

Minutes of the August 19th 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 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Boettcher-Virtual @ 6:40 pm	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-1 & 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James H. Schlender, Jr. - Virtual	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc D. Helwig	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas W. Duffy	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Paulsen	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Bisonette-Virtual	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Van Etten	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Olson	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Petit-Virtual	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 taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments –

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Buckholtz. Motion carried without negative vote.

Covid-19 Update – Julia Lyons presented a Covid update. Sawyer County is currently at the red risk level with 17.83 cases/100,000. This is still a downward trend at this point. Variant categories were described; we expect there to be variants as that is a natural occurring thing in viruses. It is too early to tell if Delta is a more severe illness than other strains. Our positivity rate is also reducing; test rates are going up but positive tests coming back are only about 5.22%. The vaccine tracker as of August 9th indicated fully vaccinated County population is 48.7%.

Zoning Committee Chair Report – Five re-zone requests were presented by Mr. Kozlowski; all five requests have been approved at Zoning Committee level. RZN #21-003, Sinkhole Investments, LLC (Matthew Sink) is requesting a rezone from Agricultural One and Residential/Recreational One to Residential/Recreational Two for 58.82 acres to be built into an RV campground. A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen; second by Ms. Hessel to approve this rezone request. Motion carried without negative vote.

RZN #21-005 - Pinewood Properties LLC (Sisko's Resort) requested a rezone of approximately 16.21 acres from Residential/Recreational One to Residential/Recreational Two to make the property conforming to its current use and allow more campsite additions. Public comment was heard by Russell Claggett, Darlene Smollen, Doug Kurtzweill, Thomas Duffy, Jr., and Steve Bodenschatz. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Schlender to approve this request. A roll call vote was taken and passed 12-2. "Aye" votes included Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Paulsen, Bisonette, Van Etten, Olson, Petit, Buckholtz, Peters; "nay" votes included Schleeter and Kinsley.

RZN #21-006 - AB Land LLC (Ben & Ashley LaBarre) requested a rezone from Residential One to Commercial One of 1.04 acres for the purpose of constructing a commercial construction building. A motion was made by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Buckholtz. Motion carried without negative vote.

RZN #21-007 – Wilderness Products & Services, Inc. (Linda Dezotell) requested a rezone of 5 acres from Forestry One to Residential/Recreational Two for the purpose of opening a Seed & Feed Store in a new building. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Olson to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

RZN #21-008 – Raleigh and Jeanette Britton requested a rezone of 24.19 acres from Residential/Recreational One to Agricultural Two for the purpose of building a small barn for a hobby farm. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz/second by Ms. Petit to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Kozlowski presented a link to the draft version of the Sawyer County Comprehensive Plan requesting approval of a public hearing to be held on October 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Large Courtroom. A motion was made by Mr. Van Etten; second by Ms. Hessel to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Report – Mr. Hoff presented the committee report indicating that jail capacity remains high even after transporting some inmates to federal prison. 911 calls have increased with a good number of them being mis-dials. JusticePoint continues to work on the TAD grant to help fund the drug treatment court required in the new courtroom plans.

Public Works Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley reported that design schematic plans have been presented and approved at committee level. A written copy was provided. Jack Blume of Venture Architects presented an overview of the drawings. Next phase is cost estimates and last phase will be documentation so that bids can go out. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Schleeter to approve the plans. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Kinsley presented a request to approve funding for a 2024 Airport Runway repaving project; a majority of the cost will be covered by outside agencies but the County will be responsible for 5% of the building funds. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to approve the resolution to approve choosing an airport consultant for the project. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land, Water and Forest Resources -- Mr. Paulsen presented an over-the-counter land sale request for the Town of Bass Lake #002-103-17-3900. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Kinsley to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

Health and Human Services – Mr. Schleeter advised that the HHS Committee has voted to dissolve the relationship between the County and Oasis Group Homes and close the center. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Schleeter to accept the Resolution approving the Separation Agreement and Termination of Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried without negative vote.

Finance Committee Chair Report – Mr. Paulsen presented the Finance Committee Roles and Responsibilities to be added to the board plans and policies with a Resolution Adopting Finance Committee Roles & Responsibilities. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Helwig to approve this resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Paulsen advised that a review of board member per diem rates were reviewed at the August committee meeting. The motion to adjust rates failed at committee level.

Mr. Hoff presented several date options for the budget public hearing date. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Schleeter to accept the date of October 28, 2021, at 6:30 pm for the purpose of holding the budget public hearing. Motion carried without negative vote. Publication notice will need to be sent out prior to the October 14th Finance and Administration committee meetings.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee – Mr. Hoff presented the committee report indicating that the 4-H staff member has moved to another county and we will be searching for a replacement. Northwest Regional Planning Commission presented their levy request at committee.

Redistricting Update – Ms. Fitch advised that the census data arrived a week earlier than anticipated and our GIS department is working on developing at least three different map plans. Our population has increased which will result in some lines being redrawn. Upcoming Public Hearing dates for the tentative and final redistricting plans will be held at the September and November County Board meetings. The Administration Committee being the oversight committee for this project did approve a request to keep the number of districts at 15 at the August committee meeting. A resolution approving this number of 15 was presented. Mr. Kinsley made a motion to accept the resolution; second by Mr. Van Etten. Motion carried without negative vote.

County Administrator's Report – Mr. Hoff reviewed the Opioid Litigation Settlement that has been proposed. Wisconsin could receive up to \$400M in settlement funds with 70% of those funds going to counties to development abatement programs. 30% of the funds remain at the state level. If accepted, funds will be dispersed over a number of years in the rollout plan.

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, September 16, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk