

**Minutes of the July 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:

- ☒ Ron Kinsley
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☒ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jim Evans- Virtual

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Derek Leslie
John Pinnow
Jayne Schroeder

Call to Order – Chair Kinsley called the meeting to order at 5:00 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: June 10, 2026

Motion to approve by: Mr. Neumann

Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance- A written report was provided.

Sawyer County Airport Report- Mr. Leslie provided the June Airport report. Traffic peaks July 22-27; the Airport is busy. Civil Air Patrol Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, July 12 from 7-1pm. Young Eagles will provide free flights for kids ages 7-17 on August 8. No update from FAA on the Airport Master Plan or Airport Layout Plan.

Highway Department- A written report was provided on June Highway work: CTH F and DD work started July 6. STH GG to Price County Line work started. STH 27 Carol to Boylan Rd work starts July 20. Finishing up 2 last appraisals for the CTH E project. CTH D Chippewa River Bridge work complete July 30. A Public Information Meeting with the state will be held in Village of Radisson on July 13 from 6-8 pm to discuss STH 70 between Radisson and Ojibwa. Highway is still hiring 1 more summer laborer and 1 FT diver/operator position for Hayward shop. The cost of salt increased dramatically; the projected cost is \$1M to fill the sheds for the upcoming budget.

Highway Facilities discussion— Long term plans needed to replace old Highway building with leaking roof and boarded up windows. Mr. Markgren will work with Mr. Pinnow to come up with 3 or 4 proposals for the committee. Mr. Van Etten requested a quote to convert to brine in conjunction with building a new facility.

Ad-hoc Committee Update— Mr. Kinsley reported on the June 15 meeting discussions on the WOJB tower, ATVs in New Post and Trail Passes. Mr. Markgren stated that the cost to revamp the tower has come down significantly since the first estimate. The next meeting will be set when the pending inspection of the tower has been completed. Ms. Schroeder had questions about ATV routes and operation times.

Board Appointed Committee Updates-- None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – Upcoming hangar lease renewal, Highway salt and facility discussion, ATV Routes

Meeting adjourned at: 5:32 pm Next Meeting: August 12, 2026
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, Sawyer County Clerk

Time: 5:00 pm Location: Board Room

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