

Minutes of the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sawyer County  
Board of Supervisors  
Large Courtroom; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual



Voting Committee Members Present (X)	District	Wards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Schleeter	01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Boettcher-Virtual	02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tweed Shuman	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-1 & 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James H. Schlender, Jr.	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc D. Helwig	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas W. Duffy	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Paulsen	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Bisonette-Virtual	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Van Etten	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Olson 6:47p	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Petit-Virtual 6:42p	12	T Spider Lake, T Round Lake, W-2, T Winter W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Kinsley	13	T Hunter, T Radisson W-1, T-Ojibwa W-1, V Radisson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Buckholtz	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Peters	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**– Chair Tweed Shuman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll Call was taken; quorum was met.

**Certification of Compliance** with the open meeting law was met.

**Public Comments** – Community member: Dennis Erickson

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Buckholtz. Motion carried.

**Zoning Committee Chair Report** – Mr. Kozlowski presented three zoning requests. Mr. Duffy made a motion to accept the Resolution for Rezone #21-001 of 5.0 acres of A-1 to Residential/Recreation (RR-1) to then resurvey into smaller residential lots like surrounding *Brook* properties. A second was made by Mr. Paulsen; motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Paulsen made a motion to accept the Resolution for Rezone #21-002 from A-1 to Residential/Recreation (RR-1) to then resurvey into smaller residential or reconfigure lot dimensions like surrounding *Brook* properties. A second was made by Mr. Duffy; motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution for Rezone #20-011 Todd’s Redimix in the Town of Lenroot to change zone district from Residential/Recreational One (RR-1) to Forestry One (F-1) was presented. Four community members asked to speak on the topic regarding this zoning request: Dennis Erickson, Randy Eytcheson, Jerry Thompson and Bob Sharlow addressed the Board. The rezone request had been denied at the Zoning Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen to accept

the denial of the request as presented; second by Mr. Buckholtz. A roll call vote was taken: Thirteen votes “aye” include Mr. Schleeter, Ms. Hessel, Mr. Schlender, Mr. Helwig, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Paulsen, Mr. Bisonette, Mr. Van Etten, Mr. Olson, Ms. Petit, Ms. Kinsley, Mr. Buckholtz, and Mr. Peters. Two votes “no” include: Mr. Boettcher and Mr. Shuman. Motion to deny the rezone request carried 13:2.

**Public Safety Committee Chair Report** –Mr. Schlender presented the Public Safety Committee Report stating that JusticePoint services are underway. The Memorandum of Understanding between Lac Courte Oreilles and Sawyer County regarding the Criminal Justice Coordination Committee was presented for approval along with an amendment to the agreement adding a fourteenth committee member. The fourteenth member would be the sitting Tribal Judge. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Ms. Petit to approve the MOU and the Amendment. Motion carried without negative vote. Honorable Judge Elaine Smith presented comments on the partnership.

Mr. Schlender advised that the jail dispatch renovation project is ongoing and working well. The Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement and Amendment were presented. The Agreement must be in place in order to allow grant funds to be received for law enforcement services. A copy of the November 2020 Tribal Deputy Grant was provided along with Resolution 2020-43 approving a Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement as supporting documents. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement. Motion carried without negative vote and without a vote from Supervisor Olson, as he had left the courtroom for the period of time between 7:15pm and approximately 7:20 pm when the vote was taken.

Mr. Schlender presented the revised Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee By-Laws which increases the committee member seats to 14 and places the sitting Tribal Judge on the Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the amended By-Laws. Motion carried without negative vote and without a vote from Supervisor Olson, as he was not present for the vote.

**Public Works Committee Chair Report** – Mr. Kinsley provided an overview of the many activities currently underway in the Public Works Committee. Mr. Hoff stated that a suggestion has been made from the Public Works members to form an ad hoc committee to oversee the hiring of a construction manager for the courthouse remodeling project. A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen; second by Mr. Schlender to form an ad hoc committee from the members of Public Works; motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Kinsley presented Hangar Lease Amendment Resolution 2021-03-04 which adopts and directs the terms and conditions of each of the nine hangar leases that have surpassed their lease terms and have not yet been renewed. This is the group of leases that have finished their initial lease period and 10-year extension. Hangar lease owner, Tony Pfendt, was heard for public comment at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen, second by Mr. Peters to approve the amendment for hangar leases listed as items a) through i); motion carried without negative vote.

**Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report** – Mr. Paulsen presented the 2021 Outdoor Recreational Trail Aids Resolution which authorizes the county forester to apply for trail rehab grants each year. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the Resolution; motion carried without negative vote.

An OTC Land Sale in the Town of Ojibwa (020639235710) was presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Olson to approve the sale; motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Paulsen presented an easement request from Mr. Fred Scheer on the Birkie Ridge Ski Trail corridor. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Duffy to approve a Resolution granting permission to enter into an easement agreement with Mr. Scheer. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Health and Human Services Board Chair Report** – Mr. Schleeter reported that the HHS Committee has met and that there are currently no activities requiring action at this time.

**Finance Committee Chair Report** – The 5-Year Financial Plan has been the center of discussion at the Finance Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Helwig to close the Bankcorp account. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee Chair Report** – Mr. Schlender provided an update stating that the Committee welcomed new member, Ms. Hessel. He recognized Mr. Boettcher for suggesting that the County Historical Society and the tribal historical contacts meet to discuss the sharing of information, documentation, and display space. The Committee has added this as an agenda item and will move forward.

**County Administrator's Report** – Mr. Hoff advised the Board that the statewide redistricting project which was originally scheduled to begin shortly has been postponed. The state is awaiting census data that is not yet available, thus the timeline for the project has been pushed out by several months.

The American Rescue Plan that was recently enacted provides funding for state, county and municipal entities for expenses correlating to the Covid-19 virus. Sawyer County expects to receive approximately \$3.2M to be used for qualifying expenses that are yet to be determined. The first half of the funds should be available within the next 60 days and the remaining funds must be expended by 12/31/2024. The funds can potentially be used for revenue recovery efforts caused by the pandemic.

Governor Evers' proposed budget has been released. A .5% sales tax increase is proposed if supported by local county referendums. Numerous budget listening sessions will be held in person and a virtual session is available on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hoff advised that the City will begin work on the California Avenue project this spring. The County is preparing the RFP for the project construction manager search at this time. He reported that the airport hangar lease renewal process is under review right now and new lease terms should be presented to the board next month for approval.

**Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings, Other Matters for Discussion** – Ms. Fitch advised board members that a group training session has been scheduled for Thursday, April 8, from 6-8pm in the large courtroom of the Courthouse. In-person attendance is preferred but a virtual option will be available.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, April 20, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk