

**Minutes of the April 30, 2026 Meeting of the
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee Members Present (X)	Roll Call	District	Wards
☒ Steve Kariainen	01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5	
☒ Kay Wilson	02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1	
☒ Steve Longtine	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2	
☒ Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-3 & 4	
☐ Randy Neumann- Excused	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6	
☒ Marc D. Helwig	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2	
☒ Jim Miller	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4	
☐ Marshal Savitski- Excused	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2	
☒ Jim Evans	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4	
☒ Chuck Van Etten	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1	
☒ Jeff Hoehne	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay	
☒ John Righeimer	12	T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W-2, T Winter W-1	
☒ Ron Kinsley	13	T Hunter, T Radisson W-1, T-Ojibwa W-1, V Radisson	
☒ Ron Buckholtz	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook	
☐ John Minto- Absent	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter	

Also present: Mike Markgren, Liz Klein, Atty. Steve Sorenson

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance— Chair Kinsley 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.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

County Government Presentation—

Atty. Steve Sorenson gave a presentation on county government history, duties and powers. He reviewed open meetings, quorums, public records, and ethics and answered questions.

Self-Organized County Ordinance— The Ordinance requires the board to adopt the Board Policy every two years; this will be reviewed in the Administration Committee and brought to the full board at the May 21 meeting.

Committee Appointments—

The board members received and reviewed their committee appointments.

Motion to approve the committee appointments by: Mr. Buckholtz Second by: Mr. Van Etten

Motion carried without negative vote.

Future Agenda Items- Board Rules resolution

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026 **Time:** 6:30pm **Location:** Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk