

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 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	Present	
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.

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 was present.

There was no public attending.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There was no public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - March 15, 2023

5. REPORTS

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1. Stormwater Audit Update - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. She reported that the LCFM was audited twice by the DNR (2019 and 2022) concerning the Chippewa County stormwater program. The audit in 2022 was to address the issues noted in 2019. A Notice of Non-Compliance was issued by the DNR in February, 2023.

The LCFM is working on completing the items of concern before the November, 2023 DNR deadline.

There was limited discussion.

2. 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 2/9/23 - 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 2/9/23 - 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.

She reported that she has not officially heard back from the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association on amending the agreement for the County to continue implementing the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project through 2025.

This agenda item will be placed on the March 15, 2023, LCFM agenda.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consider and Rank LCFM CIP Projects (2024-2028) - L. Schweikert

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

1. Schedule titled: 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan Calendar, (Distributed 2/9/23 - copy on file & attached).
2. Spreadsheet titled: Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, 2023 2024 Capital Improvement Plan Ranking, (LCFM 2/9/23 - Distributed 2/9/23 - copy on file & attached).
3. Spreadsheet titled: Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, Capital Improvement Plan Requests & Adjustments, (LCFM 2/9/23 - Distributed 2/9/23 - copy on file & attached).
4. Forms titled: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Forms for the LCFM for 2024-2028 fiscal years (Distributed 2/9/23 - copy on file & attached).

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There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve the CIP plan ranking, as presented: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried on voice vote.

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

2. Consider Request to Authorize 50K Race Permit in County Forest- M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by an agreement titled: Chippewa County Forest Special Event Permit and Agreement, (LCFM - Distributed 2/9/23 - copy on file & attached). The permit and agreement grants True North Adventures non-exclusive use of certain Chippewa County Forest property to conduct a 50K running event on the Ice Age Trail.

There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve the 50K race permit: Bischel/Bomar. Motion carried on voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Bischel, District 4
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel

3. Resolution to Enter into Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a resolution titled: Resolution to Authorize Chippewa County to Enter into a Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion into the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan, (Distributed 2/9/23 - copy on file & attached).

There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Authorize Chippewa County to Enter into a Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion into the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan: Bomar/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 3/14/2023 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)	
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1	
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel	

4. Restrict Use of Hot Saws/Feller Buncher Harvesting Equipment in County Forest - M. Hansen

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

1. Photos showing hot saws/Feller Buncher equipment in the County Forest and damage that has

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incurred due to use of this equipment (Distributed 2/9/23 - copy on file & attached).

2. Video showing a hot saw/Feller Buncher operating in a forest (Link to video on file & attached).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The use of hot saws in clearcut -vs- select thinning timber sales.
2. Damage to undergrowth and loss of revenue.

Motion to grant staff the ability to restrict the use of hot saws in selective hardwood thinning: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried on voice vote.

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

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The stormwater audit update was added for future agenda items.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Bergeron/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote at 5:10 p.m.

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

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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.

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

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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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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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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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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION STORMWATER AUDIT UPDATE

5.1

Update on results of 2022 Stormwater Audit in regards to Stormwater Ordinance and Plan revisions.



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHIPPEWA
COUNTY & THE LWIPA TO IMPLEMENT LWSP

5.2

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.

This agenda item is to report on the status of the amendment.

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.
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. 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

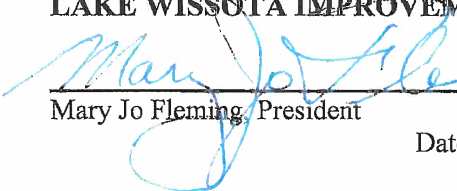
There shall be no modifications to this Agreement, except in writing, signed by both parties.

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

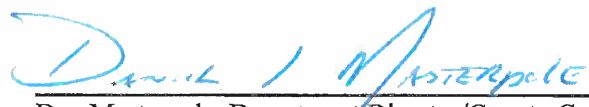
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CHIPPEWA COUNTY BY:


Frank Pascarella, County Administrator

Date

10/23/17


Dan Masterpole, Department Director/County Conservationist

Date

10/24/17

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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~~2~~ (“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 LWIPA Lake 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 ~~staff service 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”) shall~~to:~~

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
CONSIDER AND RANK LCFM CIP PROJECTS (2024-2028)**

6.1

Chippewa County administers a multi-year Capital Improvement Program, (CIP).

As a first step in the 2024 budget process, the Dept. of Administration has directed each Department to prepare and update a five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan proposal to be considered as part of the 2024 annual budget process.

This agenda item will be used to review the process used by the County to prepare the five year CIP proposal and the Department's recommendation for that proposal, as prepared by the Dept. of LCFM for consideration by the County Administrator.

This agenda item will also be used to seek Committee feedback and to enable the Committee to rank the projects for consideration by the County Administrator as part of the 2024 budget process.



2024 – 2028 Capital Improvement Plan Calendar

(Bonding not required in FY23 for FY24 budget)

CIP projects include items valued at \$50,000 or more and must meet the criteria as defined in Sec. 2-361 (a)(3)(b) of the Code of Ordinances.

12/06/2022	CA sends CIP instructions and justification forms to Department Heads
01/06/2023	Deadline for DH to communicate with the Facilities & Parks Director and IT Director if there are projects that involve their Divisions or contact the Highway Department if you need a vehicle replacement. This will allow time to determine the project details and cost in order to meet the 03/23/2023 deadline.
12/06/22 – 03/23/23	CIP justification forms (See Appendix DOA-304-A) are completed by Departments and reviewed with the policy committees for feedback and priority ranking
02/07/2023	CA presents status update to <u>Executive Committee</u> on current CIP projects
02/14/2023	CA presents status update to <u>County Board</u> on current CIP projects
03/23/2023	CIP justification forms are submitted electronically to Traci Bremness to be compiled for review by the Finance Division and County Administrator
04/17 – 04/28/2023	Finance Division reviews and follows up with departments for clarification and/or additional information if needed
05/01/2023	Finance Division provides CIP requests to County Administrator for review and approval or denial
06/06/2023	County Administrator presents the proposed five-year CIP, CIP resolutions, and sales tax resolutions to the <u>Executive Committee</u> for recommendation to the County Board
06/13/2023	County Administrator presents the proposed five-year CIP, CIP resolutions, and sales tax resolutions to <u>County Board</u> for approval
06/16/2023	A copy of the 5-year Capital Improvement Program is distributed electronically to department heads and elected officials and posted on the employee portal

Revised: 12/06/2022

Attachment: CIP Budget Calendar 2024-2028 FINAL 12-06-2022 (7493 : Consider and Rank LCFM CIP Projects (2024-2028))

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Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management
2023 2024 Capital Improvement Plan Ranking

Committee	Department		Source of Funding				
Rank	Rank	Project	Expenditure	Fund Balance	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants/Other
1	1	Co Stewardship Fund ☐	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		
2	2	County Forest Land Acquisitions	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000
3	3	Snowmobile Bridge - TBD	\$ 120,000				\$ 120,000

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Attachment: Corrected Title - 2024 CIP Ranking For Committee Discussion (7493 : Consider and Rank

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Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management
2023 Capital Improvement Plan Ranking

Committee	Department		Source of Funding				
Rank	Rank	Project	Expenditure	Fund Balance	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants/Other
	1	Co Stewardship Fund ☐	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		
	2	County Forest Land Acquisitions	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000
	3	Snowmobile Bridge - TBD	\$ 120,000				\$ 120,000

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Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management
Capital Improvement Plan Requests & Adjustments

Year	Project	Source of Funding					Comments
		Expenditure	Fund Balance	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants	
2024	Co Stewardship Fund ①	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000			Requested in 2018
2024	County Forest Land Acquisitions ②	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000	Requested in 2018
2024	Snowmobile Bridge - TBD	\$ 120,000				\$ 120,000	Requested in 2018
2025	Co. Forest Dam Relicensing Infrastructure Inspection	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000			Requested in 2023
2025	Hickory Ridge Trailhead Improvement ③	\$ 500,000				\$ 500,000	Requested in 2023
2025	Co Stewardship Fund ①	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000				Requested in 2018
2025	County Forest Land Acquisitions ②	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000	Requested in 2018
2025	Snowmobile Bridge - TBD	\$ 120,000				\$ 120,000	Requested in 2018
2026	Co Stewardship Fund ①	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000				Requested in 2018
2026	County Forest Land Acquisitions ②	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000	Requested in 2018
2026	Snowmobile Bridge - TBD	\$ 120,000				\$ 120,000	Requested in 2018
2027	Co Stewardship Fund ①	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000				Requested in 2018
2027	County Forest Land Acquisitions ②	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000	Requested in 2018
2027	Snowmobile Bridge - TBD	\$ 120,000				\$ 120,000	Requested in 2018
2028	Co Stewardship Fund ①	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000				Requested in 2018
2028	County Forest Land Acquisitions ②	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000	Requested in 2018
2028	Snowmobile Bridge - TBD	\$ 120,000				\$ 120,000	Requested in 2018

- ① Co. Stewardship Fund requests added per county resolution #76-98 to maintain a working fund balance to offer matching grants to local municipalities and non profit conservation organizations to secure land for conservation public use. Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021 is \$85,600.42, was reduced to \$50,600.42 after \$50,000 Pheasants Forever Grant Award in February 2022.
- ② County Forest Land Acquisitions CIP projects will be funded by state grants with the option of applying a share of forest revenues to acquire land within the County Forest Blocking Boundary that would support the public forest enterprise. Funding Order to match fund balance allocation: 1-Tax Deed Type B account & sales 2-Special Conservation Fund 3-Forest Loans
- ③ Warming house and maintenance shed

Attachment: CIP Justifications 2024-2028 (7493 : Consider and Rank LCFM CIP Projects (2024-2028))

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Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2024	LCFM	County Forest Land Acquisitions			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
N/A		N/A			
Project Description and Justification					
The Chippewa County Comprehensive Forest Plan, as adopted by the County Board, establishes public policy to routinely evaluate and consider additions to the County Forest, that are cost effective and in the long term public interest. Strategic additions to the County Forest and recreational land base, will allow for increased annual timber harvest and additional public recreational opportunities. These capital additions will be of long term value and provide direct benefit to area residents, taxpayers, the forest products industry and the tourism industry. The request meets the County strategic plan objective to "Manage and protect the County's natural resources for the future including water, forests, etc." and the Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan (July 2009) Land Management objectives. The allocation of capital will likely generate matching funds. The State has recently created a special fund within the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund that is dedicated to providing matching grants for County Forest Acquisitions. This dedicated state fund will enhance the County's opportunity to acquire select parcels of high public value. The amount of land within the County Forest Blocking Boundary offered for sale by private landowners consistently exceeds the amount of capital available to acquire the land. Offers are reviewed and evaluated by the Land Conservation & Forest Management as funds become available.					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee					
Submitted by: _____ Date: _____					

Attachment: CIP Justifications 2024-2028 (7493 : Consider and Rank LCFM CIP Projects (2024-2028))

Completed forms should be reviewed with the policy committees and then submitted to the County Administrator's office.



Appendix DOA-304-A

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2024	LCFM	SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE - TBD			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
N/A		N/A			
Project Description and Justification					
Planned snowmobile TBD bridge. Bridge grants are requested in March of each year at the request of CVSO, and are paid 100% by WIDNR Grant monies; bridges are identified as needing repair or replacement on an as-needed basis.					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee					
Submitted by: _____ Date: _____					

Attachment: CIP Justifications 2024-2028 (7493 : Consider and Rank LCFM CIP Projects (2024-2028))

Completed forms should be reviewed with the policy committees and then submitted to the County Administrator's office.



Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2025	LCFM	Co. Forest Dam Relicensing Infrastructure Inspection			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
N/A		N/A			
Project Description and Justification					
The LCFM maintains eighteen (18) wildlife flowages in the Chippewa County Forest, that have been created through the construction of impoundments. Six (6) of these impoundments are classified as large-scale dams, subject to DNR license and inspection requirements. Scheduled inspections for licensed dams are conducted on a ten (10) year cycle and must be performed by a licensed engineer. To maintain the wildlife flowages as part of the the County Forest infrastructure, the engineering inspection of the licensed dams must be conducted before 12/31/2023. The CIP project will be used to contract an outside engineering consultant to conduct the inspection and file the necessary documentation to achieve the license renewal. This allocation will allow the County to meet goals and obligations defined in the Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land use Plan (2021-2036). This allocation will also allow the County to pursue an earlier Chippewa County Strategic Goal to provide a safe, healthy, and prosperous environment for Chippewa County residents by managing and protecting the County's natural resource base for the future.					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee					
Submitted by: _____ Date: _____					

Completed forms should be reviewed with the policy committees and then submitted to the County Administrator's office.

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Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2025	LCFM	County Forest Land Acquisitions			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
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Project Description and Justification					
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Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
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2027	LCFM	County Forest Land Acquisitions			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
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Desired	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CONSIDER REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE 50K RACE PERMIT IN COUNTY
FOREST

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Under Section 510.2(4), the Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan states: "Organized events or special uses, other than information recreation use, require specific permission from the Forest and Parks Committee".

The Chippewa 50K Trail Run will be hosting their 14th annual race event this April 22, 2023. The race starts and ends at the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Reserve. Race organizers have historically obtained a Special Event Permit from WDNR for their event.

The race course follows the Ice Age Trail on both State and Chippewa County Forest properties. Race organizers assumed the State Permit was all that was required. LCFM staff identified that there could be liability issues and that a permit issued by the Committee would put everyone on the best legal footing. LCFM worked with Corporation Counsel, the State of Wisconsin, and trail organizers to create a Special Event Permit in time for the Committee to take action before this year's event.

This agenda item will be used to present the permit for Committee consideration.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY FOREST SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND AGREEMENT

This Chippewa County Forest Special Event Permit (the “Permit”) and Chippewa County Forest Special Event Agreement (the “Agreement”) (collectively, the “Permit and Agreement”) is granted to and made and entered into by and between Chippewa County, Wisconsin, through the Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management (the “County”) and Jeff Allen d/b/a True North Adventures (the “Permittee”), subject to following terms and conditions:

1. **Purpose.**

The purpose of this Permit and Agreement is to grant the Permittee non-exclusive use of certain Chippewa County Forest property (the “Property”) to conduct a 50k running event on the Ice Age Trail (the “Special Event”) as identified, described and depicted in Attachment A to this Permit and Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

2. **Special Event Date.**

The Special Event shall start on April 22, 2022, and end on April 23, 2022, upon which time the Permit shall expire.

3. **Special Event Permit Fee.**

There shall no permit fee charged for the Special Event.

4. **Items and Structures.**

- A. The Permittee may place portable tent structures, tables for food and first aid, flagging and route signs, temporary barriers (i.e. caution tape, ribbon, lathe, etc.) and a PA system on the Property.
- B. The Permittee shall maintain an inventory of all deployed signage and temporary barriers and like material that is used for the race. Said inventory should include the location where material is deployed and an identification system that allows the Permittee, to confirm posting and removal with the County by 9:00 am on April 23, 2020.
- C. No other items or structures shall be placed on the Property without the prior, written approval of the County.

5. **Concessions.**

- A. “Concession” for the purposes of the Permit shall include the selling or giving away of goods or services.
- B. The Permittee shall be solely responsible for complying with all applicable ordinances, laws and regulations and obtaining any applicable permits with regard to any concessions that may be offered at the Special Event.

6. **Hazards, Maintenance, Trash and Recyclables.**

- A. The Permittee shall inspect the Property before the event and shall remove, eliminate or correct any unsafe or dangerous conditions or hazard. The Permittee shall maintain the area in a safe condition for the duration of the Special Event.

- B. No cutting or trimming of trees shall be performed without prior approval of the Department.
- C. No fire(s) shall be started without prior approval of the Department; if prior approval is granted, solely in grills and fire-rings provided by the Department.
- D. The Permittee shall be solely responsible for any and all clean-up of the Property, including, but not limited to, legal disposal of trash, recyclables and refuse and removal of all items and structures under Section 4. No litter shall be left on the Property by the Permittee, any Special Event participant or spectator.

7. **Compliance with Applicable Laws.**

The Permittee of the Special Event shall become familiar with, and shall at all times comply with and observe all local, state and federal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations which in any manner affect the conduct the Permittee and its employees, officers, directors and agents with regard to the Special Event.

8. **Control of Performance.**

The Permittee shall have sole control of the method, hours worked and time and manner of any performance under this permit other than as specifically provided herein. The County takes no responsibility for supervision or direction of the performance of the Permittee to be performed by the Permittee or the Permittee's employees, officers, directors and agents. The County will exercise no control over the selection and dismissal or of the Permittee's employees, officers, directors and agents.

9. **Non-Discrimination.**

The Permittee shall not discriminate against any employee, participant or applicant for employment in the Special Event because of age, race, color, sex, religion, disability, physical condition, developmental disability as defined in s. 51.01(5), Wis. Stats., sexual orientation or national origin.

10. **Indemnification.**

The Permittee shall indemnify the County and its employees, officers, officials and agents against all claims, damages, costs and expenses including liability costs and attorney's fees arising either from the management of the Special Event or from any breach or default on the part of the Permittee in the performance of this Permit and Agreement, or from any negligence of the Permittee in the Special Event.

11. **Insurance.**

- A. The Permittee shall purchase liability insurance to be effective the dates of the Special Event and listing the County, its employees, officers, officials and agents as additional insureds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 single limit per occurrence including \$1,000,000.00 for bodily injury, including death, and \$25,000.00 property damage.
- B. The Permittee shall furnish the County with a copy of the insurance policy or certificate of insurance no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Special Event. This permit is conditioned upon the County's approval of the insurance policy. The Permittee will immediately notify the County both verbally and in writing of any action by the insurer to cancel the insurance policy.

12. **Mandatory Contacts.**

The Permittee shall notify the following entities/user groups/individuals with specific details and course map of the Special Event no later than April 8, 2020:

A. Recreation Deputy Craig Fleischhacker
Chippewa County Sheriff's Department
Email: cfleischhacker@co.chippewa.wi.us
Phone: (715) 726-7701 Ext. 2275

B. Jeanne Fox, Treasurer
Chippewa Valley Trail Riders
Email: jeannefox227@gmail.com
Phone: (715) 577-6737

13. **Notices.**

Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be given by personal delivery upon an authorized representative of a party hereto; or if mailed by United States registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; or if deposited cost paid with a nationally recognized, reputable overnight courier, properly addressed as follows, or by electronic mail:

If to Permittee: True North Adventures
Attn: Jeff Allen
26806 Goldman Blvd.
Wyoming, MN 55092
Email: runjefffrun50k@yahoo.com

If to County: Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation & Forest
Management, Forest & Trails Division
Attn: Matt Hansen
711 N. Bridge Street, Room 011
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Email: mhansen@co.chippewa.wi.us

14. **Assignability.**

Neither this Permit and Agreement nor any right or duty in whole or in part by the Permittee under this Permit and Agreement may be assigned, delegated or subcontracted without the prior written consent of the County.

15. **Entire Permit and Agreement.**

This Permit and Agreement, together with the requirements herein and referenced parts and attachments, shall constitute the entire Permit and Agreement and any previous communication or permit and agreement pertaining to this Permit and Agreement are hereby superseded.

16. **No Waiver.**

No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, power or remedy hereunder on the part of the County or Permittee shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any

right, power or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy. No express waiver shall affect any event or default other than the event or default specified in such waiver, and any such waiver, to be effective, must be in writing and shall be operative only for the time and to the extent expressly provided by the County or Permittee therein. A waiver of any covenant, term or condition contained herein shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same covenant, term or condition.

17. **Termination and Modification.**

The County may terminate or modify the conditions of this Permit and Agreement at any time, except that modifications relating to time extensions must be made by an amendment to this Permit and Agreement or other written documentation, signed by the Permittee and the County at least thirty (30) days prior to the ending date of this Permit and Agreement.

18. **Non-Compliance.**

The County may consider Permittee's failure to comply with the conditions of this Permit and Agreement as adequate justification to deny any future special event applications submitted by the Permittee or its sponsoring organization.

19. **Choice of Law.**

This Permit and Agreement shall be governed by and construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

The Permittee and the County having read and understood the entirety of this Agreement, consisting of five (5) typewritten pages and Attachment A, hereby affix their duly authorized signatures.

For County, BY:

Matt Hansen
Title: County Forest Administrator & Public Liaison

Date

For Permittee, BY:

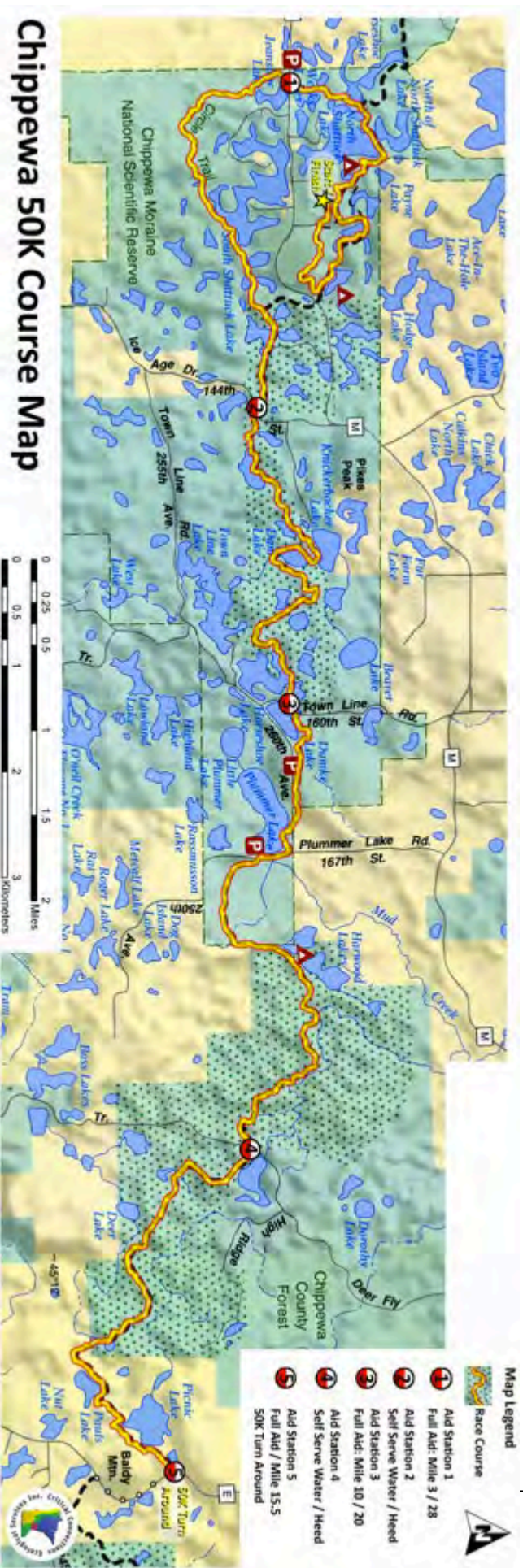
Jeff Allen d/b/a True North Adventures
Title: President

Date

Attachment: Chippewa 50K Agreement 2023 (7534 : Consider Request to Authorize 50K Race Permit in County Forest)

Attachment A

Tentative Race Map 2023 Chippewa 50K





STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 12 - 23

RES. 12-23: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHIPPEWA COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A LANDOWNER AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATE OF INCLUSION INTO THE LAKES STATES FOREST MANAGEMENT BAT HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN - LYNDIA SCHWEIKERT

1 Since being introduced into the United States from Europe, white-nose syndrome has
2 caused widespread declines in bat populations across the Country. These declines in
3 population have caused the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) to list the Northern
4 Long-eared Bat as threatened in 2015, and effective as of March 31, 2023, it will be listed as
5 endangered. Tri-colored Bat and Little Brown Bat are also likely to be listed as endangered in
6 the near future.

7 When a species is listed as endangered, it becomes illegal to cause the mortality of any
8 individual of that species. Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin developed the Lake States
9 Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan which creates guidelines to reduce the
10 likelihood of a mortality. The plan allows landowners in those States to participate in an
11 Incidental Take Permit (ITP), which allows forest management to continue, while abiding by the
12 plan's guidelines.

13 If forest management activity were to cause the mortality of an individual bat without
14 participating in the ITP, the County and the contractor harvesting the site would be in violation
15 of the Endangered Species Act and subject to the legal penalties. In order to participate in the
16 ITP issued to the Department of Natural Resources, Chippewa County needs to follow plan
17 guidelines and enter into a Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion. Passage of this
18 resolution will formally authorize Chippewa County to enter into a Landowner Agreement and
19 Certificate of Inclusion into the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan.
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WHEREAS, Chippewa County manages approximately 34,500 acres of County Forest Lands along with numerous recreational trails and facilities, which are managed for multiple benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tri-colored Bat are expected to be listed as federally endangered in 2023 and the Little Brown Bat is under review for listing as endangered; and

WHEREAS, the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan have jointly developed the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan in order to receive an incidental take permit for forest management activities, which is issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, the attached *Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan Summary, January, 2023* explains the history of these issues and how the management plan will be implemented so that forest resource management activities can occur, while remaining in compliance with the Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County plans to engage in forest resource management activities that could result in the incidental take of the bats and seeks to be included in the Incidental Take Permit issued to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, if included in the Incidental Take Permit, Chippewa County will be required to comply with the terms of the Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement related to the incidental take of these bats that may occur through the County's forest resource management activities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors, in consideration of the needs to conserve the bat populations in Wisconsin while continuing multiple forest resource management activities, consistent with the Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, does hereby authorize entrance into a Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion into the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Forest Administrator be authorized to sign the agreement and submit this document to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact by passage of this resolution.

02/15/2023	Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee	
RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 3/14/2023 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)	
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1	
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel	

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

2/7/2023

Lori Zwiefelhofer
Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

2/13/2023

Randy B. Scholz
Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

2/9/2023

Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan Summary

January 2023

Background

- Populations of cave hibernating bats in precipitous decline due to a white-nose syndrome (WNS).
 - WNS discovered in WI in 2014 and is now widespread in all known hibernacula.
- When USFWS listed the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) as Threatened in 2015 they specifically identified forest management as a potential source of take for the species.
 - During the summer these species utilize trees for maternity colonies and day roosts and they forage in forested areas.
- NLEB, Tri-colored bat and possibly little brown bat (LBB) will be listed as endangered due the impacts of WNS, and any take of an endangered species is prohibited. WI will need an incidental take permit to continue forest management activities.
- WI, MI, MN have jointly developed the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan to obtain a federal Incidental Take Permit under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) section 10 requesting authorization for the incidental take of bats during forest management activities.
- Permit expected to be issued March 2023.

Covered Species:

- Northern Long-eared Bat
 - Federally endangered as of 3/31/2023
- Tri-colored Bat
 - Federal listing expected in 2023
- Little Brown Bat
 - Under review for federal listing by USFWS

Covered Activities and Required Conservation Actions:

- Timber harvest and related forest practices:
 - Implement state tree retention guidelines.
 - 150 ft year-round buffer around known maternity roost trees.
 - 0.25 mile buffer around known hibernacula entrances.
 - No harvest except where objective is improving habitat for bats.
- Prescribed fire:
 - Ensure wind will carry smoke away from the entrance(s) of hibernacula.
 - Prohibit prescribed burns within 150 feet of known occupied maternity roost trees during pup season (June 1–July 31).
 - Reduce fire intensity within 0.25 miles of hibernacula entrances during spring and fall.
- Maintenance of existing permanent forestry roads and recreational trails on public lands:
 - Refers to maintenance that requires tree cutting on permanent roads maintained by WI DNR or County Forests (not DOT roads).
 - Remove trees from October 1 to March 1 within 150 feet of a known maternity roost.
 - Remove trees from October 15 to March 31 or from May 15 to August 15 within 2.5 miles of a known hibernaculum.
 - Removal of hazard trees always allowed.

- Construction of new permanent forestry roads and recreational trails on public lands:
 - Refers to permanent roads maintained by WI DNR or County Forests for the purpose of supporting land management and public recreation (not DOT roads).
 - Temporary roads built to support a specific management project and then closed are covered as a forestry practice.
 - No removal of large-diameter trees (i.e., 9 inches dbh) during pup season (June 1 – July 31).
 - No new roads and trails within 150 feet of a known occupied maternity roost tree.
 - No new roads or trails within 0.25 miles of a known hibernaculum entrance year round.
 - Remove trees from October 15 to March 31 or from May 15 to August 15 within 2.5 miles of a known hibernaculum.
- Other conservation strategies:
 - Bat management zones on state lands:
 - Protected areas, no management June 1 to July 31
 - Already designated as protected wilderness areas, wild river areas, old growth areas, wild areas in WISFIRS
 - Maintain hibernacula entrances on DNR lands:
 - Gates, remove obstructions
 - Provide a way for other landowners to receive take authorization through the HCP.

Landowner Enrollment Program:

- Landowners who meet certain criteria can receive incidental take coverage by joining WDNR's permit.
- All County Forests are eligible.
- Acreage threshold for private landowners:
 - 10,000 acres for NLEB and TCB.
 - 500 acres for LBB (if LBB is listed as endangered).
 - Below these acreage thresholds risk of taking bats during management is extremely low/insignificant.
- Applicant owns lands (of any size) containing a known roost or known hibernaculum entrance.
- LEP application and agreement are in development.
- Goal to have eligible landowners enrolled by end of March 2023.
- WI DNR will hire a Bat HCP Coordinator to help guide folks through the process and handle annual reporting requirements.
- Annual Reporting Requirements:
 - Total acres of timber harvest - if possible, broken out by even-aged, uneven-aged, intermediate and salvage harvests
 - Acres of Rx Fire in forest or brushland
 - Possibly miles of newly constructed permanent roads or trails.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
RESTRICT USE OF HOT SAWS/FELLER BUNCHER HARVESTING
EQUIPMENT IN COUNTY FOREST**

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There is a long history of public land managers restricting or requiring the use of certain types of equipment on timber sales due to the limitations or unique characteristics of different machines. Historically Chippewa County restricted whole tree skidding in selection harvests because of the damage caused to unharvested trees. There are very few contractors who whole tree skid anymore and we have taken the restriction off our prospectuses. Operators we currently work with who use this equipment know that it is not fit for selection harvests and are unlikely to attempt it.

Hot Saws/Feller bunchers are not a new type of equipment but new machines have grown much larger and can fell many more trees at once than smaller machines previously could. The addition of this equipment to a logging operation can increase productivity and efficiency.

The larger size limits maneuverability, encouraging the operator to take more operational trees in order to maintain productivity. The constantly spinning saw blade can result in damage to young trees as the machine moves through a stand. Felling large bunches of trees can cause more damage than harvesting each tree individually.

This agenda item will be used to determine whether the County should limit the use of larger hot saws in single tree selection harvests.







YouTube hot saw video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Q9NZFk6_yM