

**Minutes of the August 22, 2024 meeting of the Sawyer County
Tourist Rooming House Sub Committee
Board; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee Members Present (X)

- ☒ Ginny Chabek – Chair Y
- ☒ Phil Nies – Vice Chair Y
- ☐ Tweed Shuman
- ☐ Stacey Hessel Y
- ☒ Marshal Savitski Y
- ☐ Jim Tiffany
- ☒ Jon Vollmers – N
- ☒ Cheryl Treland Y
- ☒ CJ Damanske Y
- ☒ Martin Hanson N
- ☐ Ryan Cari
- ☒ Laura Rusk Y

Others Present

- ☒ Lynn Fitch
- ☒ Jay Kozlowski - virtual
- ☒ Eric Wellauer
- ☒ Matt McKay
- ☒ Julia Lyons
- ☐ Doug Mrotek
- ☒ Andy Albarado
- ☐ Brian DeVries
- ☐ Rick Peters
- ☒ Julie McCallum

Others Present

Rebecca Roeker - virtual

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance– Chair Chabek called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Roll call was taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments – Dave Stier, Brian Gillmer, Mary Stivey, Kay Ryan, Linda Zillmer, Mary Seitz letter, Doug Kurtzweil, Frank Zufall

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: July 31, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Hessel Second by: Ms. Treland

Motion carried to accept the minutes with the correction of DJ Damanske to CJ Damanske, without negative vote.

Update to Committee on Changes Made to the Draft Ordinance Based on Member Feedback-

Ms. Chabek reviewed the process of review and revision that took place since the last meeting. A compromise and balance have been the goal of the work group. Areas of balance include water protection, staff workload, owner/renter/neighbor balances.

Draft Ordinance -

Mr. McKay reviewed the proposed edits to the ordinance, as is it was offered on the overhead view of the document. Text highlighted in green shows “new” verbiage in the document.

Section 14-4-9 included new license and signage posting requirements. Ms. Roeker provided a review of case law that may affect this section. Additional guidance on where to place the signs will be included in the education piece. A change was made in Section D. to list “200” feet for notification instead of the previous “100” and a copy of the letter will be required to go to the County Health Officer.

Section 14-4-11(3) included new language to include bedroom occupancy of “plus two (2)” to determine maximum occupancy. Clarification on whether this means per bedroom or per facility is needed.

Section 14-4-3(F) In *Calls for Service*, the number of calls that would invoke revocation was changed from five or more in one calendar year to “three or more within three months”.

Section 14-4-14(C) includes new language to the following effect: “Revocation of a License. Sawyer County Health & Human Services shall provide notification to each owner of real property within 200 feet of the perimeter of a TRH Property should a TRH license be revoked.” Annual notification of licensing renewal will be required by the TRH owner to the adjacent property owners.

Ms. Chabek provided the following summary – The notification placard shall require the owner/agent name, address, phone, email, county complaint email address and occupancy. The annual renewal letter shall be sent to property owners within 300 feet (determined by a raise of committee members hands). On the recommended change in Section 14-4-11(3), a show of hands was taken; a majority chose the language for two plus two (2) per facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Nies send the revised ordinance with the approved changes to the HHS department; second by CJ Damanske. A roll call vote was taken and passed 7:2 with “yes” votes from Chabek, Nies, Hessel, Savitski, Treland, Damanske and Rusk; “no” votes from Hanson and Vollmers.

Ongoing Public Education & Participation on the Rollout -

Lake Associations’ Role – Ms. Chabek requested that the group consider some future sharing of lake association rules with renters.

Future Agenda Items –

Adjournment – 11:22 pm

Next Meeting:

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

Time:

Location: Board Room