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October 16, 2025

Dear Forest Products Industry Professional:

Thank you for your interest in timber sales offered by Chippewa County.

Please be advised that Chippewa County is currently offering eight (8) timber sales for bid.

This mailing includes information for each of the timber sales. The same information is also available on the County's Website (www.chippewacountywi.gov). The easiest way to find the information on the County website is by searching for "timber sales" using the search box located on the top right of the County homepage.

Bids must be submitted to the Dept. of Land Conservation and Forest Management by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2025, at the Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 11, 711 North Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Bids will be opened in Room 16 of the Chippewa County Courthouse beginning at 1:05 p.m. on the same day.

The Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee will consider a summary of all bids at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, in Room 302 of the Chippewa County Courthouse.

Any tracts not awarded by the Committee on November 19, 2025, may be purchased on a first come, first served basis by interested contractors at the advertised minimum acceptable bid.

The Chippewa County Forest is third-party certified to meet sustainable forestry standards. The purchaser is responsible for maintaining the chain of custody after the forest products leave the site.

In the event that you are interested in bidding, please take notice of several important items:

1. Payment for all wood will be as follows:
 - a. All cordwood must be paid for in advance through purchase of mill tickets. Timber sale ledgers will require reconciliation to account for above or below average size loads, which usually results in an invoice or credit to the contractor.
 - b. All sawlogs must be scaled, by the County, prior to hauling. The County will invoice contractors for scaled wood at the end of each month. Contractors must forward payment to the County within 30 days of the invoice date. All past due payments will be subject to a 1.5 % monthly interest charge.
 - c. An advanced payment on sawlogs may be required under certain circumstances, including but not limited to the following:
 - i. Contractors with delinquent financial obligations.
 - ii. Unsatisfactory past performance.
 - iii. Inability to demonstrate financial or professional capability.

Please consider your ability to cut and market the timber within the contract period. The County is not obligated to extend contracts.

Please submit a sealed bid using the bid forms provided. There is one bid form for each sale. If you wish to bid on a sale, please complete the appropriate bid form. Each bid should include a bid bond in the amount of 10% of your total bid value. Acceptable forms of payment include: personal check, letter of credit from a financial institution, money order, certified check, or cash. Please make checks payable to the Chippewa County Treasurer. Please note that checks submitted by the winning bidder may be cashed. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Chippewa County Timber Sale Bid" with the Tract number shown on the outside of the envelope. A separate bid and bid bond must be submitted for each tract. **Bids must meet or exceed the listed minimum acceptable bid. There are no minimum bids per species.**

Successful bidders must enter a timber sale contract with the County by December 31, 2025. All timber sale contracts require that the contractor provide financial assurance, in the amount of 25% of the sale price, at the time of contract signing. Financial assurance, to act as a performance bond, can be in the form of a letter of credit, check, or cash. If a letter of credit is used, it should be dated 60 days beyond the contract expiration date, list the Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management Department as the beneficiary, and include the tract number, contract number, contractor, dollar amount, and expiration date. Bid bonds will be returned to the bidder upon County receipt of a signed contract and financial assurance.

A copy of a standard timber sale contract may be obtained from the Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management Department.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about any of these sales, please do not hesitate to contact me at 715-738-2599.

Thank you for your interest in purchasing timber from Chippewa County. We know that your business requires a large capital investment, a high level of skill, and hard work. In addition to providing many direct economic benefits, your work improves the overall health of the Chippewa County Forest and provides important wildlife habitat. Your commitment and cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Hansen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The background of the signature is a light yellow rectangular area.

Matt Hansen
County Forest Administrator & Public Liaison

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Enclosures