

**Minutes of the August 9th meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- Marc Helwig
- Ed Peters– Vice Chair
- Chris Rusk - virtual
- Brian Bisonette - virtual

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
John Pinnow
Lynn Fitch
Derek Leslie

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 –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: July 12, 2023 Public Works Meeting

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

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: July 12, 2023 Public Works Public Hearing Meeting

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

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided. All requested office moves in the health department and WIC areas have been completed. In addition to routine building and grounds maintenance and projects, maintenance staff responded to, and completed, 56 service requests in July that were submitted.

Sawyer County Airport Report -

A written report was provided at the meeting. The runway rehab project was not awarded the special funding we petitioned the FAA for. Only one airport in Wisconsin was able to secure funding this year and that was Appleton. We are now looking at spring 2025 for runway rehab. Mr. Leslie reported that the airport is very busy with new property owners planning to fly in and out. We are awaiting a date to be assigned for the next Master Plan meeting. Mr. Albarado advised that the petition to the BIA that we submitted last month has been accepted.

Highway Commissioner's Report -

A written report was provided. About 50% of the storm damage has been cleaned up. There is currently a vacancy for a driver / operator position in the Hayward shop. There is a public involvement meeting for improvements to the County C bridge at the Couderay river. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 10th in the Town of Couderay. They had two bridge damages to address last month. Mr. Pinnow provided an update on culvert repair/replacements and storm damage cleanup continues. A new Hayward driver/operator was hired this week and they will be posting more positions. Salt prices have increased and we will pay \$26,000 to purchase the same amount of salt as we did last year. The paving of Hwy S was finished this week.

Driveway/Utility Permit Fees – This item was brought forward from the July meeting. Mr. Albarado advised that they are still working on an ordinance and will present it in a future meeting. Mr. Pinnow talked with other counties about their processes for assessing permit fees that were presented.

Courtroom Remodeling Update -

Mr. Albarado provided a handout of the Courthouse expansion additional items completed and those yet to consider; he reviewed the items listed. The total additional cost estimate if every item is approved is \$219,200. They have been addressing the last finishing items of the building and working with an overage rep about potential discrepancies in contract expectations and what recourse the County might have. Maintenance is trying to help consolidate all of Human Services offices into one general area. Other areas of the existing building are being reviewed for better efficiencies. The duress system for the old section of the building was discussed.

Future Agenda Items – Driveway and Utility Permits and Ordinance, Airport Master Plan, Construction Update

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 7:23 pm

Next Meeting: September 13, 2023 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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