

Minutes of the August 17th meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors
Board; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual



Voting Committee Members

| Present (X) | District | Wards |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Schleeter | 01 | T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kay Wilson | 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- Virtual | 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 - virtual | 10 | T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1 |
| <input 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 – Linda Zillmer, William Wuerm, Gene Roush, Ken Milender, Karen Loch, Nena Gourley, Dick Loch

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: July 20, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Hessel Second by: Mr. Buckholtz

Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz advised that the public meeting will be held on August 25th at 12:30 pm. The zoning department continues to see above average requests, this marks the highest number of permit requests in the last 18 years. The Tourist Rooming House Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be held on August 31st. Rebecca Roeker, Corporate Counsel, also provided an overview of due process obligations in regard to this request. There does not seem to be any violation of due process of this request.

Zone District Map Amendment #23-003 Larson Family Trust – Request to rezone ~15.91 acres of forestry-one to residential/recreational-two for additional lot creation through a County Subdivision Plat. Mr. Kozlowski presented an overview of the request and the intent of rezone cases. This is in the Town of Lenroot and the applicant owns all land surrounding this area. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Righeimer to approve this request. An

electronic vote was taken and passed 11-3 with “nay” votes from Buckholtz, Kinsley and Wilson; “yes” votes from Bisonette, Savitski, Maestri, Hessel, Righeimer, Shuman, Schleeter, Peters, Helwig, Duffy and Weaver.

Zone District Map Amendment RZN #23-004 Pinewood Property LLC - Request to rezone approximately 53.17 acres of Agricultural-One to Residential/Recreational-Two for 160-unit campground/resort. Mr. Kozlowski presented an overview of the request. The request is now for land located in the Town of Bass Lake and not in Town of Hayward; a lot split request. One of the 13 comment letters was returned back with an objection. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve this request. An electronic vote was taken and passed 12-2 with “nay” votes from Kinsley and Schleeter; “yes” votes from Bisonette, Savitski, Maestri, Hessel, Righeimer, Shuman, Schleeter, Peters, Helwig, Duffy, Wilson and Weaver.

Public Safety Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz advised that there are positions open in dispatch and applications are coming in. Female inmates returned to the jail in July. The Hayward High School is conducting an EMR class this year.

Public Works Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley advised that the airport will not get the runway project funding next year; hopefully in 2025. The price of salt/sand went up about \$26,000 more than last year. Road repair is underway.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Peters provided an overview of the LWFR meeting. The County Fair is underway this weekend. The survey crew continues to work on Hwy 70 repairs, and trail repair remains in progress and the Alliance continues to try to re-route trails where needed. The Forestry audit passed again this year. The USDA may have drought assistance available in Sawyer County.

Trail Right-of-Way Parel – Eris H Miles Family Trust Parcel – Tax ID 17199 – A Resolution by Mr. Albarado to purchase land for trail right-of-way for \$500 was presented. Funds would come from the Forestry budget for the acquisition of 3.55 acres; a former railway bed that is currently an ATV/UTV trail section. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Duffy to approve this purchase resolution. An electronic vote was taken and passed 14-0 “yes” votes from Bisonette, Savitski, Maestri, Hessel, Righeimer, Shuman, Schleeter, Peters, Helwig, Duffy, Wilson, Schleeter, Kinsley, and Weaver.

Health & Human Services Board --

Chair Report – Mr. Schleeter provided a review and advised the HHS staff will be closed on September 12th for full-staff training. The WIC program is merging with Polk and Burnett counties to share staff, costs and services. The 2024 opioid budget has been presented through committees and is at board approval status.

Finance Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley reported that the sales tax continues to remain high, and the June investment report was reviewed. Ambulance billing continues to increase the amount collected.

Resolution Amending use of ARPA and bond funds – A resolution was presented by Mr. Albarado to adjust the sources and uses of the ARPA dollars to instead apply them to the 2023 capital improvement purchases of \$191,000+. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Ms. Hessel to approve this resolution. An electronic vote was taken and passed 14-0 “yes” votes from Bisonette, Savitski, Maestri, Hessel, Righeimer, Shuman, Schleeter, Peters, Helwig, Duffy, Wilson, Schleeter, Kinsley, and Weaver.

Resolution Amending budget and approving use of opioid settlement funds – Ms. Joyce Knowlton reviewed the fentanyl awareness presentation that has been presented through several committees in August. Sawyer County is 2nd in the State in overdose deaths this year; second to Milwaukee County. Fentanyl is now in marijuana and vapes as well as in pill form. The substance misuse budget for 2023 was also shared showing opioid funds received/expected, grants and any other available funding for the program. A resolution was presented to approve spending the funds

as identified in the budget. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the resolution as presented. An electronic vote was taken and passed 14-0 “yes” votes from Bisonette, Savitski, Maestri, Hessel, Righeimer, Shuman, Schleeter, Peters, Helwig, Duffy, Wilson, Schleeter, Kinsley, and Weaver.

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Duffy advised that the Fair is open this weekend. The Clean Sweep will be held September 13th at the Fair Grounds. HLVCB presented a report on visitor statistics. NWRPC is doing their project review at this time. Discover Wisconsin has been in the Nelson Lake area this month; Lumberjack Championships had exceptional attendance. The Historical Society is working with LCO to cover the 100th year of the Chippewa Flowage flooding.

Union Negotiations -

At 7:48 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Kinsley to enter closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. In addition, the committee will be discussing collective bargaining strategy and thus is excluded from open session requirements under s. 19.82(1). A voice roll call vote was taken and passed without negative vote.

At 8:01pm a motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Duffy to enter open session. Motion carried without negative vote.

Open Session at – Discussion and possible action RE: Closed Session – At 8:02 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Ms. Hessel to approve the negotiated union contract. An electronic vote was taken and passed 14-0 “yes” votes from Bisonette, Savitski, Maestri, Hessel, Righeimer, Shuman, Schleeter, Peters, Helwig, Duffy, Wilson, Schleeter, Kinsley, and Weaver.

County Administrator’s Report -

A detailed administrator report was included in the packet and reviewed by Mr. Albarado. A draft of the budget will be available in September.

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment – 8:17 pm

Next Meeting: September 21, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk