

**Minutes of the December 7th meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☒ Ed Peters– Vice Chair
- ☒ Chris Rusk - virtual
- ☒ Brian Bisonette - virtual

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Tweed Shuman
Lynn Fitch
Cathy LaReau
Gary Gedart

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Linda Zillmer
Terry Gedart
Derek Leslie

Call to Order – Chair Ron 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 –

Recognition of Outgoing County Commissioner -- Mr. Kinsley recognized Gary Gedart who is retiring from the Highway Commissioner position and presented a plaque for 22 years of service.

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Rusk to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance Department Report – A written report was provided.

Sawyer County Airport Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie reviewed the highlights of his report indicating they are preparing for the runway project. Some projects remain unfinished yet for the terminal remodel; new signage is up. Much of the capital improvement plan kicks in during 2024 instead of 2023. Our airport is unique in that it is primarily tourist-based.

2023 Airport Fee Update – There is a process in place to capture handling/landing fees that are shared 50/50 with the County. A fee to recover some of the de-icing costs is being considered but no action was taken at this meeting.

Highway Commissioner's Report -- A written Highway Commissioner's report was provided. Mr. Gedart advised that he met with the DOT and we are on an "actual cost" agreement for equipment operation; processes are in place for his successor to monitor this activity. He is concerned about the equipment replacement budget amount.

CTH CC Speed Zone Extension – A request was received to extend the 25-mph speed zone at CTH CC by 1,100 feet. There are two campgrounds within this section of highway. This will come before the January meeting for approval.

ATV/UTV Ordinance Update – Mr. Gedart presented the current version of the proposed ATV/UTV ordinance. A recommendation to change the renewal date to April instead of February in section 4.03 was made. Change January to April and July to September in section 4.01. Other changes are in the marked-up version attached to the agenda. The two new routes that were approved at the November meeting also needed to be added. Mr. Shuman, Mr. Bisonette and Mr. Rusk will arrange the joint meeting for January 11th.

Highway Commissioner Closed Session – A motion was made at 7:30 pm by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to enter closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5 – 0 with "yes" votes from Kinsley, Peters, Helwig, Bisonette and Rusk.

At 7:52 pm a motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to enter open session. Motion passed without negative vote.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, January 11, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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