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Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
May 7, 2018; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Tom Duffy, Bruce Paulsen, Troy Morgan, James Schlender (arrived 8:42)

Others present: Lori Baltrusis, Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Don Mrotek, Sherry Beckman, Ariga Grigoryan, John Saunders, Lisa Wydra, Mike Coleson, Linda Zillmer

Previous Committee Chair Tom Duffy called the meeting to order at 8:30.

County Clerk Carol Williamson called for nominations for Committee Chair. Paulsen nominated Duffy. Motion by Morgan, 2nd by Paulsen, to cast a unanimous ballot for Duffy. Motion carried

Chair Duffy called for nominations for Vice Chair. Paulsen nominated Morgan. Motion by Paulson, 2nd by Duffy, to cast a unanimous ballot for Morgan, Motion carried.

Motion by Paulsen, 2nd by Morgan to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting. Motion carried

WNEP Coordinator Lisa Wydra presented a letter of support for Food Wise to County Administrator Tom Hoff. Two thousand contacts were made from October 2017 to March 2018. Food Wise is a federally funded program. Sawyer County shares 215,000 with Burnett County.

Extension Director Lori Baltrusis provided the May report and introduced Sky Holt, the new 4-H Youth and Families Educator. An Early Childhood Tribal Symposium is May 16 and 17 at Lac Courte Oreilles Casino, Lodge, and Conference Center.

Community Natural Resource Economic Development Agent Ariga Grigoryan informed the committee on an event June 5 & 6. Extension staff will partner with LCO on a Native American Task Force with the DNR. Seventy-five representatives from multiple counties will attend.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Executive Director Sherry Beckman informed the committee the HLVCB is celebrating their 65th anniversary of promoting the Hayward Lakes Area on May 9 with an open house from 10 am –Noon. It is National Travel Week. Beckman is a county representative on ITBEC. The Committee discussed the room tax and possible ways to encourage municipalities to participate.

John Saunders updated the Committee on the local bike trails. The LCO trail is the only project with construction this summer.

Supervisor Paulsen informed the Committee Lynn Fitch is the new president for the Economic Development Corporation. Other members elected to the Economic Development Corporation are Troy Morgan, Craig Olson, and Desmond Bennett. The corporation received a \$5,000 grant for place making.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson