

**Minutes of the January 11th 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 - virtual
- Brian Bisonette - virtual

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Tweed Shuman
Lynn Fitch
Cathy LaReau
Brad Beise

Others Present:

Linda Zillmer
Derek Leslie
Cory Robinson

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 – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance Department Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Albarado advised that an offer was made to an applicant for one of the two maintenance positions.

Sawyer County Airport Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie advised that the snowblower broke down and Tim Hagberg does an exceptional job assisting the airport. Only one runway is open at this time. They were busy over the holidays with flights including medivac flights. The State has advised that we will not have runway funding available for 2023, and they have been approached by a private entity for possibly providing funding assistance.

Highway Commissioner's Report -- A written report was provided. Mr. Beise advised that they are still trying to get roads cleared after the snow storm. They are trying to hire an engineer to design the CTH CC bridge at Blueberry Bay. Mr. Peters volunteered to be the last committee member for the search committee.

CTH CC Speed Zone Extension at Chippewa Flowage – Mr. Albarado advised that the Traffic Safety Committee approved the speed limit change. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the speed limit change and forward to the county board. Motion carried without negative vote.

Cory Robinson driveway map request – Mr. Beise advised that the request is a controlled access plan on County Road B. He is in favor of approving the variance of 500 feet to the east where a new building will be built for the business if their purchase of 5 acres of property is successful. Mr. Robinson reviewed the current state of the property. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve this request contingent upon the purchase of the property by Mr. Robinson; second by Mr. Peters and forward to county board. Motion passed without negative vote.

Courtroom Remodeling Update – Mr. Albarado advised that tours were held for staff and interested board members. Some of the fixtures are starting to arrive, and some of the bigger items will be starting to be installed. The project remains on target and budget.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, February 8, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk