

**Minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
John Pinnow
Lynn Fitch
Derek Leslie
Tweed Shuman

Others Present:

Public speakers listed
below

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 –

Public Comments – Bob Longacre, Jim Strandlund, Jane Schroeder, Paul Pagal, Dale Olson, Kris Treland-Neumann, Harold Treland, Sherry Beckman, Nancy Schryer, read into record were emails from James Taylor and Mike Burkauskas

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: March 13, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Peters

Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided and included projects completed. It is expected that the department will be back in full capacity with no work restrictions in May.

Sawyer County Airport Report -

A written report was provided and reviewed. The airport was used heavily in the month of March for DNR activity, and road bans have thus far not seemed to affect business at the airport operations. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for April 16th in reference to the 2025 Runway Rehab project. Board members are invited to attend a seminar designed for airport owners, managers, board members, etc. on May 1-2 in Rothschild, Wisconsin.

Airport Master Plan Update – No updates; the next meeting will be this fall and the Plan will not come before County Board until 2025.

Highway Commissioner's Report -

A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Pinnow. A new County crew poster was developed. Crews were out a few times for snow/ice events, and the salt delivery will take place the end of April. They continue to brush STH 27 north; finished projects include CTH C and CTH F. The summer work schedule has started and staff are working Monday through Thursday 6a – 4p. Seasonal road bans were removed April 4th. They are gearing up for summer road crews in both staffing and training. Bids for asphalt and pavement marking were opened on March 28th at 3pm.

Asphalt and Pavement Bids – Written bid summaries were included in the packet. This included a bid for Type LT (regressed) warm mix asphalt at \$57.65/ton; Type LT (regressed) hot mix asphalt at \$57.40/ton; Type MT (regressed) warm mix asphalt at \$61.95 and Type LT (regressed) hot mix asphalt at \$60.70/ton. We have historically used MT hot mix. Pavement bid came in at \$.32/foot epoxy paint.

ATV/UTV Road Routes – A summary of ATV Routes requests for a May open was presented and included in the packet; this does not include reservation routes. He has met with Sheriff's department members regarding concerns

for any of these routes and they had no concerns at that time. The Alliance intends to formally request these routes to be opened at the May Public Works meeting. The Alliance has sent a letter to the affected towns and LCO regarding their intent. Mr. Helwig provided an overview of the recently passed Resolution that affords the Alliance the opportunity to move requests forward to the County level after presenting at the Town level.

Courtroom Remodeling Update -

A security development work team is being developed for creating a security plan for County staff. Team members are mandated by State statute. May 20th is their first meeting. We have one invoice that is yet to be received; the open house/ribbon cutting is on May 16th.

Future Agenda Items – ATV/UTV Route renewal requests; Airport Master Plan

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings –

Adjournment: 7:21 pm

Next Meeting: May 8, 2024 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk