Minutes of the meeting of the Public Works Committee; Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
June 10; 6:30 p.m.; Assembly Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Ron Kinsley, Marc Helwig, Dale Olson, Susie Taylor. Helen Dennis by phone

Others present: Tim Hagberg, Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Derek Leslie, Gary Gedart, Tweed Shuman, Rebecca Roeker, Don Mrotek, Cliff Korn, John Cain, Dale Schleeter, Mike Coleson, Tim Davidson

Chair Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Motion by Olson, 2nd by Helwig, to reorder agenda items to 9, 8, 7. Motion carried

Motion by Olson, 2nd by Helwig, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

Maintenance Supervisor Tim Hagberg provided a written report.

The Committee discussed a possible open house at the Ojibwa Ambulance Station on July 4th, or 3rd. County Administrator Hoff and Hagberg will check with Ambulance Director Nate Dunston to see if either of those dates will work.

Second Courtroom options were discussed. There may be a new option to use a portion of 5th Street. The city of Hayward may be interested in acquiring land from the County to extend California Avenue to Nyman Avenue. Motion by Olson, 2nd by Helwig, to postpone until the next meeting. Motion carried

Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Taylor, to forward the California Avenue Extension to the County Board. Motion carried

The Committee held a moment of silence for departed Highway Foreman Scott Vaverka.

Highway Commissioner Gary Gedart provided a written report, fund balance report, and overtime report. County Road H will be closed Wednesday, June 17, from 7 am to 4 pm to install two culverts. Gedart met with Administrator Hoff, Accounting Manager Mike Keefe, and Human Resource Coordinator Rose Lillyroot to discuss the budget. Cutting on e road project until the next year. Holding a vacant position open. This is a $300, 000 cut to budget.

The Committee considered an ATV trail request on Hwy CC from Hwy B to Hwy CC near Big Musky Resort for 6.3 miles. Town of Hunter approved contingent on county approval. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Dennis, to approve the ATV trail request on Hwy CC. Motion carried

Gedart provided a summary of sales study for five vacant residential/recreation waterfront sales. The County is required to obtain permanent limited easements (PLE) from four separate property owners for strips of land on Highway E on both sides of the Couderay River Bridge. Approximately 17’ by 100’. Based on the sales summary, Gedart recommends the value of $45,000 per acre. Motion by Olson, 2nd by Helwig, to approve. Motion carried
Derek Leslie introduced himself to the new members of the Committee. Leslie provided the Committee an airport management report including available state entitlements. Leslie provided an airport terminal remodeling plan. The plan does not include any additional building space.

The Committee discussed the ramp and hanger taxi lane restoration project planned for the spring of 2021. A resolution will be presented at the July meeting.

Airport traffic was up earlier in the year and down in May. The Civil Air Patrol is a federal organization and has not decided on the pancake breakfast.

The Committee discussed the meeting time. Attending meetings virtually is on the Administration Committee agenda Thursday, June 11, 2020. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Olson, to table until results from Administration Committee regarding the number of virtual meetings. Motion carried

Adjourned 8:14

Minutes prepared by Sawyer County Clerk Carol Williamson