

**Minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sawyer County  
Public Works Committee  
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



**Voting Committee Members Present:**

- Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- Marc Helwig – Vice Chair
- Ed Peters - Virtual
- Dale Olson
- Brian Bisonette - Virtual

**Others Present:**

Mike Keefe  
Mike Coleson  
Lynn Fitch  
Tim Hagberg  
Randy Van Natta

**Others Present:**

Derick Leslie  
Gary Gedart

**Call to Order** – Chair Ron Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Certification of Compliance** with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; quorum was met.

**Meeting Agenda** – A motion was made by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Peters to move items #9 and #11 to follow #6. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Public Comments --**

**Minutes from the previous meeting** – A motion was made by Mr. Olson to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Maintenance Department Report** – A written report was provided. Mr. Hagberg advised that a couple of the new vehicles have arrived ahead of expectations others remain delayed by supply demands.

**Courtroom Remodeling Update** – Mr. Keefe presented an easement request from Xcel Energy to move utilities on the corner of Main and Fourth Street. Motion by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the easement request and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote. Xcel has offered to pay \$500 for that easement. A motion was made by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the compensation Worksheet presented for \$500. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Hagberg provided an update on Oasis Building. Veterans Services have been there a couple weeks; other parts of the construction in this remodel have been delayed but now staff is available to work on the ADRC portions of the build.

**Sawyer County Airport Report** – A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie reported that we've met with legal counsel to review outstanding hangar leases. He continues to work on the Emergency Management Plan. Two companies have expressed interest in writing the Master Plan. The airport should be receiving some Covid relief funds this year. The runway rehab scope has been submitted to the State.

**A Resolution to Approve Exhibit A – Airport Property Map** that shows all the boundaries of the airport and a history of every parcel required by FAA. A motion to approve the Resolution Exhibit A – Airport Property Map with corrections to the recitals was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote. The Resolution will move forward to County Board for approval. Mr. Olson abstained from voting.

**Highway Commissioner's Report** – A written report was provided. Mr. Gedart advised we have two employees retiring in the Radisson shop and we have five candidates to interview for the two positions. The department had a very

beneficial chainsaw training today. We received notification that we were awarded funding for two bridge deck replacements and for CTH E repair.

Roundabout Update – No update is available at this time.

Mr. Helwig made note of the funeral date and time for Hal Helwig.

**Tower Alliance Proposal** -- Mr. Keefe presented a proposal from Alliance Towers for a payout from American Tower Corporation. At this time the committee doesn't recommend pursuing this option. No action was taken.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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