

**Minutes of the December 21, 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 – virtual	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	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
☐ vacant	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
☒ Chris Rusk – virtual	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
☒ Ed Peters – virtual	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, Carol Martin, Nicole Clapero, Jason Prince (emailed letter)

Appointments and Recognition –

2-year County Board of Canvass Appointment – A slate of candidates was provided for the next two-year term of County Board of Canvassers. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Kinsley to approve the appointments as presented. A voice vote was taken and passed without negative vote.

Recognition of Retiring Staff – HHS/Patty Dujardin – Mr. Albarado advised that Patty Dujardin is retiring with over 33 years of service. HHS will be hosting a tea on January 2nd that the Board and staff will be invited to.

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: November 14, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Buckholtz Second by: Mr. Savitski

Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz provided a review of the December Committee activities. He advised that they heard two rezone cases that will be heard in January. The department has surpassed land use permits again over last year.

Zone District Map Amendment RZN #23-012 JBT Properties LLC – Request to rezone 0.80 acres from Forestry-One to Ag-Two – A resolution and staff report were provided in the agenda regarding this request; the resolution passed at the November 15th Zoning Committee meeting. Mr. Kozlowski provided the introduction for the request. The Town of Round Lake approved the request at the town level. A motion as made by Ms. Hessel; second by Ms. Wilson to approve this request as presented. An electronic vote was taken and carried 12-0; “yes” votes from Bisonette, Wilson, Hessel, Righheimer, Savitski, Kinsley, Buckholtz, Shuman, Schleeter, Peters, Rusk and Helwig.

Public Safety Committee -

Chair Report – Draft Minutes of the December 7th and December 19th Special Public Safety Committee meetings were provided. There are three jury trials scheduled in December. Lynette Poppe retired from dispatch. The Public Safety Committee of December 19th voted down the take-home vehicle policy and decided to bring it back in January.

Ambulance Contract Approval – Town of Bass Lake – Mr. Albarado presented the proposed 2024 Town of Bass Lake Ambulance Contract. The contract amount of \$60/capita is being presented. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Savitski. An electronic vote was taken and passed 12-0; “yes” votes from Bisonette, Wilson, Hessel, Righheimer, Savitski, Kinsley, Buckholtz, Shuman, Schleeter, Peters, Rusk and Helwig.

Public Works Committee -

Chair Report – Draft Minutes of the December 13th Public Works meeting were provided. Mr. Kinsley reviewed highlights; the airport runway resurfacing is yet to be set. The highway is finishing up the storm damage cleanup and the roundabout on Hwy B/K will likely go forward.

New Hangar Lease – Korn, Clifton & Petrich, Gary – Mr. Albarado presented the new lease and resolution for Hangar owners Cliff Korn and Gary Petrich. The new lease will take effect on July 1, 2024, and the lease payment will be prorated accordingly. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Ms. Hessel to approve this lease and resolution. A voice vote was taken and passed without negative vote.

New Hangar Lease – Lois Lund– Mr. Albarado presented the new lease and resolution for Hangar owner Lois Lund. The new lease will take effect on September 1, 2024, and the lease payment will be prorated accordingly. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Kinsley to approve this lease request and Resolution. A voice vote was taken and passed without negative vote.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee --

Chair Report – Draft Minutes of the December 13th LWFR meeting were provided, and meeting highlights were reviewed by Mr. Peters. The Seeley Bike Race was approved. The wakesurfing resolution that was passed last month have now been sent to legislators and the other County Clerks.

Consider County Gravel Pit Siting/Development on County Land – Mr. Albarado presented the proposed new travel pit site on County Land; the request was approved at committee levels in December in both Public Works and LWFR. It must still be presented to Zoning and the Town of Round Lake. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Kinsley to approve the request and continue the application process for this 40-acre parcel. A voice vote was taken and passed without negative vote.

Health & Human Services Board --

Chair Report – Draft Minutes of the December 12th HHS meeting were provided. Dr. Malcom discussed RSV virus outbreak at LCO daycare and headstart. ADRC continues to receive a steady amount of phone calls and 16 staff members have been trained in dementia care.

Finance Committee -

Draft minutes of the December 14th Committee minutes were provided. The recent audit results were shared at committee and we received high marks once again. The capital improvement plan is on target. The funds in the Clerk of Courts account will now begin earning interest.

The 2024 HHS Proposed Fee Schedule was also presented for approval. Mr. Albarado advised this was approved in November at the HHS committee level; by approving this it will be included in the 2024 full fee schedule. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve this fee schedule. A voice vote was taken and passed without negative vote.

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee -

Chair Report – Draft Minutes of the Economic Development/UWEX meeting were provided. Mr. Righeimer advised that an agriculture presentation was made at Committee. The ATV Alliance survey is now open and riders can/should vote each time they ride the trails. The Birkie 50th anniversary is this coming year.

County Administrator's Report -

Mr. Albarado provided an overview of the proposed conversion to PTO and a copy was included in this packet. This policy has been presented at the Administration Committee where it was approved. He highlighted key points of the program. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Kinsley to postpone this topic until January. A roll call vote was taken and passed 9-3 with “yes” votes from Schleeter, Hessel, Bisonette, Savitski, Kinsley, Buckholtz, Peters, Helwig and Rusk; “no” votes from Shuman, Righeimer and Wilson.

A written report from the Administrator was also provided and reviewed. Closing out the 2023 year still look to be favorable in cost control and revenue generation. The airport Master Plan next public meeting will be late February 2024 and a final one later in the spring. We are considering a new vendor for the EMS public radio system.

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment – 7:54 pm

Next Meeting: January 18, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk