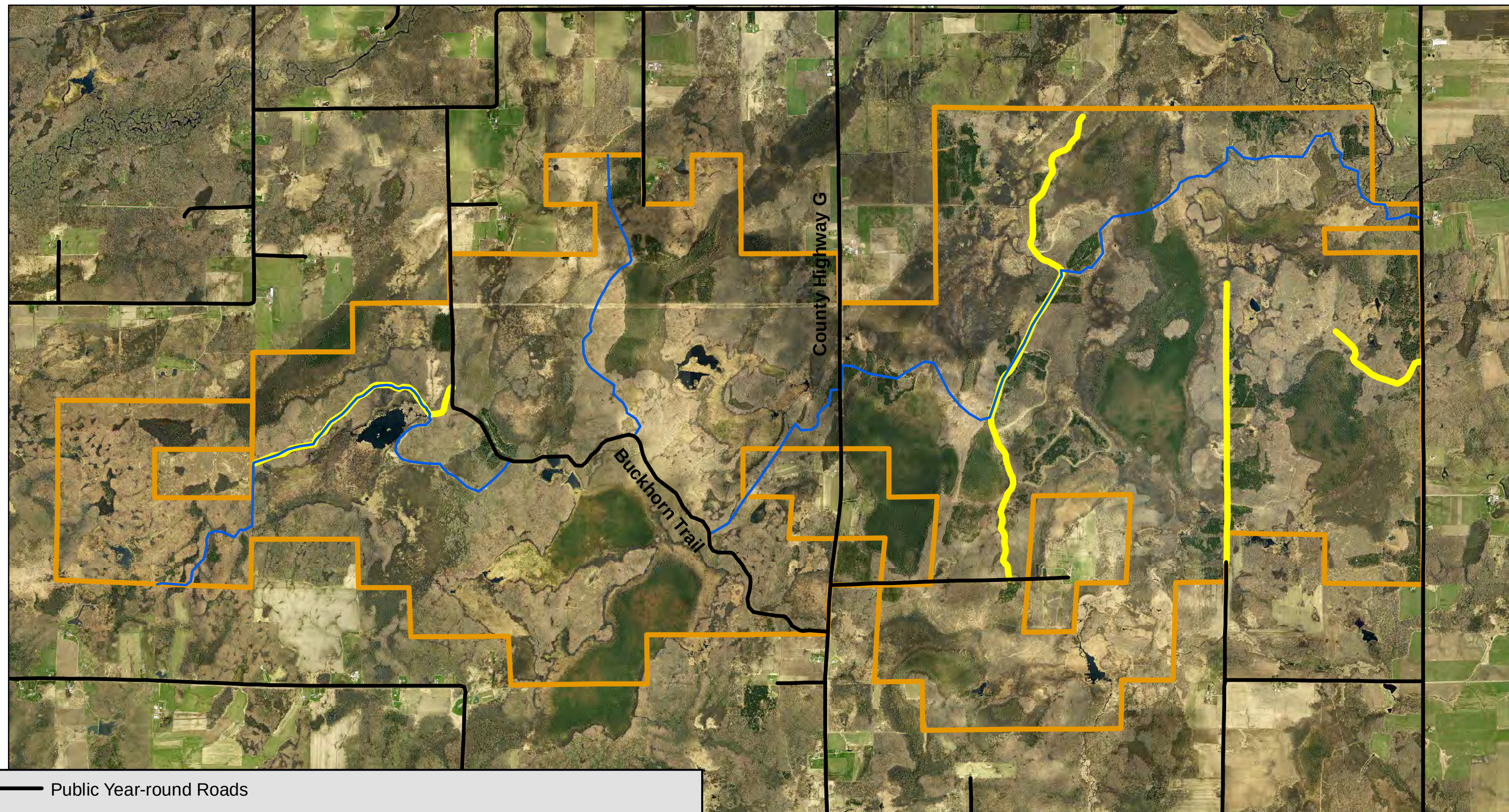
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711 N. Bridge Street,
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
(715) 726-7920
www.chippewa.wi.us

Attachment: Ruby Frozen Access Roads Information (7475 : Discrepancies Between Signage and the Map off Ruby Frozen Ground Access)

Permanent Secondary Roads In Town of Ruby County Forest Open To Motorized Vehicle Use During Frozen Ground Conditions



- Public Year-round Roads
- Apprx. Snowmobile Trail
- Permanent secondary roads OPENED during frozen ground conditions (~5 miles)
- County Forest Boundary (8,088 acres)

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



3/11/2015 LCFM

Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee

Minutes
Regular Meeting

Chippewa County Courthouse, Rm 302

July 15, 2015
8:15 AM

support.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The concern as expressed by DATCP.
2. The (unknown) extent of interest by the petitioners to resubmit the petition as part of a future petition cycle.
3. The time required to support a resubmittal and the County's capacity to allocate further resources (\$, hrs., skill sets).

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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3. Consider Public Testimony Relating To Draft County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendments - M. Dahlby

M. Dahlby presented and the Committee reviewed the following material:

1. Map titled: Permanent Secondary Roads in Town of Ruby County Forest Open to Motorized Vehicle Use During Frozen Ground Conditions, (LCFM 4/30/15 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the location of the County Forest in the Town of Ruby, and the locations of snowmobile trails, public year-round roads, and the proposed permanent secondary roads to be opened during frozen ground conditions.
2. Map titled: Overview of Proposed Chippewa County Forest ATV/UTV Trail Expansion, (LCFM - copy on file & attached). The map shows the existing County Forest ATV Trail and the proposed new ATV trail expansion in County Forest, Town of Birch Creek.

M. Dahlby reported that:

1. On 6/29/15, the Dept. Of LCFM held a public informational hearing to solicit input from the public on the proposed plan amendments. Verbal and written comments were received from the public.
2. If the Committee approves the proposed plan amendments, the amended plan will be forwarded to the DNR for review and feedback. Once the DNR has approved of the plan amendments, the amended plan will be forwarded to the County Board for approval.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. Public access to the Ruby Block of the County Forest during frozen ground conditions
2. Potential user conflicts associated with expansion of the ATV Trail in the western block of the County Forest.

Motion to open gates on the designated trails, as proposed, during frozen ground conditions, but not during gun deer season: McIlquham/Leisz. Stimeling opposed. Motion carried.

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Motion to revise language in the proposed plan amendment to remove permanent secondary roads located west of Hwy. G and the Buckhorn Trail (as shown on the map), from consideration under the plan amendment: Leisz/Stimeling. Motion carried.

Motion to open the gates (as defined in the previous motion) in the Ruby Block of the County Forest during frozen ground conditions after the traditional rifle gun deer season: Stimeling/Sikorski. Motion carried.

Motion to redraft the plan amendments to reflect Committee action, and to forward the proposed plan amendments, with revisions, to the DNR for review and consideration: Stimeling/Leisz. Motion carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Stimeling, District 1
SECONDER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2, (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Goettl, Sikorski, Stimeling, McIlquham, Leisz, Cronquest

4. Consider Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Land for Addition to the County Forest Through Use of Non-Lapsing Fund Balance and State Grants for 40 Acres in T30N, R5W - M. Dahlby
M. Dahlby presented and the Committee reviewed the following materials:

1. Map titled: Subject Real Estate Shown on Portion of 2014 Chippewa Co. Plat Book, (LCFM - copy on file & attached). The map shows the location of the subject real estate (NW SE, Sec. 11, T30N, R5W, #23005-1142-00000000) on a plat book.
2. Map titled: Aerial Overview of Real Estate to be Acquired by County, (LCFM 1/23/15 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the location of the subject real estate with an air photo backdrop.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

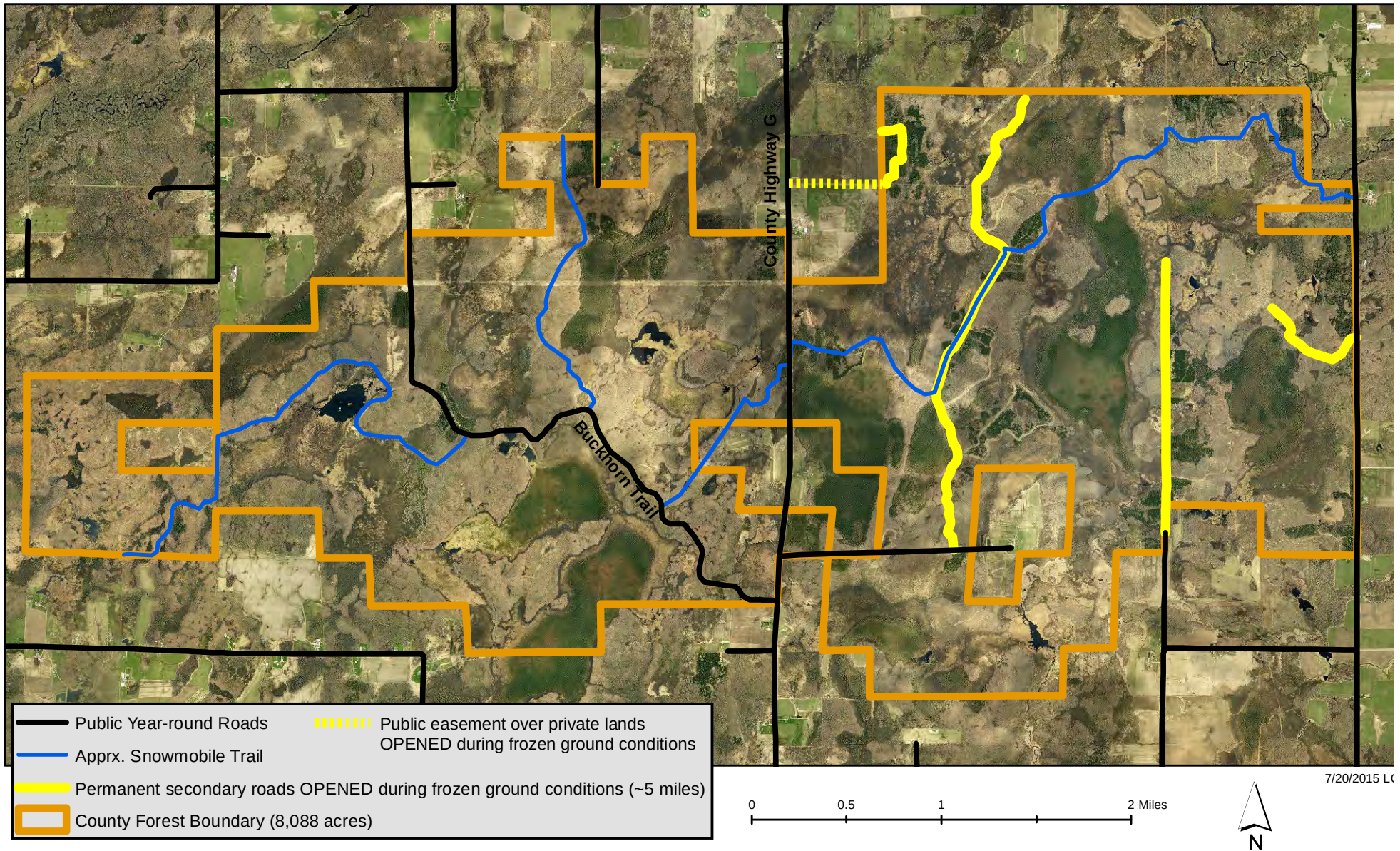
1. The location of the property in proximity to the Otter Lake County Park and the Otter Lake unit of the Chippewa County Forest.
2. The type and value of the timber on the property.

Motion to approve Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Land for Addition to the County Forest and Acceptance of State Grants to Offset the County's Acquisition Costs (NW SE, Sec. 11, T30N, R5W, #23005-1142-00000000): Stimeling/Cronquest. Sikorski opposed. Motion carried.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [5 TO 1]	Next: 8/11/2015 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Bill Stimeling, District 1	
SECONDER:	Carl Cronquest, Citizen Rep	
AYES:	Goettl, Stimeling, McIlquham, Leisz, Cronquest	
NAYS:	Sikorski	

5. Consider Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Land for Addition to the County Forest Through Use of Non-Lapsing Fund Balance and State Grants for 180 Acres in T32N, R8W - M. Dahlby

925.13 Permanent Secondary Roads In Town of Ruby County Forest Open To Motorized Vehicle Use During Frozen Ground Conditions (July 2015)







STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION SALE OF FOUR (4) TREE PLANTERS

6.3

The Chippewa County LCFM has four (4) tree planters that we would like to sell. Two (2) of the planters are operational and two (2) are non-operational. The planter information is as follows:

- Rough Terrain, Model 102, Model Year 1987 (non-operational)
- Reforester, Model NTH, Model Year 2000 (operational)
- Small Orange (No model/year info. available), (non-operational)
- Fesco - 3 Point Hitch, Model RM-1.5, Model Year 2006 (operational)

This agenda item will be used to determine which planters will be sold as surplus property.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
SWRM 2022-2023 GRANT FUNDS REQUEST, TRANSFER, AND
EXTENSION**

6.4

Discussion on Soil & Water Resource Management Grant funding process, explanation of transfers, and approval request to extend 2022 contracted funds into 2023, per DATCP policy.



Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
Agricultural Resource Management Division
2811 Agriculture Drive, PO Box 8911
Madison WI 53708-8911
Phone: (608) 224-4648 or (608) 224-4610

Soil and Water Resource Management Program

DATCP Received:

Chippewa County's Request To Extend Cost-Share Contracts From 2022 To 2023

Select Fund Type (BOND, SEG)	Cost-Share Contract Number	Cost-Share Contract Landowner Name	Select Extension Reason* (A,B,C)	Amount of BOND Extension Request	Amount of SEG Extension Request	For DATCP use only
SEG	LC19_2022_1	Danielson, Timothy	A=Weather	\$0.00	\$8,800.00	
SEG	SWRM22-06	Goettl, Erik	A=Weather	\$0.00	\$4,600.00	
SEG	SWRM22-10	Schindler, Isaac	A=Weather	\$0.00	\$5,440.00	
SEG	SWRM22-09	Schindler III, William	A=Weather	\$0.00	\$9,400.00	
BOND	SWRM22-08	S & K Culver	A=Weather	\$0.00	\$12,231.81	
SEG	SWRM22-01	Wendt, Randal	A=Weather	\$0.00	\$1,475.00	
SEG	SWRM22-03	Gilles, Joseph	A=Weather	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	
SEG	SWRM22-02	Mohr, Harvey	A=Weather	\$0.00	\$625.00	
SEG	SWRM22-07	Lorenz, Scott	A=Weather	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
SEG	SWRM22-061	Mason, Darwin	A=Weather	\$0.00	\$925.00	
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Totals				\$ 0.00	\$48,496.81	

*Indicate a justification for each project extension requested: A = Unfavorable weather conditions; B=Unavailability of contractors; C = Extenuating circumstances (describe circumstances in email that justify request)

By electronically signing and submitting this form, the county through its authorized representative, certifies that the Land Conservation Committee has authorized this request to extend the listed cost-share projects for the dollar amounts specified above.

Type Your Name to Electronically Sign: Lynda Schweikert **Date:** 12/20/2022

E-mail your signed Extension Form and cost-share contracts listed on this form, with any other necessary documents, by **December 31st** of the year in which the cost-share contracts were signed to: datcpswrm@wisconsin.gov

This document was drafted by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Personal information you provide may be used for purposes other than that for which it was originally collected (Sec. 15.04 (1) (m), Wis. Stats.).



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY WELL AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6.5

Review and approval of applications from professionals and town officials invited to assist with the community well drilling ad hoc committee and guidance on priorities to initiate the location of community wells in the nitrate sensitive regions.

APPLICATION FORM

For Committees, Commissions and Boards

6.5.a



Name: Alice Droske Date: 11-17-22
Address: 3510 25th Street
City: Elk Mound State: WI Zip: 54739
Phone: 715-874-6127 (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work)
Email: wheaton.supervisord@gmail.com Occupation: _____

Do you currently reside within Chippewa County? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Indicate which committee, commission or board you are applying for: Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee

Have you served on this committee in the past? ☒ New Member ☐ Current Member (Reappointment)
If current member, indicate how many consecutive terms you have served on this committee: _____

Please indicate your availability/preference for committee meeting times: ☒ Morning ☒ Afternoon ☐ Evening ☐ Anytime

Are you a current employee of Chippewa County or employed at a firm that is a vendor or has an affiliation with Chippewa County?
☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe your qualifications and be as specific as possible. Include information that is targeted towards the Committee, Commission or Board you are applying for. If you need more space, please attach additional sheets of paper. You may attach a personal resume to this page if needed.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Wheaton Town Supervisor.

I have handed out water kits at the Wheaton Town Hall for the past several years, working closely with the Land Conservation & Forest Management office.

I maintain the Groundwater Information page on the township's web site with updated information on the water issues facing the township and the State of Wisconsin.

Every month at the town board meetings, I give updates on water issues, keeping the residents of Wheaton informed.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee if I am chosen.

Sincerely,
Alice Droske
Wheaton Supervisor

Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Chippewa County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list name, department and relationship. _____

Do you have any potential conflicts of interest? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please describe: _____

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

I will keep the residents and the town board informed of the results of the Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee.

I will work to help the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee make the best decisions for the communities throughout Chippewa County.

Sincerely,
Alice Droske
Wheaton Supervisor

Submit completed form to: Traci Bremness, Assistant to the County Administrator
Department of Administration
711 N. Bridge Street, Room 106
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Fax: (715) 726-4599
Email: tbremness@co.chippewa.wi.us

For County Use Only

- ☐ Not Appointed
☐ Appointment Confirmed
by CB on: _____
☐ CC to HR

Packet Pg. 57

Attachment: Ad Hoc Committee Applications (7477 : Approval of Community Well Ad Hoc Committee Members)

APPLICATION FORM

For Committees, Commissions and Boards

6.5.a



Name: Anna Mares Date: 12/02/2022
Address: WI DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Ave
City: Eau Claire State: WI Zip: 54701
Phone: _____ (Home) _____ (Cell) 715-201-1046 (Work)
Email: anna.mares@wisconsin.gov Occupation: water supply specialist

Do you currently reside within Chippewa County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Indicate which committee, commission or board you are applying for: Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee

Have you served on this committee in the past? ☒ New Member ☐ Current Member (Reappointment)

If current member, indicate how many consecutive terms you have served on this committee: _____

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Describe your qualifications and be as specific as possible. Include information that is targeted towards the Committee, Commission or Board you are applying for. If you need more space, please attach additional sheets of paper. You may attach a personal resume to this page if needed.

I work as a water supply specialist at the WI DNR out of the Eau Claire office. I regulate public water supplies and I am familiar with the requirements that govern these entities. Please see my attached resume for more details.

Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Chippewa County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list name, department and relationship. _____

Do you have any potential conflicts of interest? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please describe: _____

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

I hope to help guide the committee to make the best use of available resources and help community members get better quality water to drink.

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APPLICATION FORM

For Committees, Commissions and Boards

6.5.a



Name: Michael Parsen Date: 11/9/2022
Address: 3817 Mineral Point Rd
City: Madison State: WI Zip: 53705
Phone: _____ (Home) 608-228-3048 (Cell) 608-262-9419 (Work)
Email: mike.parsen@wisc.edu Occupation: Hydrogeologist (Scientist II)

Do you currently reside within Chippewa County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Indicate which committee, commission or board you are applying for: Community Well Drilling Ad Hoc Committee

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I am a hydrogeologist with the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (WGNHS), which is part of the Division of Extension at UW-Madison.

I worked on a multi-year groundwater modeling study for Chippewa County from 2012-2018, initiated by the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management to evaluate how industrial sand mining and irrigated agriculture might affect the water table and base flows of nearby headwater streams.

The following links provide access to:

- Mike Parsen's personal WGNHS webpage: <https://wgnhs.wisc.edu/about/people/mike-parsen/>
- The final report for the Chippewa County Groundwater Study: <https://wgnhs.wisc.edu/catalog/publication/000964>
- The Chippewa County Groundwater Study webpage, with resources developed for the project:
<https://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/government/land-conservation-forest-management/non-metallic-mines/chippewa-county-groundwater-study>

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If yes, please list name, department and relationship. _____

Do you have any potential conflicts of interest? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please describe: _____

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

My role would be to provide input and technical assistance to Chippewa County for the purpose of locating areas that would benefit from a community well to provide safe drinking water for those affected by high nitrates in groundwater.

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Name: Kevin Masarik Date: 12/2/2022
Address: 800 Reserve Street
City: Stevens Point State: WI Zip: 54481
Phone: 715-346-4276 (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work)
Email: kmasarik@uwsp.edu Occupation: Groundwater Specialist

Do you currently reside within Chippewa County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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I have worked for the past 18 years as a Groundwater Education Specialist with UW-Stevens Point and UW-Madison, Division of Extension. In that role I work with communities and individual well owners on well testing and education. The goal of those efforts is to assist with managing of groundwater and drinking water systems. Data collected through these efforts is used to characterize groundwater/well water quality in different regions of the state. I have been working with Chippewa County since 2016 to inventory Chippewa County well water quality. These data are being used to better understand how well water quality is impacted by various soils, geology, and land use of Chippewa County. We have also been testing a series of wells annually to better understand variability of well water quality through time. Our Center developed the Nitrate in Wisconsin's Public Water System app which summarizes historical data from public water systems, including non-transient non-community wells. I would be able to bring knowledge of data and other resources, as well as a good understanding of groundwater, well water quality, drinking water standards, and state regulations related to well construction.

Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Chippewa County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list name, department and relationship. _____

Do you have any potential conflicts of interest? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: I am the primary investigator on two well water testing projects contracted through Chippewa County LCFM

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

If selected I would use my past experiences and background in groundwater quality to assist the Land Conservation and Forest Management Ad Hoc Committee in making the most informed management decisions regarding the Community Well Drilling Project. This includes being able to bring the most current and relevant data and information into the discussion and assisting with outreach and educational messaging to the broader community. While I am the PI on work currently contracted through Chippewa County, I do not personally benefit from these projects. They are performed as a function of my professional responsibilities of my institution. I wanted to be as transparent as possible in the event someone would perceive this ongoing relationship as a potential conflict of interest.

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LCFM ARPA Project
Contaminate Mitigation in Resident Wells
1/26/2023



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 2. *Sent application to townships, professionals, and associations for selection of Ad Hoc Committee.*
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 4. Will work with townships to identify oversight for refill stations.
 5. Will research types of reusable receptacles to place in home and fill up at stations.
 6. Will develop information to provide at Kiosks at sites.
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2nd quarter - No till Planting incentives - \$20,000

2nd and 3rd quarter - Develop information education program - \$25,000

3rd and 4th quarter - Work with UW Ext, Producer led watershed and ag producers to develop nitrate reduction strategies \$25,000

Grand total - \$250,000



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDING FOR THE CONTAMINATE MITIGATION IN RESIDENTIAL WELLS PROJECT

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion Economic Stimulus Package that was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. This Act appropriates direct payments to state, local, territorial and tribal governments. The payments allocated for counties are based on populations of all counties across the nation. The American Rescue Plan Act has four allowable areas of usage:

- A. To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;
- B. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- C. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government or county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of government or county prior to the emergency; and
- D. Make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

Chippewa County's total allocation is estimated at \$12,559,059 and is to be used for any of the four allowable areas of usage as set out above.

Passage of this resolution will authorize the use of \$250,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Land Conservation & Forest Management Department for the Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells project for 2023 through 2024. This nitrate remediation project will benefit the citizens of Chippewa County by improving the quality of the groundwater, while maintaining a productive agriculture industry.

Resolution No.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDING FOR THE
CONTAMINATE MITIGATION IN RESIDENTIAL WELLS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021 President Biden signed into law a \$1.9 Trillion economic stimulus package called the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, ARPA provides direct payments to state, local, territorial and tribal governments; and

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WHEREAS, ARPA has four allowable areas of usage: negative economic impacts due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency; provision for reduction in revenue for county; and to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County's estimated total allocation is \$12,559,059 from ARPA; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management (LCFM) Director has identified a project for Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells to be completed from 2023 through 2024 that could be funded with part of Chippewa County's ARPA allocation; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the LCFM Director, the County Administrator and the Finance Director that \$250,000 of ARPA funds be utilized for funding the Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells project with "Reduction in Revenue" being the allowable use as defined in the Final Rule released by the U.S. Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells project benefits the citizens of Chippewa County by improving the quality of the groundwater, while maintaining a productive agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS, these funds would be transferred from the American Rescue Plan Act funds (Fund 235) to the LCFM Groundwater Study account (100-52-57418) on at least an annual basis and upon the completion of the Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells project; and

WHEREAS, by March of 2024, any ARPA funds allocated to a project that is not expected to be completed within the allotted timeframe may be redirected to other projects; and

WHEREAS, before reallocating any ARPA funds that are not used within the prescribed timeframes, the County Administrator will bring a resolution to the Executive Committee and County Board for approval as to how those funds will be used; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee reviewed this project on July 5, 2022 and recommends that the Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells project be completed with the ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the attached document sets out the history of this project and the plan of implementation going forward;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the utilization of \$250,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act funding to the Land Conservation & Forest Management Department for the Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells project in 2023 through 2024; and

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Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The American Rescue Plan Act (Fund 235) will be reduced by \$250,000 in 2023 through 2024.

01/3/2023 Executive Committee

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

12/6/2022

Lori Zwiefelhofer
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AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHIPPEWA
COUNTY & THE LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT & PROTECTION
ASSOCIATION TO ADMINISTER THE LAKE WISSOTA STEWARDSHIP
PROJECT (LWSP)

The Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (LWSP) is a community based watershed and lake improvement initiative that has been co-sponsored through time by the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company, the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association, and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee.

The project was initiated in 2009 as a pilot project to encourage water conservation and improve the water quality of Little Lake Wissota.

Under the project, technical and financial assistance are provided to landowners in the contributing watersheds to encourage the adoption of best management practices to control runoff and reduce nonpoint source pollutant loads.

The project is unique in that it is community driven and is funded from a combination of private and public sources, including corporate and business contributions, private donations, and state and federal grants.

On 10/18/17, the LCFM Committee approved a resolution to expand and extend the pilot project to include Moon Bay of Lake Wissota and the Yellow River basin.

This resolution authorized implementation of the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, and provided authority to approve cooperative agreements with the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association (LWIPA) and the Community Foundation.

The cooperative agreement between the LWIPA and Chippewa County was initially signed on 10/24/17 and amended 4/16/22.

The agreement is a rolling three (3) year contract.

The agreement may be extended for one year terms, beginning with the year 2025 ("Extension Term") upon written mutual agreement of the LWIPA and LCFM. Any mutually agreed upon Extension Term to the agreement shall be executed by the LWIPA and LCFM in the form of an amendment to the agreement no later than March 31 of the year that is two (2) years prior to the year that is the mutually agreed upon Extension Term. For example, if the Extension Term is the year 2025, an amendment to this agreement shall be executed by the LWIPA and LCFM no later than March 31, 2023.

LCFM 9/20/17

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT & PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
AND THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION &
FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TO IMPLEMENT
THE LAKE WISSOTA STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

I. PARTIES

This Cooperative Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement," is made and entered into between the **Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association (LWIPA)** and the **Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee (LCFM)**, acting as the County Land Conservation Committee under WI Stats., Chapter 92.

It is the intent of **LWIPA and LCFM** to use and amend this agreement to add other corporations, businesses, public agencies and non-profit conservation organizations that may wish to contribute to the project.

All additional signators are by addendum, and hereinafter referred to individually as "Party" and collectively as the "Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Sponsors (LWSPS)."

II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Wis. Stat. §92.07(7) to specify the responsibilities of the **LWIPA and LCFM** in the implementation of the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project during the term of this Agreement. This Agreement shall commence upon signing and continue through December 31, 2022.

This agreement can be renewed and extended at any time during the term of the agreement upon mutual written consent of both parties.

The **LWIPA and LCFM** will implement this agreement within the limits of available resources using an annual work planning and budgeting process.

In the event that **LWIPA, LCFM** or any Party determines that it is in their best interest to terminate participation in this cooperative agreement they may do so by sending written correspondence to all signators indicating its desire to terminate participation in this Agreement.

In the event that **LWIPA**, **LCFM** or any Party withdraws and terminates its participation in this Agreement, they shall be responsible for their financial contribution under Sections IV & V with regard to this Agreement until December 31 of the year they withdraw. No partial refund based on the date of the withdrawal shall be given.

III. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the roles and responsibilities of the **LWIPA** and the Chippewa County **LCFM** as required to implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project. This Agreement provides the framework for establishing annual goals, work plans and budgets.

IV. DUTIES

As lead sponsors of the LWSP, the **LWIPA** and **LCFM** shall facilitate structured communication among project sponsors and co-host project oversight meetings during the term of the agreement.

These meetings will be scheduled on an annual basis to allow the project sponsors to systematically evaluate the progress toward meeting community and environmental objectives, as measured using established performance measures.

These project oversight meetings will be held independent of regularly scheduled project implementation team meetings, as referenced in Sec. IV. B & C of this agreement.

A. The parties to the agreement will:

1. Implement a watershed and water quality improvement and protection project that will focus on Little Lake Wissota and Moon Bay of the Yellow River, following the lake and watershed business model developed through the Little Lake Wissota Project (2009-2017).
2. Before December 31, 2017, complete administrative actions to establish a pass-through fund with the Community Foundation of Chippewa County to facilitate community contributions to the project; and the transfer of available funds that have been donated through the Little Lake Wissota Stewardship Project.
3. Participate in a joint annual work planning, budgeting, and project evaluation process.
4. Using the results of that process, evaluate and individually determine the extent of support that can be offered to the project on an annual basis.

5. Allocate staff or financial resources, as authorized by the contributing party, to implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project.

Specific levels of annual commitment, including staff assignments, hours of staff time, direct financial commitments, and in-kind services shall be documented in a joint annual work plan and schedule of product deliverables. The schedule of product deliverables will include an outline of all meetings, events, and activities planned to advance the goals and objectives of the project.

B. Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association agrees to be the lead organization. To carry out this responsibility LWIPA agrees to:

1. Commit \$50,000/yr. over a period of five (5) years to provide baseline funding that will be allocated to secure a qualified service provider who will be contracted to lead and manage the project.
2. Co-sponsor the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Implementation Team. The Implementation Team will meet monthly and more frequently as needed, to:
 - a) implement a project plan and associated multi-year activity schedule,
 - b) review project accomplishments and
 - c) recommend adjustments to the project plan and activity schedule to optimize available resources.
3. Encourage the participation by other corporations, businesses, public agencies, non-profit conservation organizations and members of the community.
4. Assist in promotional efforts and encourage community support.
5. Participate in the development and implementation of a community outreach and education program to increase public awareness of the project, support water stewardship and to improve the water quality of Lake Wissota.
6. Provide recognition to landowners and groups who have agreed to participate in the project.

C. The Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee agrees to be the lead public agency. To carry out this responsibility the LCFM agrees to assign staff from the Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management to:

1. Target available resources during the term of this five (5) year agreement to; maintain the current watershed management efforts for Little Lake Wissota, conduct watershed inventories and associated planning efforts for Moon Bay and actively pursue public and private funds to support voluntary conservation efforts in both the Little Lake Wissota and Yellow River Basins.
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3. Develop and manage an annual project budget.
4. Apply for and manage public and private grants to further advance the project objectives.
5. Participate in the development and implementation of a community outreach and education program to increase public awareness of the project, support water stewardship and to improve the water quality of Lake Wissota.
6. Systematically contact landowners to explain project opportunities and solicit participation in the project.
7. Provide technical assistance to:
 - a) evaluate sites and identify best management practices.
 - b) prepare contracts, conservation plans, and conservation easements.
 - c) calculate site specific environmental benefits associated with the installation of best management practice including phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment load reduction, changes in watershed hydrology and groundwater recharge and ecological benefits to the watershed.
 - d) survey sites, design best management practices, and develop cost estimates.
 - e) stake and supervise the installation of the best management practices.

- f) monument easement sites and monitor conservation easements for compliance.
- 8. Implement the project monitoring component by tracking environmental benefits and maintaining a GIS data base of participants.
- 9. Prepare an annual report for the **LWIPA** the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee (**LCFM**), and other project sponsors. The report will evaluate and track progress, summarize environmental benefits and outline project costs.
- 10. Before March 1, 2018, develop, secure, and supervise a technical service contract with a third party service provider who will be contracted to lead and implement the project.
- 11. Before June 1, 2018, complete and submit to DNR a completed EPA Nine Key Element Plan for Little Lake Wissota and its contributing watershed.
- 12. Before June 1, 2018, initiate a planning process, with public participation, to develop an EPA Nine Key Element Plan for the Moon Bay and the following contributing HUC 12 Watersheds 070500050301, 070500050302, 070500050303, 070500050304, 070500050305, and 070500050308.
- 13. Before June 1, 2018, assess interest and explore the creation of a farmer-led watershed council to encourage and support conservation efforts in the project area.
- 14. Before October 1, 2019, complete and submit to DNR a completed EPA Nine Key Element Plan for the Moon Bay and contributing watersheds.

V. BUDGET

An annual project budget will be used to implement a multi-year activity schedule using available financial resources. The budget will be prepared as part of the annual County budget process.

Budget expenditures and revenue will be monitored throughout the year by the County and summarized in an annual report.

VI. LIAISONS

For LWIPA:

Mary Jo Fleming President, 18790 54th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729,
(715) 723-0822

For Chippewa County LCFM:

Department Director/County Conservationist, Department of Land Conservation
& Forest Management, 711 N Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, (715)
726-7920.

VII. NOTICES

Notices required or deemed advisable under this Agreement shall be placed in writing and delivered personally or by registered or certified mail upon LWIPA Mary Jo Fleming President, 18790 54th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, (715) 723-0822 and upon Chippewa County to: Department Director/County Conservationist, Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, 711 N Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, (715) 726-7920.

VIII. INSURANCE

Each party to this Agreement shall maintain its own liability insurance sufficient to insure against the risks arising from each party's responsibilities under this Agreement.

IX. MUTUAL INDEMNIFICATION

The parties agree fully to indemnify and hold one another harmless from and against all claims, actions, judgments, costs, and expenses, arising out of damages or injuries to third persons or their property, caused by the fault or negligence of the said party, its agents, or employees, in the performance of this Agreement. The parties shall give to each other prompt and reasonable notice of any such claims or actions and the other party shall have the right to investigate, compromise, and defend the same.

X. WAIVER OF BREACHES

No waiver of any breaches of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any other or any subsequent breaches. All remedies afforded in this Agreement shall be considered to be cumulative and in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

XI. APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement shall be governed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin and is made at Chippewa County, Wisconsin, and venue for any legal action to enforce the terms of this Agreement shall be in Chippewa County Circuit Court.

XII. SECTION HEADINGS

The headings of the several sections, and any table of contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect hereof.

XIII. NON-ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT

The parties agree that there shall be no assignment or transfer of this Agreement, nor of any interests, rights or responsibilities herein contained, except as agreed to in writing.

XIV. MODIFICATIONS TO AGREEMENT

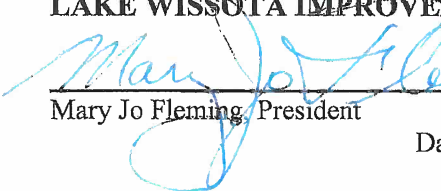
There shall be no modifications to this Agreement, except in writing, signed by both parties.

XV. INTEGRATION OF AGREEMENT

The entire agreement of the parties is contained herein, and this Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, whether written or oral and all negotiations as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association and Chippewa County relating to the subject matter.

Both parties hereto having read and understood the entirety of this Agreement consisting of seven (7) typewritten pages hereby affix their duly authorized signatures.

LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT & PROTECTION ASSOCIATION BY:


Mary Jo Fleming, President

Date 

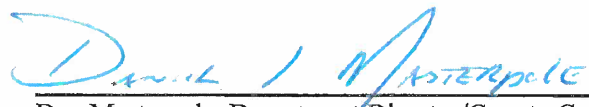
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CHIPPEWA COUNTY BY:


Frank Pascarella, County Administrator

Date

10/23/17


Dan Masterpole, Department Director/County Conservationist

Date

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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE
WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT & PROTECTION ASSOCIATION AND THE CHIPPEWA
COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO
IMPLEMENT THE LAKE WISSOTA STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

WHEREAS, This First Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association (“LWIPA”) and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee (“LCFM”) to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (the “First Amendment”) is entered into by the LWIPA and the LCFM as of the date of the last executed signature below; and

WHEREAS, the LWIPA and the LCFM are parties to that certain Cooperative Agreement identified above and dated October 24, 2017 (the “Agreement”), a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the LWIPA and the LCFM desire to modify and amend the Agreement as provided for specifically in this First Amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed by the LWIPA and LCFM as follows:

A. Amendment to the Agreement. It is hereby agreed and understood by the LWIPA and LCFM that the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following language in Article II – TERM OF AGREEMENT shall be deleted and inserted (as indicated in red):

II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Wis. Stat. §92.07(7) to specify the responsibilities of the **LWIPA and LCFM** in the implementation of the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project during the term of this Agreement. This Agreement shall commence upon signing and continue through December 31, 2024 ~~(“Term”).~~

This Agreement may be extended for one year terms, beginning with the year 2025 (“Extension Term”), upon written mutual agreement of the LWIPA and LCFM. Any mutually agreed upon Extension Term to this Agreement shall be executed by the LWIPA and LCFM in the form of an amendment to this Agreement no later than March 31 of the year that is two (2) years prior to the year that is the mutually agreed upon Extension Term. For example, if the Extension Term is the year 2025, an amendment to this agreement shall be executed by the LWIPA and LCFM no later than March 31, 2023. This agreement can be renewed and extended at any time during the term of the

~~agreement upon mutual written consent of both parties.~~

2. The following language in Article IV. – DUTIES, Section B., and Section B., Subsection 1. shall be deleted and inserted (as indicated in red):

IV. DUTIES

B. The LWIPALake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association agrees to be the lead organization. To carry out this responsibility, LWIPA agrees to:

1. Commit \$50,000/~~yr. per year over a period of five (5) years~~during the Term and any Extension Term of this Agreement to provide baseline funding that will be allocated to secure ~~a~~ qualified ~~staffservice provider who will be contracted~~ to lead, ~~and~~ manage and implement the project.

3. The following language in Article IV. – DUTIES, Section C., Subsections 1., 10., 11., 12., 13. and 14. shall be deleted and inserted (as indicated in red):

IV. DUTIES

C. The Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee agrees to be the lead public agency. To carry out this responsibility the LCFM agrees ~~to assign staff from the that the~~ Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management (the “Department”) shallto:

1. Target available resources during the term of this ~~five (5) year~~ agreement to; maintain and accelerate the current watershed management efforts for Little Lake Wissota, ~~conduct watershed inventories~~ and ~~associated planning efforts for~~ Moon Bay of Lake Wissota, and actively pursue public and private funds to support voluntary conservation efforts in both the Little Lake Wissota and Yellow River Basins.
10. ~~Before March 1, 2018, develop, secure, and supervise a technical service contract with a third party service provider. Assign a qualified project manager who will be contracted to lead and implement the project; The Department may also assign one or more Department employees or limited term staff position(s) that will be dedicated to the project. The project manager and each of the Department employees or limited term staff positions assigned by the Department to the project shall document the individual project activities they work on and the time spent on each activity.~~
11. ~~Before June 1, 2018, complete and submit to DNR a completed EPA Nine Key Element Plan for Little Lake~~

~~Wissota and its contributing watershed. Assess interest and explore the creation of a farmer-led watershed council to encourage and support soil and water conservation and nonpoint pollution control efforts in the project area.~~

12. ~~Before June 1, 2018, initiate a planning process, with public participation, to develop an EPA Nine Key Element Plan for the Moon Bay and the following contributing HUC 12 Watersheds 070500050301, 070500050302, 070500050303, 070500050304, 070500050305, and 070500050308. Systematically implement the EPA Nine Key Element Plans for Little Lake Wissota and Moon Bay of Lake Wissota to reduce nonpoint pollution from the following contributing HUC 12 watersheds: 070500050103, 070500050206, 070500050207, and 070500060105, 070500050301, 070500050302, 070500050303, 070500050304, 070500050305, 070500050306, 070500050307, and 070500050308.~~
13. ~~Before June 1, 2018, assess interest and explore the creation of a farmer-led watershed council to encourage and support conservation efforts in the project area.~~
14. ~~Before October 1, 2019, complete and submit to DNR a completed EPA Nine Key Element Plan for the Moon Bay and contributing watersheds.~~

4. The following language in Article VI. – LIAISONS, Section C. shall be deleted and inserted (as indicated in red):

VI. LIAISONS

For LWIPA:

~~Mary Jo Fleming~~ President, P.O. Box 90318790-54th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, (715) 723-0822

- B. All other parts of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

Both parties hereto having read and understood the entirety of this Agreement consisting of four (4) typewritten pages hereby affix their duly authorized signatures.

LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT & PROTECTION ASSOCIATION:

By: Richard Barrickman
Dick Barrickman, President

4/16/2022
Date

CHIPPEWA COUNTY:

By: Randy Scholz
Randy Scholz, County Administrator

3-28-22
Date

By: Lynda Schweikert
Lynda Schweikert, LCFM Department Director/
Conservationist

3/29/22
Date

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

THE LCFM COMMITTEE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI STATUTES 19.85(1)(E) FOR THE PURPOSES OF "DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASING OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION" (CONSIDER REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION FOR PARCEL IN T30N, R6W AND T31N, R6W).

The LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T30N, R6W and T31N, R6W).