

**Minutes of the April 8, 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- Virtual
- ☒ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jim Evans- Virtual

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Derek Leslie
John Pinnow

Don Mrotek
Jayne Schroeder

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- Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: March 11, 2026
Motion to approve by: Mr. Neumann **Second by:** Mr. Van Etten
Motion carried without negative vote.

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

Sawyer County Airport Report- Mr. Leslie provided the March Airport report and reported on meeting with a BOA representative where airport managers were updated on state aviation project backlogs and funding opportunities. The BOA has approved and signed the Forecast in relation to the Masterplan/ALP which will be brought to the committee and board this fall. Snow removal equipment is on hold and aviation fuel prices have increased dramatically.

Utility Easement—Legal reviewed and provided a red-lined agreement for Spectrum to access the airport property for utility work.

Motion to approve the easement agreement as presented with the legal amendments by: Mr. Neumann
Second by: Mr. Evans
Motion carried without negative vote.

Highway Department- Commissioner Pinnow updated the committee on March Highway patching and brushing, bridge work, and state emergency funding to patch and seal State Hwy 70 which sustained winter surface damage. The road bans will be coming off in two weeks.

Mr. Pinnow presented the 2026 Season Asphalt bids for consideration and action by the committee.
Motion to approve the asphalt bids as presented by: Mr. Helwig **Second by:** Mr. Neumann
Motion carried without negative vote.

Ad-hoc Committee Update—Mr. Kinsley reported that the committee met with tribal members on March 30 and proposed routes were reviewed. The TGB will meet to discuss on Tuesday, April 14. The next meeting of the ad-hoc committee is Monday, April 13. There was no update on the WOJB tower.

Board Appointed Committee Updates-- None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – Discussion to change meeting times, annual renewal of ATV routes

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm Next Meeting: May 13, 2026 Time: 6:30 pm Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, Sawyer County Clerk

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