

Minutes of the May 19th 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
<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.

Public Comments

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the April 21st County Board meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Appointment of 3rd Member to Labor Negotiations Board -- Chair Shuman recommended appointment of Mr. Ron Kinsley to the Labor Negotiations Board, motion by Mr. Schleeter; second by Mr. Peters to approve the appointment. Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning -- New officers include: Jesse Boettcher as Chair; Ron Buckholtz as Vice Chair. Chair Boettcher reported two rezone requests. Mr. Kozlowski provided an overview of a rezone request #22-002, Hathaway Lodge LLC, which resulted in a 2-2 tie vote at Committee. It was remanded back to County Board. A motion to remand the case back to Zoning was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Ms. Hessel for reconsideration with a new public hearing to reach a decision. Public comment made by Jean Accola. Motion carried without negative vote.

Case #22-006, applicants Roger and Renee Sievers, was presented by Mr. Kozlowski. Public comments were made by Pamela Niska, Ross Mayer, and Max Lindsey. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Boettcher to disapprove this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Report – New officers include: Mr. Buckholtz as Chair; Mr. Helwig as Vice Chair. Sheriff's Dept. is short two full-time staff; they are purchasing body cams for officers. All communications equipment is now in and awaiting tower climbers. The new Animal Control officer will begin work on May 23rd with position sharing time 25% zoning, 25% HHS and 50% Animal Control. Ambulance billing invoices are now going out with the new billing company. The board asked for CJCC report from Mr. Helwig in the future.

Public Works Committee Chair Report – New officers include: Mr. Kinsley as Chair; Mr. Peters as Vice Chair. The airport runway will be done in 2024. Maintenance reported Oasis Building is on remodeling schedule; veteran's building will be coming down soon. Committee approved the asphalt bid. Preliminary plans for a roundabout at the corner of Hwy K and B was reviewed and a specialist must be consulted to see if this intersection might be able to fit a roundabout.

A resolution to Order the County to Convey Hwy Right of Way Title to the State was presented for a parcel of land along Hwy 27. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve this resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land, Water and Forest Resources – New officers include: Mr. Boettcher as Chair; Mr. Helwig as Vice Chair. All county and national forest trails are now open and road bans are lifted. A number of controlled burns were conducted. Bids for the Brunet River Dam have been extended to May 25th. Our YTD timber sales are slightly under goal. Mr. Peterson reviewed the timber sale bids and recommended approval to accept the high bids. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the 2022 spring timber sale bids. Motion carried without negative vote.

County Forest Carbon Credit Presentation -- Josh Strauss of Bluesource made a presentation on the carbon tax process including a timeline of the project and revenue projections. Public Comment made by Joan Cervenka.

Health and Human Services – New officers include: Dale Schleeter as Chair; Mr. Boettcher as Vice Chair. Mr. Schleeter advised that an orientation series began to educate new committee members on the HHS department roles. A Resolution Designating Senior Resource Center as Agent for AFCSP Grant was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Ms. Hessel to approve this resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

Finance Committee Chair Report – New officers include: Ron Kinsley as Chair; John Righeimer as Vice Chair. Administrator Albarado will bring an ARPA Fund request process idea to committee for review. The opioid settlement will remain on the agenda. A Resolution Designating Fund Balance was presented by Mike Keefe; designating \$1.3 to HHS and \$300,000 to Resource Development Fund Dam Projects. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the resolution. Motion carried without negative vote. Recess from 7:52 pm to 7:58 pm.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee – New officers include: Tom Duffy as Chair; John Righeimer as Vice Chair. Mr. Duffy advised that HLVCB conducted a self-evaluation SWAT event. Winter Library reported having some building structural issues and they are fund-raising for repairs.

County Administrator's Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Albarado reported spending time with Mr. Keefe. CJCC has a sub-committee set up to discuss uses of opioid settlement funds including needs for additional treatment.

Resolution to Conduct Chair & Vice Chair Election – A Resolution to Conduct a Chair and Vice Chair election was presented and co-sponsored by Mr. Boettcher and Mr. Schleeter to remedy inconsistencies with the May election. A roll call vote was taken to discuss the resolution; action failed 8-7 with "aye" votes from Schleeter, Boettcher, Hessel, Helwig, Savitski, Righeimer, Kinsley and Peters. "Nay" votes from Shuman, Weaver, Duffy, Bisonette, Maestri, Rusk, Buckholtz.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings, Other Matters for Discussion –

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, June 16, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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