

**Minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors
Board; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee

Members Present (X)	District	Wards
☒ Dale Schleeter	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
☒ Tweed Shuman	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2
☒ Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-3 & 4
☐ Jason Weaver	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
☒ Marc D. Helwig	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
☐ Thomas W. Duffy-Exc	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
☒ Marshal Savitski	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
☒ Brian Bisonette @ 6:49v	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
☒ Michael Maestri - virtual	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
☐ Chris Rusk	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, 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-virtual	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
☒ Ed Peters	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance— Chair Tweed Shuman 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.

Public Comments – Ernest Martinson, Karen Boylan, Ron Petit, Loren Peterson, Scott Harbridge, Stephanie Harbridge

Appointments and Recognition –

Reappointment to Veteran's Services Commission – Stephen Lynch – A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Righeimer to approve this appointment for three years. Motion carried without negative vote.

Recognition of Retiring Staff – Brad Beise – Supervisor Ron Kinsley and Highway Commissioner John Pinnow recognized Brad Beise as he retires from 32 years of service in the Highway Department.

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: October 19, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Wilson Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Finance Committee --

Draft Minutes of the October 19th meeting were attached.

2024 Budget Presentation – A written presentation was shared and reviewed by Mr. Markgren. This budget has been presented and approved at the Finance Committee and Administration Committee levels. Detailed slides review the

levy breakdown, recommended capital improvement purchases, funding of outside organizations, and tax rate history.

SC Courthouse Fees – A list of proposed 2024 Fees and Payments by Department report was shared. Proposed changes are identified in red text.

Capital Improvement Plan – The proposed 2024 CIP purchases through debt issue were identified in the attachment totaling \$1,500,000.

2024 Pay Grid – The 2024 pay grids were shared, allowing for a 2% increase in January 2024 and an additional 1% in July 2024.

Resolution to Adopt the 2024 Sawyer County Budget – A Resolution to adopt the 2024 Sawyer County Budget, the 2023 Property Tax Levy to be Collected in 2024, the 2024 Compensation Plan, the 2024 Authorized Employees, the 2024 Fee Schedule and the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan was presented for consideration. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Schleeter; a roll call vote was taken and passed 12-0 without negative vote.

Zoning Committee -

Chair Report – Ms. Hessel advised that the multi-dwelling language ordinance was reviewed. They continue to see above average activity. The Tourist Rooming House ad hoc committee is working on options for governance.

Public Safety Committee -

Chair Report – Draft Minutes of the November 2nd Public Safety Committee were provided. Mr. Helwig reviewed the highlights of the November meeting. Burnett County has made an offer on the second K-9 squad that is no longer in use in our department. A staffing update was provided.

Cooperative Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Resolution & Agreement – The annual renewal for the 2024 Tribal Law Enforcement Grant was presented by Mr. Albarado. This resolution was prepared to establish a Tribal Animal Control program which will be funded by the 2024 grant. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Righeimer to approve this resolution. A voice vote was taken and passed without negative vote.

Public Works Committee -

Chair Report – Draft Minutes of the November 8th Public Works meeting were provided. Mr. Kinsley reviewed highlights stating that the Highway Department and Maintenance Departments are preparing for winter activities. The airport continues to work on its Master Plan, and we are researching a roundabout at Hwy B/K.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee --

Chair Report – Draft Minutes of the November 8th LWFRC meeting were provided. Mr. Peters advised that a written list of 2024 events was presented and approved. Some motorized trails will close during hunting season and NORTAC will provide survey results on motorized trail income impacts next year. Fall timber sales were approved, and preparations for the spring tree sale are underway. USDA representative Kevin Sheptick passed away and was recognized.

Legislative Bill (LRV-3518) to Regulate Wakeboarding – Mr. Albarado and Mr. Peters presented a Resolution on Enhanced Wake Regulations for consideration. The resolution recommends that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors requests that the Wisconsin Legislature engage in meaningful discussions to pass standards that balance the right of everyone to recreate on waters of the State of Wisconsin. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Ms. Wilson to approve this resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken and passed 11:1 with one “nay” vote from Mr. Righeimer.

Health & Human Services Board --

Chair Report – Draft Minutes of the November 8th HHS meeting were provided. The HHS Department will be having a second full staff training day where the department will be closed. Bill Trepanier has been named as the new LCO liaison for the Board. A schedule of fee changes was presented and approved at committee level. The department will begin working with schools on truancy problems, seeking preventative measures in addition to processes.

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee -

Chair Report – Draft Minutes of the Economic Development/UWEX meeting were provided. Mr. Righeimer presented the committee update; committee member reports were summarized. State trail passes generated more than \$4.2M last year.

County Administrator's Report -

A written report was provided in the packet and reviewed by Mr. Albarado.

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment – 7:36 pm

Next Meeting: December 21, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk