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Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee  
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
June 11, 2018; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Tom Duffy, Elaine Nyberg, Troy Morgan, James Schlender (arrived 8:42)

Others present: Lori Baltrusis, Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Don Mrotek, Sherry Beckman, Ken Pearson, Lynn Fitch, John Saunders, Linda Zillmer, Frank Zufall

Motion by Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nyberg, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting. Motion carried

Extension Director Lori Baltrusis suggested the Committee take 15 minutes at the July meeting to discuss needs and priorities.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Executive Director Sherry Beckman provided a report to the Committee and a letter to the County Board regarding funding and room tax. The Committee discussed how the Room Tax creates additional funding for the municipalities. Town of Hunter implemented the Room Tax effective May 1, 2018. The Sawyer County Board passed a Resolution in support of a Room Tax in Sawyer County.

The County can have two representatives on the Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Board. Administrator Hoff will appoint Don Mrotek to sit on the Board. This will be on the June County Board agenda.

Ken Pearson from Northwest Regional Planning provided a written report to the Committee and reviewed loan programs available in Sawyer County.

Lynn Fitch for the Sawyer County/LCO Economic Development Corporation provided three handouts and updated the Committee on various projects underway. The EDC is looking for an individual with strong technical and research skills to do a countywide housing study. The study will take approximately three months and there are grants available. The EDC is sponsoring Business After Five on August 23 at Beehive Botanicals. The EDC is all volunteers.

John Saunders reported on local bike trails. The LCO trail is on schedule for completion in July.

Meeting adjourned

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