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Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

February, 6, 2017, 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Bruce Paulsen, Brian Bisonette, Marc Helwig, James Schlender

Others present Tom Hoff, Don Semler, John Saunders, Ruthe Batulis, Lori Laberee, Ariga Grigoryan, Janet Clark, Carol Williamson, Frank Zufall, Linda Zilmer

Supervisor Bruce Paulsen called the meeting to order.

Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisonette, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting. Motion carried

Northern Wisconsin Regional Director, Service Academics Director, Janet Clark introduced herself. Clark is a representative from Senator Ron Johnson's office. Clark can assist residents with DNR and IRS issues, DC tour information and tickets, and flags.

Broadband Committee member Don Semler reported on broadband upgrades in Sawyer County. CenturyLink first phase upgrades continue and should be completed as scheduled no later than March, 2017.

Economic Development Agent Ariga Grigoryan reported on leadership workshops available through UW-Extension. Three leadership sessions are held twice a year. Grigoryan and Lori Baltrusis are certified trainers for Real Colors. Real Colors is a personality assessment tool that provides skills to understand human behavior. It helps teams and organizations discover their strengths and weaknesses and learn how to work together.

Bike/Ped Committee member John Saunders will address the Master Plan at the March meeting.

Supervisor Bruce Paulsen provided a report from the Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Economic Development Corporation and a list of the Board of Directors. President Semler will meet with board members on priorities and the board's primary focus. The Board will offer consultation on marketing and business planning. UW-Extension also provides small business development assistance.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Sawyer County Clerk Carol Williamson