

**Minutes of the April 18th 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 - virtual
- Ed Peters– Vice Chair
- Chris Rusk
- Brian Bisonette

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Cathy LaReau
John Pinnow
James Schlender

Others Present:

Kay Wilson
Matt Mikish

Call to Order – Chair Ron Kinsley called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

Mr. Kinsley asked Cathy LaReau to provide an update of the meetings she has been having with members of the LCO tribe regarding ATV routes. Agreements have been reached to open most routes with an exception of a couple small segments on E and NN. This will provide access to all businesses previously impacted.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments – Kay Wilson, Matt Mikish, James Schlender

Highway ATV/UTV Route Request -

Sawyer County ATV/UTV Routes April 2023 – An updated route request list was provided for the packet and reviewed by Mr. Albarado. He shared segments that were not approved at the last meeting, additional temporary routes proposed on Cty Rd H and NN. The list identified other sections of Rd CC, E, K and S that would be re-opened per the sections identified in the handout agreed upon with the tribal representatives and Ms. LaReau who was representing the Alliance. Clarification on some of the segments was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk to approve the routes excepting the three routes carved out in the presented list; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative comment.

ATV/UTV Ordinance Update – The draft in the packet is the most recent version that was presented in the last Public Works meeting. Mr. Albarado reviewed the edits that were recommended at the last Public Works meeting. The routes just approved would be added back to the ordinance. Any new requests would require an ordinance amendment that would need to go through Committee level. New route requests are recommended for May, August and October, with an annual renewal date of the ordinance being May of each year. A request was made to ask the County to pay for the installation of signs which would be purchased by the Alliance; Mr. Pinnow will review section 2.02 speed limit sections. A motion was made by Mr. Peters to move forward with the ordinance with the edits discussed and documented; second by Mr. Kinsley. Motion carries with one nay vote from Mr. Helwig.

Mr. Schlender requested that route requests be reviewed monthly due to potential changes in conditions; he requested this point to be made part of record and that riders respect the authority of policing officials.

Future Agenda Items -

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 6:08 pm; Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk