

**Chippewa County
Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee
Regular Meeting
March 18, 2026
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, Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Rocky Kempe, Ken Schmitt
Members Absent:
Matthew Peterson, James Flater
Others Present:
Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were A. Foehringer (DNR), M. Hansen, J. Larson, J. Puig, L. Schweikert, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).
Members of the public present at times throughout the meeting were several members of the Dorothee Sommerfeld family.

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

A. Sommerfeld addressed the Committee. He spoke on behalf of his family in support of a proposal for a small memorial plaque for his mother, D. Sommerfeld, at the Old Abe Trail - Anson Station location.

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:	Jason Bergeron
Ayes:	Charles Bomar, Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Rocky Kempe, Ken Schmitt
Nays:	None
Absent:	Matthew Peterson, James Flater

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - February 18, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - May 20, 2026

5. Reports

1. Update on the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Agreement - Lynda Schweikert

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

1. Draft agreement titled: Cooperative Agreement Between the Lake Wissota Association and the

Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest -Management Department to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (LCFM Draft 2/26/26 – Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file & attached). The draft agreement shows the revisions to the agreement, which includes downsizing from two (2) seasonal interns to one (1) and change the allocation of \$50,000 to “Up to \$50,000” to reflect expenses just to cover the intern and supplies to run the program.

2. Draft agreement titled: Cooperative Agreement Between the Lake Wissota Association and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Department to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (LCFM Draft 2/18/26 – Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file & attached). The draft agreement is a clean copy of the revised agreement.

There was general discussion.

2. Overview of Proposed Spring 2026 Timber Sales - Matt Hansen

M. Hansen introduced the proposed Spring, 2026 Timber Sales. He reported that:

1. There are six (6) tracts in the County Forest that are scheduled for public notice and bidding under the 2026 Spring Timber Sale.
2. Bids will be opened in May, 2026, with a bid summary to be presented to the LCFM at their May 20, 2026, meeting for Committee action.

The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Map titled: Chippewa County Timber Sale Locations Spring 2026, (LCFM – Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file & attached).
2. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 1-26 – Hickory Wall, (Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file & attached).
3. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 2-26 – Bob Lake Hardwood, (Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file & attached).
4. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 3-26 – Jack Knife Aspen, (Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file & attached).
5. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 4-26 – Clashing Clone Aspen, (Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file & attached).
6. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 5-26 – Big Iron, (Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file & attached).
7. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 7-25 – Gala Hardwood, (Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion.

6. Business Items

1. 2026 Living Land Endowment Fund Advisor Recommendations - Lynda Schweikert

L. Schweikert provided an oral report. The report was supported by correspondence and a summary of fund activity for the Living Land Endowment Fund to L. Schweikert, (1/9/26 – Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file

& attached).

There was general discussion.

Motion to roll \$1,584 (amount available for grant disbursement) back into the grant: Bergeron/Seidlitz.
Motion carried by voice vote.

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

2. Soil & Water Resource Management Staffing Grant Application for 2027 - Lynda Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented the 2027 SWRM grant application titled: Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application for Calendar Year 2027, (Distributed 3/12/26 – copy on file & attached). The SWRM grant funds are used to help fund soil and water conservation staff and support expenditures, as well as landowner conservation projects.

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve the grant application (as presented): Seidlitz/Schmitt. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

3. Old Abe Trail Memorial Plaque Request - Matt Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report on the request for a memorial for Dorothy Sommerfeld at the Anson Station of the Old Abe Trail. A handout was distributed to the Committee with a brief history of Ms. Sommerfeld's contribution to the Old Abe Trail (copy on file & attached).

There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve the Old Abe Trail Memorial Plaque request, as presented: Bergeron/Kempe. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

The Chair indicated that the next LCFM Committee meeting will be 5/20/26 and thanked the members for their participation in the Committee.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 11:27 AM

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