

**Minutes of the April 16, 2024, meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting
Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee Members Present (X)	Roll Call	District	Wards
☒ Steve Kariainen		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
☒ Randy Neumann		05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
☒ Marc D. Helwig		06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
☒ Thomas W. Duffy		07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
☒ Marshal Savitski-virtual		08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
☒ Brian Bisonette		09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
☒ Chuck Van Etten		10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
☒ Jeff Hoehne		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
☒ John Suralski		15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance— County Clerk Lynn Fitch 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.

Oath of Office – The Honorable Judge Isham performed the Oath of Office ceremony.

Election of Officers -

Chair – Ms. Roeker of Atolles Law provided a review of board policies, statutes and Roberts Rules of Order as they apply to remote voting for a silent vote. A motion was made by Mr. Righeimer; second by Ms. Hessel to allow a silent vote via text messaging by Mr. Savitski. A voice vote was taken and carried without negative vote. Motions for the position of Chair were opened by the County Clerk. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to nominate Mr. Shuman as Chair; a motion was made by Ms. Hessel to nominate Mr. Kinsley. Each candidate was provided three minutes to speak to the audience. Silent ballots were cast and collected and the votes resulted as follows: 6 ballots for Mr. Shuman; 9 ballots for Mr. Kinsley, and Mr. Kinsley assumes the position of Chair.

Nominations for the position of Vice Chair were opened to the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman to nominate Mr. Buckholtz; a motion was made by Mr. Righeimer to nominate Ms. Hessel. Each candidate was provided three minutes to speak to the audience. A silent vote was taken and Mr. Buckholtz earned 8 votes and Ms. Hessel 7 votes. Mr. Buckholtz assumes the role of Vice Chair.

Adoption of Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Policy and Procedure Manual -

Mr. Kinsley presented the current Board Policies last amended and adopted on September 15, 2022. This policy was created eight years ago and has been amended several times. A motion was made by Mr. Righeimer; second by Mr. Buckholtz. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments --

Board of Supervisors Committee Overview -

Mr. Albarado presented a slide presentation with an overview of board procedures and committees. A copy will be attached to the packet. He briefly reviewed the board policies and role of a County Supervisor. The process of developing and the purpose of ordinances and resolutions was reviewed. Advisement against participating in a *walking quorum* was explained. There are seven standing committees and one board established, and each was reviewed as to mission, composition and jurisdiction.

Elected Officials County Board Packet and Document Completion --

Clerk Fitch presented board members with a packet of required documents that were reviewed, some signed and returned to complete the process of assigning committees and personnel paperwork.

Zoning Committee Appointment --

Mr. Kinsley presented the recommendation to appoint a temporary zoning committee group so that the regular Zoning meeting can be held this week. The five members who were most recently on the committee would be appointed for the short-term. The members include Buckholtz, Righeimer, Wilson, Shuman and Hessel. Mr. Kariainen volunteered to be alternate. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman; second by Ms. Hessel to approve these six individuals for this temporary appointment. A voice vote was taken and carried without negative vote.

Other Topics for Discussion Only –

Adjournment – 7:43 pm

Next Meeting: April 25, 2024 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk