

**Minutes of the June 18, 2026 Meeting of the
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee Members Present (X)	Roll Call	Dis- tric- t	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- Absent	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2	
☒ Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-3 & 4	
☒ Randy Neumann	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6	
☐ Marc D. Helwig (Late)	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2	
☒ Jim Miller	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4	
☒ Marshal Savitski	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: Jay Kozlowski, Doug Mrotek, Bryan Deyo, Mike Markgren, John Pinnow-virtual

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance—Chairman Kinsley called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Roll call was taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – None

Supervisor Helwig entered 5:03pm

Sheriff Mrotek recognized Law Enforcement and a citizen for their roles in responding to a Radisson homicide call and investigation leading to the quick arrest of the suspect:

Dispatcher Amber Elcombe, Deputies Wohling and Frey, and Detectives Dantzman and Gillis received Letters of Commendation. Citizen Dale Magnuson received a Letter of Recognition for his cooperation in the investigation.

Chief Bryan Deyo received a Letter of Exceptional Service for his detective work on nine homicides, 31 deaths, 46 sexual assaults, 2 stabbings, 19 arsons and fraud and embezzlement cases.

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: May 21, 2026

Motion to approve by: Mr. Buckholtz

Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote.

Chairman Kinsley stated the board will present something in July to proclaim the month of August as ALS Awareness Month.

Appointments—Mr. Kozlowski recommended the appointment Al Gerber for a three-year term Sawyer County Board of Appeals/Board of Adjustment.

Motion to appoint Al Gerber to a three-year term on the Sawyer County Board of Appeals/Board of Adjustment
by: Mr. Buckholtz
Second by: Mr. Evans
Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee – Mr. Buckholtz gave the Zoning Committee Chair report: the committee has heard 349 LUPs to date.

Zone District Map Amendment for RZN #26-002 for Thomas and Jean Carr to rezone 3.5 acres from RR-1 to C-1 was approved on a motion by: Mr. Buckholtz Second by: Mr. Kariainen
Motion carried without negative vote.

Zone District Map Amendment for RZN #26-009 for Hazel Magnuson, agent Benjamin & Jaclyn Tweed to rezone 0.44 acres across two separate lots from A-1 to RR-1 was approved on a motion by: Ms. Hessel
Second by: Mr. Neumann
Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Works Committee—

Mr. Helwig updated the Board on department reports for Maintenance, Airport, and Highway.

Resolution 2026-_____ Hangar Lease Area Agreement Hanna Bay Holdings, LLC was approved on a motion
by: Mr. Evans Second by: Mr. Helwig
Motion carried without negative vote.

Speed Reduction—

Mr. Pinnow presented a request to reduce speed on CTH B between CTH S and Musky Tale Road from 55mph to 45mph following safety concerns discussed in the Traffic Safety Committee on May 20. The request was approved at Public Works for consideration by the County Board.

Motion to approve the speed reduction by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Neumann
Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Committee —

Mr. Buckholtz reviewed the Clerk of Courts, Sheriff's Department, Jail, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Child Support, Code Enforcement and Emergency Services and Tower reports for the board.

Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee— Mr. Kariainen reviewed the events applications, Register of Deeds, Land Records, Surveyor, Forestry, Zoning Conservation and Trails reports.

Finance Report -

Mr. Righeimer provided an update on county finances and department budgets.

Future Agenda Items- ALS Awareness Proclamation

Meeting Adjourned at 6:09 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2026 **Time:** 5:00 pm **Location:** Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk

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