

minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee  
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
May 5, 2014; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Committee Members Present: Dean Pearson, Bill Voight, Warren Johnson, Tom Duffy, Tweed Shuman

Others Present: Lori Baltrusis, Lisa Wydra, Kris Mayberry, Hal Helwig, Chuck Aubart, John Saunders, Linda Graham, Ron Petit, Sherry Beckman, Anna Kurth

County Clerk Mayberry called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

#### Election of Committee Officers

Dean Pearson nominated Tom Duffy as Chair for the Economic Development and Ag and Extension Committee. Bill Voight moved to approve and close the nominations, seconded by Warren Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tweed Shuman nominated Dean Pearson as Vice Chair for the Economic Development and Ag and Extension Committee and Warren Johnson nominated Bill Voight. Pearson deferred to Voight. Johnson moved to close then nominations and nominate Voight, seconded by Shuman. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Agenda

Item agenda #12 Winter Depot will be moved up to #10. Warren Johnson would like to discuss moving all Ag/Extension items up as far as possible on the agenda every month to enable them to get back to duties as soon as possible. Moved by Shuman, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Minutes

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Pearson to approve the Economic Development minutes from the March 10, 2014 and Ag/Extension minutes from the April 8, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Audience Recognition - None.

#### Sawyer County Ag. Fair Association

Chuck Aubart reported in President Ron Kubarek's absence. Kubarek was voted in for another term as President. Aubart stated that the Fairgrounds made it through the tough winter just fine, roof was put on the swine building and now there will be some pavement going on due to funding from the Lion's. The Fair Board will be looking for additional funding to complete pavement in the food vendor area.

Next event at Fairgrounds will be Dairy Breakfast on the weekend of Musky Festival in June. Poorman's Racing will also start that same day at 11 a.m. There is a gentleman interested in starting a yard sale/flea market at the Grounds and plans to have the first one that day as well. Habitat Humanity will be there in July and two family reunions. The Fair is scheduled for August and is set with the calendar of events for 2014. Bulls and Barrels event at the Fair this year, possibly a Car show next year.

#### Agent Report

Lori Baltrusis introduced herself and gave a brief overview of UW-Extension, as well as a review of her Family Living programming in Sawyer County. Baltrusis requests that the committee forward any ideas to her of potential partnering in the community to extend her educational opportunities.

#### WACEC

Packet of information was presented to the committee for their participation in the upcoming June workshop in Eau Claire.

## NWRPC

Helwig brought forward information for the committee, such as Economic Development information he would like Mayberry to give to CNRED agent Ariga Grigoryan, as well as a Resolution for Partnership Planning grant that he would like to go to County Board. Discussion of a national heritage resolution around the St. Croix and Namekagon area.

## Hayward Area Visitor and Convention Bureau Report

HAVCB will continue to present quarterly. Sherry Beckman was present and reported two good solid years of increased tourism. For every dollar that is spent on advertising, six dollars come back to the area. Beckman reminds the committee that a nomination for membership on ITBEC is needed; item will be on next month's agenda.

## Winter Depot Project

Ron Petit reported and gave update on the Winter Depot Project. Pearson asks the status of the project; the design process is done and ready for review, anticipate construction starting June 1. Total construction costs are covered. Has deadline of one year for completion. Mayberry will be attending phone conference tomorrow. Moved to approve by Pearson for Clerk Mayberry to issue an updated letter of support for the Depot to the DNR, seconded by Shuman. Motion carried.

## Hayward Tree Nursery

Mayberry stated there is nothing new to report. Shuman asks that the County arrange for a tour of the State Nursery. Item will be kept on agenda.

## Hayward Farmer's Market

Linda Graham, member of the Farmer's Market board gave brief update. President Bev Thompson is unable to attend. Members of the board include Graham, Thompson, Dorothy Mullet, Al Subera and Dawn Stutelberg. Location of market this year will be across the parking lot at the Co-op. The board is currently working on semi-permanent signage; open every Monday from 12-4, second week of June through September. Also looking for more vendors as well as different presentation ideas to make it more of an event and destination.

Recreation Trails Report - Brief update from Mayberry – nothing new to report.

## Approval of Vouchers

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Shuman to approve vouchers. Motion carried.

Approval of Out-of-County Travel - None.

## Any Other Business

John Saunders asks if the bike trails will continue to be a part of this committee. Update on the Bike Trail will be on next month's agenda.

Telemark update – Sawyer County continues to try to trade property with Telemark. Duffy asks that we revisit the issue of a joint meeting with Bayfield County. Helwig met new Chair of Bayfield County Board and the new chair is anxious for the counties to meet.

Grant for traffic study in Hayward to better utilize traffic flow during the Birkie was received and will be done this summer. CAMBA is also moving trailheads off Telemark property.

## Adjourn

Moved by Shuman, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Brunner-Stroede, Recorder