

**Minutes of the August 7, 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
- ☒ Vice Chair: Marc Helwig
- ☒ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☐ Brian Bisonette

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
John Pinnow
Lynn Fitch

Others Present:

Public speakers listed
below

Call to Order – Chair 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 –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: July 10, 2024

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

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided by Mr. Hagberg identifying courthouse projects. Barefoot Painters has been onsite cleaning and prepping the outside of the courthouse and are anticipating having the building painted the first week of August.

Sawyer County Airport Report -

A written report was provided. Mr. Albarado advised that the airport remains busy and we are on target for a spring 2025 shutdown for construction, though we do not have the bids for the runway project yet. He will follow up on the next public meeting for the Master Plan discussion. The equipment used for snow removal and who completes the removal will be reviewed over the next year. There are no updates regarding airport contract renewal at this time.

Highway Commissioner's Report -

A written report of highway projects and activity was provided and reviewed by Mr. Pinnow. A resolution endorsing the Safe Streets for All Initiative to receive funding was presented by Mr. Albarado and Mr. Pinnow. The goal of this resolution is that Sawyer County Highway Department will continue to work collaboratively to identify, prioritize, and fund projects toward eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig and forward to the County Board; second by Mr. Van Etten. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Pinnow reported on a meeting he had with the tribal governing board on more partnering opportunities in both activity and funding.

Outside Committee Updates -

Mr. Neumann advised that the NoRTAC meeting wants to see some tightening up of the funding disbursements, and they plan to lobby for some additional funds to be released by state legislators. Mr. Albarado and Mr. Pinnow also attended a quarterly towns meeting and made a presentation on projects throughout the County.

Future Agenda Items – Airport Contract and Master Plan

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings –

Adjournment: 6:55 pm

Next Meeting: September 11, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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