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Agenda

Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee meeting
April 10, 2017; 8:30 a.m.
Assembly Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

01. Meeting agenda
02. Minutes of March 6, 2017 meeting
03. Audience recognition
04. Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association report
05. Broadband
 - Update by Don Semler from Broadband Committee
06. University of Wisconsin-Extension Department report
 - Family Living Programs - Lori Baltrusis
07. Hayward Area Visitors and Convention Bureau report
08. Economic Development Corporation report
09. Other matters for discussion only

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WOJB, Hayward Library, and Village of Winter for posting on Thursday, April 6, 2017,
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Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
March 6, 2017; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Tom Duffy, Bruce Paulsen, Brian Bisonette, James Schlender

Others present: Don Semler, Frank Zufall, Ron Kubarek, Lori Laberee, John Saunders, Tom Hoff, Quinn Fierstein, Linda Zillmer, Doug Mrotek, Jeff Dietrick arrived at 8:50

Motion by Bisonette, 2nd by Paulsen to approve the minutes of the February 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Fair Board Director Ron Kubarek advised the Committee that they has their social in January and made around \$6,000, their bills are paid in full and they are working on additional fundraising. All of the entertainment has been hired for the family tent for the 2018 fair and they have three rentals of the fairgrounds for weddings so far this year. Lori Laberee advised the committee that the yearly agreement between the fair board and UW Extension was sent for their review.

Broadband Committee member Don Semler updated the Committee on the CenturyLink rollout. They are still on schedule to be done by the end of March. The maps of coverage are still not available, but once they are, there is a possibility of grant funds that will allow holes in the coverage to be corrected. AT&T is doing an interesting pilot where they are putting transmitters and receivers on existing telephone poles and providing broadband that way. Brief discussion on services Charter provides as well.

UW Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent Lori Laberee provided a nEXT Generation update to the Committee. UW Extension will be going from 72 department heads down to 23 and is still not sure how this will divide out. New agreements will be developed with the Counties and changes are expected to begin July 2017 and be complete by January 2018. Ms. Laberee continues working with 4-H, is working with Sawyer County Public Health Supervisor Eileen Simak on a project involving students and is working with Amber Morrow with LCO Extension regarding after school programming.

Jeff Dietrich reviewed Housing program information with the Committee, is working with the City of Hayward regarding a FEMA grant to eradicate flood zones or homes in the City, and advised that there is a new READI program that will focus on Economic Development, Housing and Job Training and could be a regional implementation.

John Saunders was present regarding the Master Plan. Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Bisonette to approve the master plan. Motion carried. Brief discussion regarding the Master Plan, funding and implementation.

Don Semler updated the Committee on Economic Development Corporation. They are getting more board members, and have established eight (8) standing committees.

Tom Duffy advised that of the 11,000 skiers registered for the Birkie, 8,500 bibs were picked up even though the race was cancelled and Fat Tire is the weekend of March 11, 2017.

Motion by Paulsen, 2nd by Bisonette to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Rose Lillyroot