

Chippewa County

Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee

Regular Meeting

November 19, 2025

Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302

11:00 AM

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Charles Bomar, Matthew Peterson, Joel Seidlitz, Rocky Kempe, Ken Schmitt

Members Absent:

James Flater, Jason Bergeron

Others Present: All supervisors were present except Supervisor Bergeron and Supervisor Flater, who had contacted the Chair that they would be absent.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were A. Albarado (Co. Administrator), A. Foehringer (DNR), K. Clow, M. Hansen, J. Larson, L. Richardson, L. Schweikert, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

(Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker.)

There was no public wishing to be heard.

4. Consent Agenda

(Unless separation of an item is requested, all items will be adopted under one motion.)

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Rocky Kempe
Seconder:	Joel Seidlitz
Ayes:	Charles Bomar, Matthew Peterson, Joel Seidlitz, Rocky Kempe, Ken Schmitt
Nays:	None
Absent:	James Flater, Jason Bergeron

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - October 15, 2025
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - December 17, 2025

5. Reports

1. Update on Agenda Management Software and Notifications - Lynda Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by a handout (Distributed 11/13/25 – copy on file & attached) which provides step-by-step instructions for the County Board and Committee members to sign up to receive email notifications when the County Board and/or committee agendas are posted.

2. Discussion on Miscellaneous Forest Product Permit - Matt Hansen

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

1. Table from the Wisconsin County Forests Association that outlines counties that issue permits to the public for Christmas trees and the cost, (Distributed 11/13/25 – copy on file & attached).
2. Application titled: Chippewa County Fuel Wood Sale Permit, (Distributed 11/13/25 – copy on file & attached).
3. Application titled: Chippewa County Bough Permit, (Distributed 11/13/25 – copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion to keep the policy as is.

6. Business Items

1. 2025-2026 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Extension - Lynda Schweikert

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Ken Schmitt
Seconder:	Rocky Kempe
Ayes:	Charles Bomar, Matthew Peterson, Joel Seidlitz, Rocky Kempe, Ken Schmitt
Nays:	None
Absent:	James Flater, Jason Bergeron

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by a table titled: Chippewa County's Request to Extend Cost-Share Contracts from 2025-2026, (DATCP – Distributed 11/13/25 – copy on file & attached). She explained the SWRM funding process to extend the 2025 contracted funds into 2026.

Motion to approve the grant extension, as presented: Schmitt/Kempe. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Review Summary of Fall, 2025 Timber Sale Bids and Award Contracts - Matt Hansen

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Matthew Peterson
Seconder:	Rocky Kempe
Ayes:	Charles Bomar, Matthew Peterson, Joel Seidlitz, Rocky Kempe, Ken Schmitt
Nays:	None
Absent:	James Flater, Jason Bergeron

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

1. Summary tables from the Fall, 2025, Timber Sale Bids for Tracts #2-23, #7-23, #13-25, #14-25, #15-25, #16-25, #17-25, and #18-25 (LCFM - Copy on file and attached).
2. Maps and prospectuses for Tracts #2-23, #7-23, #13-25, #14-25, #15-25, #16-25, #17-25, and #18-25 (LCFM – Distributed 11/13/25 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve all timber sale contracts to the winning bidder, as presented: Peterson/Kempe. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Timber Sale Contract Extensions Approval - Matt Hansen

Motion:	Approved
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Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Joel Seidlitz
Second:	Rocky Kempe
Ayes:	Charles Bomar, Matthew Peterson, Joel Seidlitz, Rocky Kempe, Ken Schmitt
Nays:	None
Absent:	James Flater, Jason Bergeron

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a table summarizing timber sales that need extensions (Distributed 11/13/25 – copy on file & attached).

Motion to approve the timber sale contract extensions with penalties, as presented, per the original timber sale contract language: Seidlitz/Kempe. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Resolution to Approve the 2026 Work Plan of the Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management and to Authorize the County Forest Administrator to Apply for a County Forest Administration Grant From the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - Matt Hansen

The report was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review on 12/9/25.

M. Hansen presented and the Committee reviewed a resolution titled: Resolution to Approve the 2026 Work Plan of the Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management and to Authorize the County Forest Administrator to Apply for a County Forest Administration Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, (LCFM – Distributed 11/13/25 - copy on file & attached). Approval of the resolution will adopt an annual work plan for the Forest & Trails Department of the Land Conservation & Forest Management in 2026 and will authorize the County Forest Administrator to apply for a grant from the DNR. The grant is needed to accomplish the work specified in the plan.

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve the 2026 annual work plan of the Forest & Trails Division and forward to the County Board: Seidlitz/Kempe. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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, R8W, Section 23) - Matt Hansen

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 1)
Mover:	Matthew Peterson
Second:	Ken Schmitt
Ayes:	Charles Bomar, Matthew Peterson, Rocky Kempe, Ken Schmitt
Nays:	Joel Seidlitz
Absent:	James Flater, Jason Bergeron

Motion to go into closed session: Peterson/Schmitt.

Roll call vote: Supervisor Kempe - Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Supervisor Seidlitz - Nay, Citizen Representative Schmitt - Aye, Chair Bomar - Aye. Motion passed 4-1.

The Committee went into closed session at 11:31 AM.

6. The Committee will reconvene to Open Session to continue with the agenda.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Joel Seidlitz
Second:	Rocky Kempe
Ayes:	Charles Bomar, Matthew Peterson, Joel Seidlitz, Rocky Kempe, Ken Schmitt
Nays:	None
Absent:	James Flater, Jason Bergeron

Motion to go back into open session: Seidlitz/Kempe.

Roll call vote: Supervisor Kempe: Aye, Supervisor Peterson - Aye, Supervisor Seidlitz - Aye, Citizen Representative Schmitt - Aye, and Chair Bomar - Aye. The motion passed by roll call vote 5-0. The Committee went into open session at 12:04 PM.

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

The Chair indicated that if anyone has a future agenda item, to contact himself or L. Schweikert.

8. Adjourn

Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Matthew Peterson
Second:	Joel Seidlitz
Ayes:	Charles Bomar, Matthew Peterson, Joel Seidlitz, Rocky Kempe, Ken Schmitt
Absent:	James Flater, Jason Bergeron

The meeting adjourned at: 12:14 PM

I do not post this information on the WCFA website but do provide it if asked.
Please let me know if there's any changes.

Thank you,
Rebekah

COUNTY	ALLOWED?	COST
Adams		
Ashland	Yes	\$5/ tree
Barron	Yes	\$7/ tree
Bayfield	Yes	\$15/ tree, 1 per household
Burnett	Yes	\$5/ tree, must be resident or landowner
Chippewa	No	NA
Clark	Yes	\$1/ tree
Douglas	Yes	\$5/ tree, must be under 10' tall, 3 trees max per individual
Eau Claire	No	
Florence	Yes	\$5/ tree
Forest	Yes	\$10/ tree
Iron	Yes	\$1/ tree with a limit of 3 per person
Jackson	Yes	\$5/ tree
Juneau	No	
Langlade	Yes	\$5/ tree, 1 tree per household
Lincoln	Yes	\$5/ tree, 1 per household
Marathon	No	
Marinette	No	
Monroe	No	NA
Oconto	No	
Oneida	No	
Polk	Yes	\$5/ tree, 1 per household
Price	No	
Rusk	No	
Sawyer	No	
Taylor	Yes	\$5/ tree
Vernon	No	
Vilas	Yes	\$5/ tree
Washburn	Yes	\$5 per conifer under 12', one per household. Up to 3 for non profit or church
Wood	No	

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY FUEL WOOD SALE PERMIT
(INDIVIDUAL HOME USE)**

SALE # _____

TRACT # _____

FORMER SALE # _____

PERMIT # _____

NAME & ADDRESS OF COUNTY PROPERTY _____

DATE PERMIT ISSUED _____

CHIPPEWA COUNTY _____
711 NORTH BRIDGE STREET
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI 54729

EXPIRATION DATE OF PERMIT _____

PERMITTEE NAME _____

LOCATION OF WOOD: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER OF STANDARD CORDS (4' X 4' X 8') TO BE CUT _____

UNIT SALE PRICE _____

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID _____

CONDITIONS:

1. This permit grants limited permission to go on the County land specified above and to remove wood in the manner and at the location indicated subject to the conditions and restrictions herein.
2. Fuel wood sale permits are not transferable and payment is not refundable.
3. Fuel wood remaining on the sale area at expiration of the permit reverts to County ownership. Permit expiration date will not be extended.
4. Chippewa County may immediately cancel or revoke this permit by giving oral notice or written notice. All fuel wood permits will terminate during emergency burning regulations pursuant to Section NR 30.056, Wisconsin Administrative Code and upon breach of any condition or restriction of this permit. Such breach may also subject the violator to prosecution.
5. Permittee must be where cutting occurs. The permit shall be displayed on the drivers side of the dash of any vehicle transporting wood under this permit in such a manner as to be viewable through the windshield.
6. Permittee agrees s.s. 895.62 is applicable as to liability.
7. Permittee agrees to remove any slash from roadways, trails and/or lakes and ponds resulting from the removal of firewood.
8. Permittee may remove firewood only within the boundaries of the permit area and shall be liable for trespass and damages for cutting or removal outside the permit area under s.s. 26.04 timber trespass.
9. Cutting requirements and other conditions:

**CUT DEAD AND DOWN ONLY. (DO NOT CUT ANY STANDING TIMBER--WHETHER
DEAD OR ALIVE.)**

PERMITTEE'S SIGNATURE

BY:

ISSUING AGENT OF CHIPPEWA COUNTY FOREST
& PARKS DEPT.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

TRACT # _____ AREA _____

BOUGH PERMIT

PERMIT # _____

Name and address of Co. Property:

Date Permit Issued _____

**Chippewa County Dept. of Land Conservation
& Forest Management**

Expiration Date of Permit _____

711 N. Bridge Street

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 (715) 726-7920

Name of Permittee _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Location of bough permit: (legal description, also see attached map and follow instructions on same if applicable)

Estimated # of tons of boughs _____

Unit Sale Price per ton or portion thereof _____

Total amount paid (minimum \$20.00) _____

Conditions:

1. This permit grants limited permission to go on the County land specified above and to remove balsam or spruce boughs in the manner and at the location subject to the conditions and restrictions herein.
2. Bough sale permits are not transferable and payment is not refundable.
3. Boughs remaining on the sale area at expiration of the permit revert to County ownership. Permit expiration date will not be extended.
4. Chippewa County may immediately cancel or revoke this permit by giving oral or written notice. All bough permits will terminate during emergency burning regulations pursuant to Section NR 30.05, Wisconsin Administrative Code and upon breach of any condition or restriction of this permit. Such breach may also subject the violator to prosecution.

5. Permittee must be present where cutting of boughs occurs. The permit shall be displayed on the driver's side of the dash of any vehicle transporting boughs under this permit in such a manner as to be viewable through the windshield.
6. Permittee agrees Section 29.68, Wis. Statutes is applicable as to liability.
7. Permittee agrees to remove any boughs from roadways or trails resulting from bough removal.
8. Permittee may remove boughs only within the boundaries of the permit area and shall be liable for trespass and damages for cutting or removal outside the permit area under (Wis. Statutes 26.04) timber trespass.
9. Permittee is required to report amount of boughs harvested once a month and make payment for any amount due in excess of original payment.
10. Cutting requirements and other conditions: _____

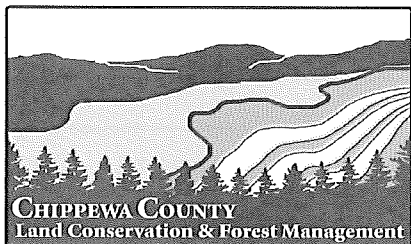
I have read and agree to the above stated terms and conditions.

Chippewa County Dept. of
Land Conservation & Forest Management

By: Matt Hansen

County Forest Administrator or Representative

Permittee (_____)



Soil and Water Resource Management Program

Chippewa

This form is authorized by s. 92.14, Wis. Stats. and s. ATPC 50.40, Wis. Admin. Code. Personally identifiable information collected on this form may be used for purposes other than which it was originally collected. See s. 15.04(1)(m), Wis. Stats. Completion of this form is required to request to extend cost-share contract.

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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:		Date:	
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			

Instructions for Extending SWRM Cost-Share Projects

If you have unfinished BOND or SEG funded cost-share projects, you may request a **one-year extension** to complete these projects by submitting your request on a DATCP-approved form **on or before December 31st**. Projects already extended once cannot be extended again.

To apply for an extension of one or more cost-share projects, you must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ The cost-share contract for the project must be signed by December 31st.
- ▶ The project will not be completed by December 31st. If you submit an extension request for a project that ends up being completed before December 31st, you may obtain reimbursement for the costs by submitting your request to DATCP no later than February 15 of the next year.
- ▶ Extension Request Form, ARM-LWRM 200, available from [here](#)¹, must be completed and emailed to datcpswrm@wisconsin.gov on or before December 31st.
 - For each requested project extension, DATCP must receive **signed** cost-share contract(s) and any other required documents, which may include change order(s), or exhibit A1 form(s).

After your extension request is submitted, DATCP:

- ▶ May contact you prior to approval of your request to adjust the dollar amounts of your extension requests based on available funds, or make other necessary changes in your request.
- ▶ Will notify you of the approval of your extension requests by providing a copy of the Addendum to the Joint Final Allocation Plan, which is usually available by April 30th.
- ▶ Will apply unspent funds leftover from one extended project to cover the costs of another extended project from the same fund source. DATCP will continue to use extended funds to cover reimbursement requests for extended projects until extended funds are exhausted.

¹https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMSect3.aspx

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price								
						Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 2-23	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	500				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood logs		34			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 5,558.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	No Bids							
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 7-23	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	900				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood logs		50			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 10,150.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price								
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 13-25	Oak cordwood	2150				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Red Oak logs		185			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	White Oak logs		30			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 86,000.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price								
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 14-25	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	789				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood logs		78			\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Oak cordwood	1356				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Oak logs		152			\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 56,725.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price								
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product
Tract 15-25	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	631				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood logs		24			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Oak cordwood	1242				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Oak logs		154			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 68,065.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

Tract	SPECIES	Tons	MBF	Min Price	Hakes		NWHW		Hetke		Strzok	
					\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	Total \$ For Product	\$ / Ton or MBF	\$0.00	\$ / Ton or MBF	\$0.00
Tract 16-25	Aspen cordwood	750				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	White Spruce cordwood	3025				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood cordwood	350				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Tamarack cordwood	365				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Mixed Hardwood sawlogs		15			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	TOTAL BID VALUE			\$ 34,450.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -

Contractor	Sale #	Sale Type	Sale Name	Acres	Est. Value	Extension info
Flannel Fleet	1382-23	Single Tree	Snake Oil	27	\$20,471	1st - 12 mo 10%
Flannel Fleet	1383-23	Aspen Clearcut	Resurrection Bay	50	\$53,388	1st - 12 mo 10%
Flannel Fleet	1386-23	Aspen/Spruce Clearcut	Last Call	48	\$22,772	1st - 12 mo 10%
Hakes	1333-21	Ash Salvage	We All Fall Down	18	\$4,581	4th - 12 mo 10%
Prokp*	1362-22	Oak Shelterwood	Lowland Oak	37	\$50,371	3rd - 12 mo 10%
Strzok*	1381-23	Oak Shelterwood & CC	Close Call	29	\$56,595	1st - 6 mo 0%
* denotes and active sales						