members present: Dean Pearson (Vice-Chair), Walt Jaeger, Chuck Gundersen, Tom Duffy

also present: Cliff Korn and Lloyd Driessen (Airport hangar owner association), County Clerk Kris Mayberry

Motion by Duffy, 2nd Jaeger, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Duffy, 2nd Jaeger, to approve the January 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

County Clerk Kris Mayberry presented information concerning the need for establishing a procedure to review, prioritize, and reduce the County’s expenditures during 2014. The need to do this results from an early projection that the expenditures and revenues from the 2013 Sawyer County Budget will not result in a net surplus of funds from the over-projection of expenditures and/or under-projection of revenues, and that there may even be a deficit for the year 2013. Mr. Mayberry noted that the 2014 Sawyer County Budget includes the use of $330,278 from an audited surplus from the 2012 Sawyer County Budget as revenue to reduce the levy, and that developing the 2015 Sawyer County budget would be problematic if there is not a surplus available to utilize from the 2013 Sawyer County Budget.

Maintenance Department Supervisor Tim Hagberg presented a report on projects completed, in progress, and planned by the Maintenance Department, including routine maintenance and snow removal; completion of District Attorney’s Office remodeling project; addressing issues with building heating systems (including replacing the furnaces in the County Clerk/Treasurer/Register of Deeds section of the Courthouse); construction and installation of new radio cabinets for the Emergency Government Department; and assisting the Highway Department with energy efficiency projects for their Radisson and Winter facilities.

The Committee reviewed the monthly Maintenance Department expense vouchers. Motion by Jaeger, 2nd by Gundersen, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Patty and Derek Leslie (L & L Aviation – contracted Airport management and fixed-base operator at the Airport) presented a written report on projects, operations, and conditions at the Sawyer County Airport, including an update on the Airport improvement project (including a projection of runway closure dates due to the project); improved runway conditions despite the adverse weather; and efforts to conserve propane used to heat the terminal building (due to the propane shortage and expense).

Becher Hoppe airport improvement project manager Nick Galla provided an update on the Airport improvement project, including a review of construction to date and his appreciation for the assistance provided by Sawyer County Forester Greg Peterson with suggestions for addressing a problem encountered when the ground was not sufficiently frozen in the wetland portions of the project due to the depth of the snow. Tree
branches and boughs were used to support vehicles and machinery.

The Committee discussed hangar area leases and requested an update for their next meeting.

The Committee reviewed the monthly Airport expense vouchers. Motion by Jaeger, 2nd by Gundersen, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Duffy, 2nd by Jaeger, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

minutes prepared by Kris Mayberry, Sawyer County Clerk