

**Minutes of the July 12th 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
- Ed Peters– Vice Chair
- Chris Rusk
- Brian Bisonette - virtual

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Cathy LaReau
John Pinnow

Others Present:

Linda Zillmer
Derek Leslie
Steve Beining

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 –

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: June 7, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Rusk Second by: Mr. Peters
Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided; a courthouse construction update was included. The department has started some maintenance projects in the jail in anticipation of the annual inspection, and mowing grass at the Senior Center was added to the grounds keeping schedule.

Sawyer County Airport Report -

Mr. Leslie provided a report; the annual CAP pancake feed was very successful, estimating a turnout between 300-400 people and they have eight cadets in the program. Several planning projects remain under consideration, including the runway rehab. A resolution petitioning for Airport aid was presented. Mr. Leslie advised that the frequency of planes coming in/out of the airport has increased from the past. The local EAA Chapter out of Rice Lake hosted a meeting at the airport this week. Towards the end of the year he anticipates hosting their first public input meeting on the Master Plan; this will be repeated one more time in approximately a 12-month period.

Resolution Petitioning Airport Aid – Mr. Albarado introduced the resolution petitioning the State of Wisconsin for entitlement funds. The project list provided in the resolution is an ongoing list that gets updated every five years. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Highway Commissioner’s Report -

A written report was provided; a list of current road projects was included. The County KK 45 mph speed limit signs have been installed, and they have been informed that all red flashing lights above the stop signs at county and state road intersections need to be removed. Mr. Pinnow advised that the crew has been working diligently on replacing culverts. Mowing operations began in June and are continuing throughout the County. There is a temporary plan for a fix of 3.14 miles of CTH S; the estimate of cost is \$172,000 for a patch only. An estimate for an overlay is \$392,000. Everything is on schedule for the repair of the CTH C bridge deck replacement.

Two permit application forms (driveway and utility) were provided for review. Mr. Albarado advised that the highway department has been issuing permits for driveways and have never assessed a fee. Corporate Counsel has

been consulted, and should we decide to begin issuing a fee, we should develop an ordinance to provide authority to issue/rescind permits. This will come back to a future meeting.

Discussion w/LCO Regarding Road Ban Procedures -

Mr. Albarado provided an update on the process. A letter has been drafted to send to the new Chairman of the Tribal Governing Board.

Courtroom Remodeling Update -

Mr. Albarado advised the turnover date is still August 14th; the new judge will be officially sworn in on August 11th. There have been no major issues with the remodel of the old courtroom. The second parking lot is being completed at this time. Additional signage is yet to come.

Future Agenda Items -

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 7:11 pm

Next Meeting: August 9, 2023 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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