

**Minutes of the June 9th 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
- Dale Olson - Virtual
- Brian Bisonette - Virtual

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Tim Halberg
Tweed Shuman

Others Present:

Derek Leslie
Gary Gedart
Rebecca Roecker

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 --

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Airport Report – Mr. Leslie reported that construction projects at the airport are underway with a tentative completion date in September. The airport will be closed June 14 through the afternoon of June 16, barring any rain delays. The Young Eagles event will be held Saturday, June 19th in the Hayward Aviation Hangar.

Highway Commissioner's Report – Written reports were provided. The County will plan to borrow for some capital expenditures and is in a better position this year than at the same time last year. Mr. Gedart reported that the rented mastic seal equipment was down for a day so the rental may be extended a short time. All positions for flaggers and seasonal skilled staff have been filled. There are three driver-operator vacancies and the County is in the interview process now for two of the positions. Mowing started this week.

Mr. Gedart reported on the highway E, N, and F washouts due to significant rain. A disaster aid petition with the DOT will be presented for filing; total projected cost is approximately \$48,000. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to approve this disaster aid petition. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Snowmobile Alliance Route Request – Mr. Mrotek presented an ATV/UTV route request for Hwy KK from Hwy K south to the end and from Hwy E near the LCO grocery store south to Grindstone Boat landing. The Town of Bass Lake has approved this request. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

County Cell Tower Leases – Ms. Roecker presented proposals from American Tower Company for two ATC tower sites seeking an extension of the leases or to complete a perpetual easement for each site. The perpetual easement would give them exclusive easement over each site for 50 years. The committee requested more information and to bring this to the July Public Works meeting.

Maintenance Department Report – A written report was provided.

Mr. Kinsley provided an update from the June 9th Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee approved the contract with Venture Architects and forwarded it to this Public Works committee meeting for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to approve this contract and forward to the June County Board meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

The committee was advised that the Miron Construction contract is not yet ready for review and approval.

Future Agenda Items – Airport lease renewals; cell tower easement requests; veteran’s services building

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, July 7, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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