

**Joint Counties Natural Resources Board**  
**August 27, 2018**  
**Potlatch Plant in Bemidji, MN**  
**Conference Room**  
**9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Commissioners:  
Gary Kiesow – Marshall                      Russell Walker - Roseau  
Daniel Stenseng - Clearwater              Wayne Skoe – Koochiching  
Roger Falk – Roseau                          Ken Moorman – Lake of the Woods

**Absent:** Tim Summer – Beltrami              Scott McCollum – Mahnomen  
Bill Pratt – Aitkin

**DNR:** None

**BSWR:** None

**Others:** Kallie Briggs; Coordinator              Brian Briggs

The Board met at the Bemidji Potlatch Plant at 9:30am. Brian Bignall, Wood Procurement Manager gave everyone a tour of the plant. It began with a power point presentation given by Brian and two of his co-workers. After that a one hour tour was given to the Board and then the Board used their conference room to conduct a short meeting.

**Call to Order:** Vice-Chair Commissioner Stenseng called the Joint Counties Natural Resources Board to order at 11:30 AM on Monday, August 27, 2018 in the Bemidji Potlatch Conference Room.

**Agenda: Motion by Kiesow, second by Falk to approve the agenda as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes: Motion by Walker, second by Skoe to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2018 meeting as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Discussions:**

- A motion was made by Walker, second by Falk to approve the Administration/Office expenses, Miscellaneous expenses and August Activity Report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Chair Pratt had asked to have the AMC Legislative Policy for 2019 on the agenda but was unable to attend the meeting. Those in attendance thought that AMC will encourage the Legislators to look at the beaver issue again this year and to put a Bill together that will carry some funding. They also thought AMC may look at the Border to Border Trails system that the DNR would oversee so folks with jeeps, 4-wheel drive pickups, etc have trails they can use. This trail system would be different from the ATV or Side-by-Side trails.

- Beltrami County is asking for donations from other counties to contribute to a veterans care center that would be housed in Beltrami County. Beltrami County is putting in one million towards the facility noting that for every dollar raised the federal government will double the match. Most Commissioners around the table will be discussing it at their next regular board meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, September 24, 2018. Kallie will see if she can find someone from the DNR to give a presentation or update on the Northern Long Eared Bat.

**Adjourn: Motion by Kiesow, second by Walker** to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kallie Briggs-Administrative Coordinator