

Minutes of the April 18th meeting of the Sawyer County
 Board of Supervisors
 Large Courtroom; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual



Voting Committee Members

Present (X)	District	Wards
<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 type="checkbox"/> Jason Weaver	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc D. Helwig - virtual	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	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 checked="" 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 – Kevin Kroll

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: March 16, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Buckholtz Second by: Mr. Duffy

Motion carried without negative vote.

Appointments -

New District 2 Supervisor – Kay Wilson – Mr. Shuman introduced Kay Wilson as the proposed new District 2 Supervisor; there were five qualified candidates. Ms. Wilson provided her background and community involvement. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk; second by Mr. Savitski to approve Ms. Wilson as District 2 Supervisor. A voice vote was taken and passed 13-1; one nay vote from Mr. Righeimer.

Swearing in of County Board Supervisor for District 2 – Judge Yackel performed the swearing in ceremony for new Supervisor Wilson.

LWFR, HHS, Zoning and Hayward Library Committee Appointment – Kay Wilson. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve Kay Wilson to these appointments. A voice vote was taken and carried without negative vote.

HHS Director – Julia Lyons – Mr. Albarado advised that after conducting interviews for the position that is being vacated by Paul Grahovac, Ms. Julia Lyons is being recommended for this appointment. He reviewed her past qualifications and duties. A motion was made by Mr. Schleeter; second by Mr. Savitski to approve this appointment. Motion carried without negative vote.

BEAD Regional Committee – Ed Peters – A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Rusk to approve this appointment as the broadband committee representative. Motion carried without negative vote.

Ethics Committee – Ron Buckholtz – Mr. Albarado reviewed the request to appoint Mr. Buckholtz to fill the vacancy made by Jesse Boettcher. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Peters to approve this appointment. Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee -

Mr. Buckholtz advised that the April meeting was changed to the 28th, and there wasn't much activity at the committee level this past month.

Public Safety Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz advised that the judge's chambers are being moved to the new section, and we have a potential April 24th turnover date. Sheriff Mrotek reviewed their process of transitioning into the new facility roles. Staffing positions are slowly being filled but we remain with vacancies. Ms. Hessel reported that our Sheriff's Department provided a very good representation at the funeral of the Barron County fallen officers.

Public Works Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley advised that the new Highway Commissioner is in place and we thank Mr. Beise for filling in. Several committee topics are on today's board agenda.

Courthouse Remodel Update – The new building is now turned over to Sawyer County but we are still waiting for AV equipment installation for final transition. We have had to work around the court system in the construction. Equipment orders were delayed in some cases. We are on budget at this time but do not have any contingency funds left available as we enter the remodeling section.

Hangar Lease – Hermel – Mr. Albarado reviewed the new lease for existing airport hangar owner, David Hermel. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Rusk to approve the Resolution and new lease. Motion carried without negative vote.

ATV/UTV Route Approval – Mr. Albarado advised that a special Public Works Committee meeting was held prior to this evening's meeting and a number of routes were renewed. The Alliance and the Tribe have been working to resolve questions/concerns. The Committee approved several sections (listed in Additions 3.01 handout) and temporary routes were allowed to be open as some sections need to be rehabilitated prior to reconsideration. The Public Works Committee approved this request.

ATV/UTV Ordinance – Reviewed by Mr. Albarado, changes were made to the ordinance that was presented at the Public Works Committee meeting tonight. The ordinance lists the routes, hours of operation, speed limits, approval schedule, and changes that were approved at the Special Public Works meeting of April 18th. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the revised draft version of the ordinance. An electronic vote was taken and passed 12-2 with nay votes from Wilson and Helwig.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Albarado advised that the forestry department is ahead in sales so far this year, and Dan Ploeger is retiring at the end of this month. They heard a request for the Village of Lemmington to vacate the plat; it was not approved pending more investigation.

Sawyer County Outdoor Rec Plan 2021-2025 – Revisions to the plan were provided in the packet. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Duffy to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried without negative vote.

Health & Human Services Board --

Mr. Schleeter advised that Lorraine Gouge presented a report on the progress of programs on the reservation. A crisis contact report was provided and we struggle continue to reach all individuals needing these services. He recognized Paul Grahovac for his many years of service. Ms. Lyons also recognized Mr. Grahovac.

Finance Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley advised that the finance committee is reviewing several new reports. The county owns the transit storage bus building that was on the agenda. It presently appears as though sales tax will be in a positive position.

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee -

Mr. Righermer reported that the Fair is having a fund-raiser barn dance on June 10th. HLVCB reviewed the costs of attending sports shows and they find it is still more economical than sending brochures out by mail since most events are attended by volunteers. SC/LCO EDC is hosing several business education events. ATV/UTV trails typically open up the first part of May, providing weather cooperates.

County Administrator's Report –

Mr. Albarado advised that a lot of time has been spent on staffing transitions. We are making progress in staffing in the Sheriff's Department and are optimistic that we can get back to full staff in the future. Union negotiations are entering mediation. An update on the courthouse remodeling was provided. We are seeing additional interest income due to our investments under the Finance Committee. The BEAD program is an multi-county group applying for additional grant funds for broadband.

Future Agenda Items -

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment – 7:21 pm

Next Meeting: May 18, 2023 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Large Courtroom
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk