

**Minutes of the May 10th 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
Lynn Fitch
Cathy LaReau
John Pinnow
Kris Treland-Neumann

Others Present:

Linda Zillmer
Mike Webster
Scott Dohmen
Vince Geigor

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 – Under item #10, the order will change to a, c, b. Motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the change. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments – Mike Webster, Scott Dohmen, Linda Zillmer, Vince Geigor, Kris Treland-Neumann

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: April 12, 2023

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

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: April 18, 2023 Special Meeting

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

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided. Mr. Albarado advised that the department is now fully staffed and spring maintenance projects are underway.

Sawyer County Airport -

The airport masterplan first meeting will be held May 25th. The jet fuel supply was able to last through the road ban period. A public hearing prior to next month's meeting.

Highway Commissioner's Report -

A written report was provided. Mr. Pinnow reviewed highlights; crews will continue to fix signs, patch holes, and work on highway repairs. They will continue to monitor the County C Bridge throughout the year. The position at the Winter shop has been filled, and there is currently a position open in the Hayward driver/operator staff. The department plans to repair eight miles this year at approximately \$194,000 cost/mile.

ATV/UTV Route renewals – A motion was made to approve the route renewals from May of 2023 to May of 2024 by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

ATV/UTV Route Requests – Three new route requests were presented and include CTH F Badger Bay to Birch Lake Resort; CTH F Chapel to Right of Way; and CTH DD from F to Washburn County line. A survey was conducted along the corridor of the requests. Mr. Pinnow spoke with the DNR and Sheriff's department and at this time neither had concerns about approving these requests. The Alliance mailed out 181 surveys for the first route; total respondents = 96; undecided = 3; 16 = no and 77 = yes. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk; second by Mr. Helwig to approve, as presented, the Badger Bay request. Motion carried without negative vote. Request for CTH F Chapel; Mr. Pinnow recommended that this route not be approved at this time; a speed limit review might be in order. This particular

request has not been presented through the Town of Sand Lake. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk; second by Mr. Helwig to deny this request at this time. Motion carried without negative vote. Request #3 CTH DD was reviewed by Mr. Pinnow and no accident history currently exists. The current speed is 45 mph. A survey was conducted for this section, as well, and this is in the Town of Edgewater. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk to approve this request; hearing no second, the motion does not move to the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Peters to postpone action on this request until the Town of Edgewater acts on lowering the speed limit to 35 mph; second by Mr. Rusk. Motion carried without negative vote.

Courtroom Remodeling Update -

Review Current Project Status and Updated Construction Timeline – Mr. Albarado provided an overview indicating that the old courtroom is being demolished now and the new courtroom is being used. A temporary AV situation is hooked up in the Board Room which will give us access to use starting next week. We are two weeks behind schedule at this time with a new turnover date of August 14th. Mr. Albarado reviewed current overall costs compared to budget. The contingency fund was used up toward the end of the new construction project. The new estimated total is \$10,147,103.

Review Contingency Fund and Consider Request for Funds to Complete Project – Phase II of the project has no remaining contingency funds available. Miron has requested that the County fund more money in the Contingency Fund. Mr. Rusk left the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Consider Items Not Included in Project Scope, Deficient Items, & Additional Costs to Outfit and Operate – A lit of the items was shared.

Future Agenda Items – Update Ordinance for Route Request Presentation to Highway Department

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 8:07 pm

Next Meeting: June 7, 2023 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk