

**Minutes of the October 9, 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
Liz Klein
Derek Leslie
Karl Kemper
Mike Dmyterko

Public Speakers:

Gina Capelle
Ron Ulmer
Wayne Williamson
Andrea Wittwer
Frank Zufall
Lisa Williamson
Wendy Schryer
Ben Kurtzweil
Delvin Weaver
Jean Friske
Linda Zillmer

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 – Set

Airport Master Plan- Public Information Session #2-

Mr. Albarado introduced Mike Dmyterko, who presented the revised Sawyer County Airport Master Plan. Potential revisions include closing a portion of Airport Road, shifting the runway to the north and east away from residents, and new hangar construction to meet growing demand.

Airport Master Plan Public Comments –

Public comment followed (see list). Mr. Dmyterko, Mr. Kemper, Mr. Leslie, and Mr. Albarado answered questions.

Consideration of Master Plan Alternative-

Discussion of FAA plan funding and consideration of revisions to accommodate citizen requests and concerns followed. Motion to move forward with the revised Master Plan and recommend to Sawyer County Board by Mr. Neumann, second by Mr. Van Etten; motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments- None

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Motion to approve made by Mr. Neumann, second by Mr. Van Etten; motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided by Mr. Hagberg identifying ongoing courthouse projects.

Highway Commissioner's Report -

A written and verbal report of highway projects and activity was provided by Mr. Pinnow. Brushing, crack sealing, paving, mowing and County C bridge work continue. The bridge work is on track for November 6 completion. An ARIP grant for \$6.8M (90%/10% funds match) was submitted for Hwy C between State Hwy 48 and Hwy 27. A meeting is upcoming to discuss cooperative projects with LCO TGB using Tribal funding. New roofs are currently being installed on the county's three salt sheds.

Sawyer County Airport Report-

A report on airport traffic, increased fuel sales and the WAMC aviation conference was provided by Mr. Leslie.

Ron Korthals Hangar Sale – Following discussion, an Amendment to Sawyer County Airport Hangar Area Lease was approved for recommendation to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors on a motion by Mr. Van Etten, second Mr. Neumann; motion carried without negative vote.

A Resolution Waiving Right of First Refusal and Approving Assignment of Lease from Ron Korthals to James Robert Fox was considered for recommendation to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors. Motion to approve by Mr. Van Etten, second by Mr. Neumann; motion carried without negative vote.

Closed Session

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) to enter closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Airport Manager Contract: a motion was made to enter closed session at 8:38 pm by Mr. Van Etten; second by Mr. Neumann. A roll call vote was taken and carried 3:0 with “yes” votes from Neumann, Van Etten, and Kinsley. At 8:56 pm a motion was made by Mr. Van Etten, second by Mr. Neumann to leave closed session. Motion carried without negative vote. No action was taken in closed session.

Open Session

The committee returned to open session. Mr. Neumann moved to approve an Amendment and Reinstatement of Airport Management Agreement for an additional five year period, with the same contract terms with the exception of new compensation terms as presented. Second by Mr. Van Etten. Motion carried without negative vote.

Board Appointed Committee Updates - None

Future Agenda Items – Forthcoming

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Adjournment: 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: November 6, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, Elected Officials Deputy