Minutes of the March 21, 2024, meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual

Voting Committee Members Present (X)	Roll Call	District	Wards
☒ Dale Schleeter	y	01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5
☒ Kay Wilson	n	02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1
☒ Tweed Shuman	y	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2
☒ Stacey Hessel	y	04	T Hayward W-3 & 4
☒ Jason Weaver	y	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
☒ Marc D. Helwig	y	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
☒ Thomas W. Duffy	y	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
☒ Marshal Savitski	y	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
☒ Brian Bisonette	y	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
☒ Chuck Van Etten	y	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
☒ Chris Rusk - virtual	y	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
☒ John Righeimer-virtual	y	12	T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W-2, T Winter W-1
☒ Ron Kinsley	n	13	T Hunter, T Radisson W-1, T-Ojibwa W-1, V Radisson
☒ Ron Buckholtz	y	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
☒ Ed Peters	n	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance– Chair Tweed Shuman called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Roll call was taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Savitski to move item #11 after public comment. Motion carried without negative vote

Public Comments – Cathy LaReau, Becky Sanderson, Joseph Schnering, Ann Swanson, Sherry Beckman, Terry Hogan, Tatum Treland-Schlapper, Jim Strandlund, Linda Zillmer, Doug Kurtzweil, Jim Bassett, Benjamin Kurtzweil, Dena Weldon, letters submitted by Amanda Wilson, Jim Taylor, MaryBeth Lind, Rolfe Hanson/Laura Rusk, Martin Hanson

Board Member Recognition – (Dale Schleeter, Ed Peters, Jason Weaver)

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 15, 2024
Motion to approve made by: Mr. Buckholtz Second by: Mr. Duffy
Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee -
Chair Report – Draft minutes of the February 16th zoning committee meeting were attached. The Committee continues to work through a multi-dwelling ordinance. The TRH Committee will meet next week with a draft ordinance which will need to move through Committees.

Zone District Map Amendment RZN #24-002 Moncel Storage LLC - Request to rezone approximately 24 acres from Forestry One (F-1) to Commercial One (C-1) -- Mr. Kozlowski presented a rezone request for Case #24-002, Moncel

Storage LLC; request to rezone approximately 24 acres from Forestry one to Commercial one. The property is located off Highway 63. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel to approve this request as presented; second by Mr. Buckholtz.

Public Works Committee -
Chair Report – Draft minutes of the March 13th meeting were provided. Maintenance is working with Legends Architects with the older portion of the courthouse. The airport Master Plan has held a public meeting and another is scheduled for this fall. All road bans are still on at this time.

Courthouse Remodeling Update --

ATV-UTV Ordinance Resolution Amendment --
A resolution amending the ATV/UTV Ordinance was presented by Mr. Albarado. The proposed amendment provides that all requests must be submitted by the Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance to be considered. Proof of request for recommendation (approval/denial/no preference/no action) from the local jurisdiction minutes, approving the road/route, must shall accompany the request. The highway department shall review such requests for county trunk highway route designations and make a recommendation to the County Public Works Committee. All route requests within the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation shall be provided to the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Council for their review and input prior to approval. The Public Works Committee shall review the ATV/UTV route request, including appropriate criteria for making a designation and make a decision recommending approval or denial of the request to the County Board. The resolution provides that the County Board shall make the final determination to approve or deny the request. approving or denying the request. A motion was made by Mr. Weaver; second by Mr. Helwig to allow the resolution to be heard on the floor. Bisonette, Hessel, Van Etten, Savitski, Kinsley, Buckholtz, Shuman, Schleeter, Helwig, Duffy, Weaver, Rusk and Righeimer. Mr. Schleeter left the meeting at 7:25 pm. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Weaver to approve the resolution as presented. An electronic vote was taken and passed 12-3 with “nay” votes from Kinsley, Winton and Peters; “yes” votes from Bisonette, Hessel, Van Etten, Savitski, Kinsley, Buckholtz, Shuman, Schleeter, Helwig, Duffy, Weaver, Rusk and Righeimer. Mr. Schleeter left the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Public Safety Committee -
Chair Report – A copy of the draft minutes from the March 7th meeting were provided. Diversion court assessments are beginning and the program is going well so far. Criminal court collections are up due to having an additional judge moving cases through. The Birkie went well; no safety issues. New Sheriff’s Department staff are beginning work shifts. An offer has been made for the new Code Enforcement specialist. The EMS new radio company has identified improvements that need to be made.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee --
Chair Report – A copy of the March 13th draft minutes were provided. Mr. Peters provided a review of the meeting, advising that an update on Daniels Law was given. ATV/UTV trails remain closed until frost levels allow opening. Timber sale revenue is on target. All dam inspection plans and maintenance has been updated; we are awaiting approval to proceed on Fishtrap Dam. LCO has started preparing for upcoming fish hatchery activity.

Release of Reserved Rights for Flowage Easements & Gravel Pits on a Parcel in the Town of Winter – Mr. Albarado reviewed the documents requesting release of rights. These requests come up periodically as property changes hands. The recommendation is to approve the Quit Claim Deed. A motion was made by Mr. Peters to approve the request; second by Mr. Helwig. An electronic vote was taken and passed 14-0.

2024 Recreational Trail Aids Resolution – The annual resolution for Outdoor Recreation Aids was presented by Mr. Albarado. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Ms. Wilson. A voice vote was taken and passed without negative vote. Mr. Shuman thanked Mr. Peters for his years of service.

Health & Human Services Board --

Chair Report – Draft minutes of the March 12th meeting were provided. Ms. Wilson provided the verbal report of the meeting providing current case program statistics. One case was referred to YouthJustice in January. The consortium is much busier this year than last. Mr. Schleeter was recognized by the HHS department for his years of service.

Finance Committee --
Chair Report – Draft minutes of the March 14th meeting were provided. Mr. Kinsley advised that the two new Sheriff's squads have arrived. Legal fees were reviewed and will remain as an agenda item.

Resolution Designating 2023 Fund Balance – Mr. Albarado presented the resolution to designate funds for the following items: $358,021.40 for Sales Tax Assigned and $355,673.09 for Ambulance. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Buckholtz. An electronic vote was taken and passed 14-0.

Resolution Establishing Salaries for Election Officials – Mr. Kinsley presented a Resolution to establish the next 4-year wages for the Elected Officials Treasurer, County Clerk, and Register of Deeds. Wages recommended were $70,491 in 2025, $72,253 in 2026, $74,060 in 2027 and $75,911 in 2028 based on a 40-hour work week. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Savitski. An electronic vote was taken and passed 14-0.

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee -
Draft minutes of the March 12th meeting were provided. Mr. Duffy advised that UWEX is starting a Strong Bodies class and LCO has expanded their elder care program, as well. An airport Master Plan update was provided to the Committee. The LCO Health Care Center construction is on schedule. The Birkie had over 11,000 skiers attend the event despite the lack of snow and change in activities, estimating an expenditure of over $3M.

County Administrator's Report -
Mr. Albarado presented the proposed County Supervisor Conflict of Interest/Disclosure Form that has gone through the Ethics and Administration Committees. It expands the number of questions required of Board members, elected officials and department heads. The document has been reviewed by legal counsel. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Ms. Hessel. A voice vote was taken and passed without negative vote.

Mr. Albarado provided a verbal report. The courthouse renovation is complete and a May 16th ribbon cutting/open house is being planned. The new Code Enforcement Specialist begins on April 8th. A grievance in the Sheriff's Department with Mr. Schick will be going to arbitration. A staff training day was held on March 6th and was well attended. Highway ordinances were updated last month. The TRH ad hoc committee will be meeting next week to present the proposed ordinance. He reviewed the County's role in running the airport and accepting federal funds for improvements. One new broadband grant was received for the Edgewater area. WCA will be offering a board training in May here in Hayward.

Other Topics for Discussion Only –

Adjournment – 8:07 pm

Next Meeting: April 16, 2024 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk