

Minutes of the June 16th 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"/> Jesse Boettcher	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	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	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 – Ernest Martinson, Linda Zillmer

Appointment Adjustment – To continue continuity, Chair Shuman recommended re-appointing Dale Schleeter to the Sawyer County Housing Authority Board. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Buckholtz to re-appoint Dale Schleeter to the Sawyer County Housing Authority Board in place of Michael Maestri. Motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Schleeter; second by Mr. Kinsley to approve the minutes of the May 19th County Board meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee Chair Report – Mr. Boettcher reported one rezoning request that was approved at committee level. Mr. Kozlowski presented rezone 22-007 for Riverside Golf & Recreation, LLC. The purpose is to combine two properties to make a new lot line to work within Sawyer County zone requirements as provided in attached summary. As it runs between two towns, both towns have approved their individual requests. Mr. Buckholtz made a motion to approve the request; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Report – Mr. Buckholtz reported sheriff staffing shortages remain. The tower projects have been delayed due to high winds. The ambulance is short four EMT positions.

Public Works Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley advised that the committee approved an ATV/UTV route request for CTH C from Deer Lake Road. He advised that the \$5000 funding request from Civil Air Patrol was approved and funds are to come from the airport's ARPA funds coming into the Airport budget. Our construction timeline remains on target.

No action needed on item c, as it was approved at committee level.

Land, Water and Forest Resources – Mr. Boettcher reported that all ATV/UTV trails are open and active. There is now one ATV/UTV for every 3.4 County residents.

Carbon Tax Credit – Mr. Boettcher advised we are moving forward with a draft contract with BlueSource while still continuing to investigate other vendors.

The Upper Brunet River Dam Project will be discussed at Finance portion of meeting.

Health and Human Services – Mr. Schleeter advised that the Senior Resource Center is open and serving meals to the population according to federal and state law requirements, as well as GWAAR.

Health & Human Services -- Mr. Schleeter reported that introduction of departments to new committee members is ongoing. Mr. Albarado presented a resolution for funding out-of-county placements with a goal of presenting to WCA for more statewide support. This resolution is asking the state to look at reformatting the program to seek state level funding for resources for CSP. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Buckholtz. A roll call vote was taken with 15 "ayes". Motion carried without negative vote. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the State and WCA.

Finance Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley advised that sales tax continues to go up and property tax statements are out this month.

The Resolution to Consider Wage Adjustments and Retention Pay are two separate resolutions. Retention pay is for a one-time payment to employees using general fund balance resources. The average amount per employee would be distributed in a tiered system from \$300-\$1000. A motion by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Righimer to approve the Resolution to Designate Fund Balance for Retention Pay. Mr. Kinsley requested Admin Committee to look at elected officials' wages in July in closed session. Motion carried without negative vote.

The Resolution to Designate Wage Adjustments was presented by Mr. Albarado. These are permanent wage adjustments within the wage scale that affects about 20 employees and was designed to make specific positions more comparable to other counties. Maintenance, highway, clerical and economic support positions were included. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley to approve the resolution; second by Mr. Schleeter. Motion carried without negative vote.

A Resolution for Upper Brunet Project Funds was presented by Mr. Koslowski. The only bid we received is higher than was predicted one and one-half years ago. The Town of Draper will lend an excavator for dam removal and our county highway department staff performing the initial work will save us about \$100,000. Additional funds will come from our Resource Development Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the resolution; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee – Mr. Duffy agreed to appoint Andy Albarado as the Broadband Point person. Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve this appointment; second by Mr. Helwig. Motion carried without negative vote. He advised that the Fair had their barn dance fundraiser this past week. The housing units, being partially funded by \$300,000 of County ARPA funds should begin building in September.

Updates to Board Policies and Procedures – Mr. Albarado advised that board members received a copy of the proposed revisions of our Plans & Policies. A final revision will be presented next month for review after supervisors finish submitting their suggestions.

County Administrator's Report – A written report was provided. The courthouse contingency fund was \$380,000 and now has been increased to \$400,000 due to value-added construction decisions having been made in siding and potentially using our existing generator instead of purchasing new.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings, Other Matters for Discussion –

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, July 21, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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