

**Minutes of the July 13th 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 – Vice Chair - Virtual
- Ed Peters
- Chris Rusk
- Brian Bisonette - Virtual

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Cathy LaReau
Don Mrotek
Tweed Shuman

Others Present:

Derick Leslie
Gary Gedart
Linda Zillmer
James Schlender
Mike Kelsey
Carl Kemper

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 – A motion was made by Mr. Rusk to change the order in the agenda for item 10 to follow 7; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer, James Schlender and Don Mrotek

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Peters to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Rusk. Motion carried without negative vote.

Highway Commissioner's Report – ATV/UTV Route Request Ordinance -- Mr. Gedart requested copies of all other available county ordinances to develop the draft version of a proposed new ordinance. He highlighted a couple areas that he would recommend changes to the draft. He proposed that he, Mr. Albarado, and Mr. Kinsley work with stakeholders to continue moving the draft forward. Mr. Albarado requested that the Alliance and tribe send comments to Mr. Gedart to begin the process.

ATV/UTV Ordinance Process and Consideration of Moratorium Until Ordinance Adoption -- No action taken on this item

A written department report was provided. Mr. Gedart reported on the highlights of his report. They are conducting interviews next week for the vacancy at the Radisson shop. He is working with LCO on developing a safety plan which may allow us to revisit the roundabout concept at Hwy B & K. We would be responsible for \$10,000 in the development of a Safety Plan.

Sawyer County Airport Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie advised that they've been working on getting lights installed at the airport. FBO sales have remained stable. The Young Eagles event saw about 75 people participate. The pancake breakfast was held last weekend.

Updated Hangar Lease Template -- Mr. Albarado presented the edited template that has been reviewed by corporate counsel. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Rusk to approve the revised templates to be used going forward. Motion carried without negative vote.

Hangar Lease Sale Request – Walters/Schull -- Mr. Albarado presented a Resolution Approving Sawyer County Hangar Ground lease between Walters/Schull and a revised lease for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk; second by Mr. Peters to approve the resolution and sale. Motion carried without negative vote.

Vecchie Airport Hangar Ground Lease -- Mr. Albarado presented the Resolution Approving Sawyer County Hangar Ground lease for Vecchie. Approval of this lease would approve the new lease conditions and void the old lease. A

motion was made by Mr. Rusk; second by Mr. Peters to approve the lease with minor revisions to be decided between Mr. Albarado and Vecchie legal counsel. Motion carried without negative vote.

Master Plan Process and Runway Update --Mr. Leslie advised that a couple big projects are underway at the airport. There are milestone decisions that must take place for these projects, including the runway "grooving" of surface which would improve the landing and takeoff conditions at the airport. Mr. Kemper from Becher Hoppe reviewed the effects of getting the runway grooved versus not grooving it during the runway improvement project. A grooved runway is always considered dry. This decision will be left at the airport committee level.

Maintenance Department Report – A written report was provided. We are still awaiting furniture for the Oasis building.

Internet Service Update – Mr. Coleson reported that the Hayward Fire Tower off Hwy B is now housing some antennas for the Sheriff's department which runs their phone service. It needs to be fine-tuned more but it is stable.

Courtroom Remodeling Update -- Mr. Albarado indicated the contractors have run into some weather issues recently. The budget shows no indication of material shortages or other delays impeding their work. He shared the project budget worksheet. Fiber optic relocates came in over budget and will be rebid. The furniture costs will also be reviewed for other options.

Review Board Policy & Procedure Manual Committee Role & Responsibilities – Mr. Albarado shared a draft version that he created. He requested comments to come back and it will be reviewed at the August meeting.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, August 10, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk