

**Minutes of the April 25, 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		08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
☒ Brian Bisonette		09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
☒ Chuck VanEtten		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— Chair Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken; quorum was met. Mr. Kinsley thanked Mr. Shuman for serving as Chair for the past six years.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments --

Appointment/Reappointment of Board and Public Members to Boards, Commissions and Committees -

Standing Committee Board Appointments – A presentation of recommended appointments was shared and reviewed by Mr. Albarado. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman to accept the appointments for all committees as presented; second by Mr. Righeimer. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Albarado reminded board members that attendance at the outside committees, boards and commissions so that good information can be exchanged.

Authorized Signers Change on Checks-

A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the signature change; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: March 21, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Duffy Second by: Mr. Helwig
Motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: April 16, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Righeimer Second by: Mr. Duffy
Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz advised that the committee heard two rezone requests and approved two conditional use permits. They continue to work through an ordinance for multi-dwelling units.

Zone District Map Amendment RZN #24-003 Kenneth & Janelle Disher - Request to rezone 40 acres from Forestry One (F-1) to Residential One (R-1) – This request was presented by Mr. Kozlowski; he introduced himself and provided a brief review of his role as Zoning Administrator and the department functions. Over the past four years the department has continue to see increases in requests each year. He reviewed the rezone request that has been approved at the Town of Hayward board meeting, and a motion was made by Mr. Shuman to approve the request as presented; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried 14:1 with one “nay” vote from Ms. Wilson.

Zone District Map Amendment RZN #24-004 Jeffrey Hunt - Request to rezone approximately 1.308 acres from Residential One (R-1) to Commercial One (C-1) – Mr. Kozlowski reviewed this request that would be for an auto repair shop. This request was denied at the Town of Draper board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to deny this request; second by Ms. Wilson. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz advised that the judge security work group is starting back up. The jail will be offering training on dementia and medications. Individual department reports were provided. The new ambulance billing software is now in use.

Public Works Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley advised that the airport Master Plan will be coming to a public meeting this fall. The Highway Department is beginning summer road repair and looking at alternatives for long-term road repairs. He reminded everyone that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be May 16th.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Helwig reported that the Seeley Lions Pre-Fat Mountain Bike Race was approved. Land Records completed 13 CSMs in March. The Alliance continues to work on trail repair for opening season. The DNR department indicates that timber sales remain steady. The LCO fish hatchery project was temporarily put on hold due to snow at that time.

Health and Human Services Board --

Chair Report – Ms. Wilson reported that the Senior Resource Center was nominated for a \$10,000 award and, if awarded would be used for Meals on Wheels. The ADRC has been busy with referrals, and all other HHS departments are continuing to see increases in program inquiries. Caseload statistics were shared. There has been an increase in measles but no cases reported in Wisconsin yet. Narcan and fentanyl training continues in the community. The TRH ordinance was discussed and will be back on the May agenda.

Finance Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley advised that sales tax funds remain strong. The budget appears to be in line with both revenue and expenses. The investment report was reviewed.

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Duffy reported that the Fair fundraiser will be in June. The economic development group said they are continuing to work on the housing shortage issue. HLVCB staff went to Lake Geneva for the tourism conference. Library programs for Hayward and Winter were identified.

Administrator's Report -

A written report was provided and highlights were reviewed by Mr. Albarado. Several job offers have been made for positions that are open and interviews for others are ongoing. The grievance tentative date for an arbitration meeting has been scheduled. The TRH ordinance will be on the May meeting and a public hearing will be held at the HHS board meeting. The 2025 runway surfacing project is on the timeline now, and the personal property tax elimination that took place will require a change in how we assign taxes to the hangar lease holders. The bathroom situation at the Ojibwa ambulance station was investigated and proposed solutions are still being reviewed. The EDC is working on a business incubation project with LCO; they also did a housing study that is being presented to area stakeholders. The broadband BEAD maps to identify areas that are underserved should be coming out in the next week, and the private sector can then challenge the maps on whether they feel the maps classify areas appropriately. Treatment court is beginning to get more referrals. The 2025 budget discussion has started; spring forestry bids open April 26th. GenComm has now completed a radio assessment which was presented at the Public Safety meeting; achieving our desired coverage will require a significant financial investment. Carbon credit revenue will likely not be available until 2026.

Other Topics for Discussion Only –

Adjournment – 7:13 pm

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