

Chief River Bridge Funding Resolution
Supported by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the Chief River Bridge is an 84-foot-long, three span, timber bridge that is located on County Road B at Chief River in Sawyer County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Department of Transportation ("WisDOT") advised that all timber bridges be evaluated for increased load limits; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County was given a recommendation by WisDOT to post the bridge at a maximum of 35 tons; and

WHEREAS, County Road B is a major strategic east/west route for commerce in Sawyer County and the current bridge posting is restricting the use of this bridge by creating a choke point for any loads over 70,000 pounds, thus causing an impediment to freight movement; and

WHEREAS, the current sufficiency rating for this bridge (93.6) does not make it eligible for funding under WisDOT's Local Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for replacement for this structure is approximately \$666,650.00, which is not economically feasible for Sawyer County to undertake solely with local funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sawyer County Public Works Committee recommends to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors urge WisDOT, the Governor and Legislature to provide funding for the replacement of the Chief River Bridge so legal load limits can be hauled over the Chief River Bridge, thereby creating an economic route for freight hauling in Sawyer County.

Furthermore, the Sawyer County Public Works Committee recommends to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors direct the Sawyer County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, by the Sawyer County Public Works Committee, this 10th day of October 2018.

Ron Kinsley (signature)

Marc Helwig (signature)

Helen Dennis (signature)

Kathy McCoy (signature)

Ron Buckholtz (signature)

Adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors on this 18th day of October, 2018

Tweed Shuman, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman