

**Minutes of the March 8<sup>th</sup> 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 @ 6:34 pm
- Brian Bisonette - virtual

**Others Present:**

Andy Albarado  
Lynn Fitch  
Cathy LaReau  
Brad Beise

**Others Present:**

Linda Zillmer  
Derek Leslie  
Don Mrotek

**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, Don Mrotek, Cathy LaReau,**

**Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 8, 2023**

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

**Maintenance Department Report -**

A written report was provided.

**Sawyer County Airport Report -**

A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie advised that Thompson have been doing a good job with snow removal. YTD activity at the airport is busier this year than last year. Mr. Leslie and Mr. Albarado have met on the master plan for a vision for the airport for the next 20 years; other local individuals will be invited to start attending to help develop the plan. They need to get the tanker loads of fuel delivered before the road bans go on.

Updating Petition for Airport Improvement Projects – The petition packet has not been delivered from the State yet.

**Highway Commissioner's Report -**

A written report was provided. Mr. Beise advised that road bans are going to go into effect March 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. They selected Design Services contractor. Other highlights of the report were shared. The spring storm damage is estimated at \$279,000.

ATV/UTV Route Annual Renewals – The Tribe has asked that County seven roads located on tribal lands are not re-approved at this point in time. A list is provided in the attachment. Upon further review, one segment of K is found to be off the reservation so would not be included in this request. Mr. Albarado asked Mr. Beise and the Sheriff's Department about any recurring concerns that we need to be aware of regarding accidents or citations. There's no concentrated area in the county where stops took place; the majority being within the City of Hayward. The County received a request last week to locate the easements on the reservation; this will take time as many documents are pre-1930 and will be difficult to locate, if they exist. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Bisonette to approve the annual renewals excepting those within the requested seven that the Tribe is requesting a delay on, and be forwarded to the County Board for approval. The renewal will be good until April 2024. Motion carried without negative vote.

ATV/UTV Ordinance Update – A draft revision of the ATV/UTV ordinance was presented by Mr. Albarado; he revised the dates as requested in public comment. Sections 1.03 and 1.04 address the direction of how multiple entities are

involved and review jurisdiction responsibilities. Legal counsel needs to review this document yet as well as Tribal Council. Section 2.03 address hours of operation.

**Courtroom Remodeling Update -**

A written update was provided. Mr. Albarado reviewed the report from Miron; we anticipate having the building turned over at the end of March and start moving in April. No significant change orders are expected.

**Future Agenda Items – Airport committee report & petition; ATV/UTV Ordinance**

**Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -**

**Adjournment – 7:25**

**Next Meeting:** April 12, 2023      **Time:** 6:30 pm      **Location:** Assembly Room  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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