

**Minutes of the February 11, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Ron Kinsley
- ☒ Vice Chair: Marc Helwig
- ☒ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jim Evans

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Derek Leslie
John Pinnow
Karl Kemper- Virtual

Call to Order – Chair 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 – Set

Public Comments- None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: January 7, 2026
Motion to approve by: Mr. Evans **Second by:** Mr. Neumann
Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Airport Report-

Mr. Kemper of Beche Hoppe walked the committee through a proposed pen and ink amendment to the Airport Layout Plan, which incorporates outlines of Future Airport Property around the Runway Protection Zone.

This amendment is a minor update; the full 200-300 page Airport Layout Plan will be presented once the Airport Master Plan is approved.

Mr. Leslie provided the January Airport report and stated they are waiting on the state and federal governments to move forward with the Airport Master Plan.

Motion to approve the changes to the Airport Layout Plan and forward to the County Board by: Mr. Helwig
Second by: Mr. Neumann
Motion carried without negative vote

Maintenance- Mr. Schmidt provided a written report on January County maintenance projects.

Highway Department-

Commissioner Pinnow updated the committee on January Highway projects: January 21 was a winter training roundtable discussion with the State. The County D bridge replacement was awarded and will be a spring project. CTH E is underway for 2027. LRIP applications have been submitted for CTH F and CTH DD. The Department is exploring the Samsara GPS system for use in the fleet; Mr. Pinnow will demonstrate the cameras at the end of the meeting.

CTH B Driveway Permit Application-

An application for a driveway permit to a new business on CTH B west of Dollar General was discussed; it will cross a paved walking path and the committee agreed the path should be repaved if disturbed. Three possible locations were proposed and discussed.

Motion to approve whichever driveway entrance works best for the owner by: Mr. Van Etten

Second by: Mr. Neumann

Motion carried without negative vote.

Ad-hoc Committee Update—Mr. Kinsley reported that the committee met with tribal members on Monday, February 2 and reached a compromise on a route to take to the TGB meeting. The TGB chose option B and the committee will meet again on March 2 at 11:00am to continue discussions.

Board Appointed Committee Updates-- None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – None

Demonstration of Samsara camera system to committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

Next Meeting: March 11, 2026 Time: 6:30 pm Location: Board Room