

**Minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Sawyer County  
Board of Supervisors  
Large Courtroom; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



**Voting Committee Members**

<b>Present (X)</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Wards</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Schleeter	01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Boettcher -	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-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Weaver	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"/> Marshal Savitski	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Bisonette-	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Maestri	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Rusk	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Righeimer	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.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the minutes of the April 19<sup>th</sup> County Board organizational meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Reaffirm Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Policy and Procedures Manual** – A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Ms. Hessel to remove the 11<sup>th</sup> bullet point in Rule 5: Order of Business and allow the voting process in Section B: Standing Committees to govern the appointment of members to the Public Works Committee which oversees the Highway Department. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Appointments** – Chair Shuman shared a list of recommended appointments to standing committees, sub-committees and ad-hoc committees for 2-year terms and the appointment of Jim Tiffany to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the recommendations as presented. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Public Comments** – Kathleen Hnath, Alan Foeckler, Louise Ladenthin, Linda Zillmer

**Zoning Committee Chair Report** – Mr. Buckholtz presented the zoning committee report indicating that we are still receiving above-average requests for rezones and conditional use permits. Mr. Kowalski presented rezone case #22-003 and #22-004 for zone district map amendment, owner Pinewood Properties, LLC. on the old Hayward National Golf

Course. The rezone is for the purpose of operating an RV park. The request will require a three-quarters vote to act and ratify the request-

Public comment was heard from Gerald Bernard, Carol LaBrec, Guy Houston, Dale Buckholtz, Adam Bodenschatz, Ellen Domask, Jacob Gondik and Linda Zillmer.

A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the rezone request. A roll call vote was taken and failed 8-7 with "aye" votes from Boettcher, Hessel, Helwig, Duffy, Savitski, Maestri, Rusk, and Righeimer; "nay" votes from Schleeter, Shuman, Weaver, Bisonette, Kinsley, Buckholtz, and Peters.

**Public Safety Report** – Mr. Buckholtz reported that the Sheriff's Department still has vacancies in positions, and they are housing 16 inmates in Barron County at this time. Animal Control Officer, Sherry Shelton, has retired.

**Public Works Committee Chair Report** – Mr. Kinsley advised that Veteran's Services are now housed in the Oasis Building, there are openings for positions in the highway department, and the airport remodeling is nearing completion.

Mr. Kinsley presented a Resolution Approving Sawyer County Exhibit A-Airport Property Map that will bring our maps current. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to approve the airport boundary map resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

A Resolution Authorizing Xcel Energy Electrical Overhead Distribution Easement on 4<sup>th</sup> and Main was presented. This will allow Xcel Energy to move some utilities in order to accommodate our courthouse remodel. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Schleeter to approve this resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Land, Water and Forest Resources** – Mr. Buckholtz reported that four local sporting events were approved at committee level, the road bands began in the middle of March and a proposal to create a 10,000 square foot beach area at the Tagalder boat landing has been approved at committee.

Three land sales in the Town of Bass Lake were presented. The sales are all to one client. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Mr. Weaver to approve the OTC land sale request for #002-145-15-2900, #002-145-15-2300 and #002-103-24-1800. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Health and Human Services** – Mr. Schleeter advised that the Senior Resource Center is open and serving meals to the population according to federal and state law requirements, as well as GWAAR.

**Finance Committee Chair Report** – Mr. Kinsley reported that the opioid settlement fund amount is still not known. He presented a Resolution to Carryover Funds for the Sheriff Department to the 2022 Sheriff Department Budget for purchases that have been delayed due to supply issues. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

A \$5000 ARPA funds request from the Civil Air Patrol was presented for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to postpone any decision on this request until the May meeting at which time legal counsel can determine whether this is an allowable use of County funds.

**Economic Development and UW Extension Committee** – Mr. Duffy advised that the Fairground barn dance fund raiser is on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Parents Forever program sponsored by the Extension office allows incarcerated mothers to read books to their children.

**Personnel Policy Updates** – Mr. Keefe presented several personnel policy changes for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Schleeter to approve these changes. Motion carried without negative vote.

**County Administrator's Report** – Mr. Keefe advised that the municode update should be complete in May; staff members will be participating in ZOOM meetings next week regarding the opioid settlement; an individual has accepted our offer for the finance director position; we have received notice that the second ARPA fund tranche is expected soon; and utility work is being done for construction with a ground-breaking ceremony expected to take place in mid-May.

**Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings, Other Matters for Discussion** – Mr. Boettcher addressed irregularities in the April 19<sup>th</sup> board officer election and requested that a new election take place in May. Supervisors Boettcher and Schleeter requested the election be on the May agenda.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, May 19, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk



# County Board Member Roll Call

Date of County Board Meeting : 4/21/2022

Agenda Item : To approve the Zone District Map Amendment RZN #22-003 and #22-004. Requires 3/4 vote to pass.

Motion by: **Boettcher**                      Second by: **Helwig**

District	Name	Present	Yes	No	Abstain
1	Dale Schleeter			x	
2	Jesse Boettcher		x		
3	Tweed Shuman			x	
4	Stacey Hessel		x		
5	Jason Weaver			x	
6	Marc D. Helwig		x		
7	Thomas W. Duffy		x		
8	Marshal Savitski		x		
9	Brian Bisonette			x	
10	Michael Maestri		x		
11	Chris Rusk		x		
12	John Righeimer		x		
13	Ron Kinsley			x	
14	Ron Buckholtz			x	
15	Ed Peters			x	
Total			8	7	

Carried

Defeated  Defeated

Amended

Voice Vote

Roll Call  Roll Call

