

**Minutes of the February 12, 2025 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
- ☒ Jim Evans

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
John Pinnow
Liz Klein
Derek Leslie

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

Public Comments- None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: January 8, 2025

Motion to approve by: Mr. Helwig

Second by: Mr. Neumann

Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided by Mr. Hagberg. Mr. Albarado reviewed work done in 2024 including post-construction exterior Courthouse and grounds improvements, heating and cooling, upgrades on the Transitions building and Hayward ambulance station, and interior Courthouse work on the offices for Justice Point and Child Support.

Sawyer County Airport Report-

A written report was provided and Mr. Leslie updated the committee on grants received for \$510,000 of snow removal equipment (5% match by Sawyer County). The runway project will start in May after the road weight restrictions are lifted; it will affect airport revenues, but \$50-60,000 are expected to be recouped from the millings of the old asphalt.

Highway Commissioner's Report -

A Resolution for an Ordinance to establish the term of the Sawyer County Highway Commissioner was approved for sending on the County Board on a motion by: Mr. Helwig

Second by: Mr. Van Etten

Motion carried without negative vote.

A written report of activity was provided and reviewed by Mr. Pinnow. Ongoing projects include snow and ice removal, brushing, shop work, making a list of county bridges for federal funding, employee reviews, working with Town of Winter on handling the Thornapple Grade bridge, applying for a FLAP grant for Cty S and Cty GG, and attending the WTA meeting to discuss the county taking back the LRIP grant process. An upcoming electrical safety course will be offered by Jump River Electric.

County Single Trip Permit Fee Application was discussed-

Motion to approve the County Single Trip Application Fee of \$25.00 by: Mr. Van Etten

Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote.

Town of Sand Lake Gravel Crushing and royalty rates-

Town of Sand Lake has requested permission to crush gravel at the county-owned Sissabagama pit.

Motion to set the royalty rate at \$1.50/yd by: Mr. Van Etten Second by: Mr. Neumann

Motion carried without negative vote.

Town of Sand Lake Letter of Agreement-

Motion to approve the Agreement Letter by: Mr. Van Etten Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

Town of Winter- Request for Assistance for a Temporary Bridge-

Mr. Pinnow presented a letter from Town of Winter requesting county assistance for a temporary bridge on Thornapple Grade. The old bridge was rated unsafe in a recent inspection and closed. This road provides access to a large block of county forest and recreational traffic. The estimated cost of purchasing, transporting and setting a 2017 14' x 60' bridge structure is \$140,000. Mr. Albarado suggested the county could purchase and reuse the bridge in the future at a cost of \$85,000, with the remaining \$55,000 to be paid by Town of Winter. Excess 2024 stumpage revenues could be accessed for funding.

Motion to purchase the temporary bridge for \$85,000 by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote.

Board Appointed Committee Updates – None

Future Agenda Items – None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Adjournment: 7:08 PM

Next Meeting: March 12, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk