

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee  
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
July 9, 2018; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Elaine Nyberg, Troy Morgan, James Schlender

Others present: Lori Baltrusis, Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Sherry Beckman, Ariga Grigoryan, Chuck Aubart, Linda Zillmer, Frank Zufall

Vice Chair Morgan called the meeting to order 8:34 (started late due to CJCC meeting running over)

Supervisor James Schlender requested to introduce and hear from Lac Courte Oreilles College President Dr. Swagger during Public Comments. Dr. Swagger addressed the Committee regarding the LCO College and thanked the committee for the opportunity.

Motion by Nyberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schlender, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018 meeting. Motion carried

Chuck Aubart reported to the Committee on the Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association. The 2018 Fair is August 23-26.

Community Natural Resource Economic Development Agent Ariga Grigoryan updated the Committee regarding 2018 Cleansweep. Household Hazardous waste collection is July 28, 2018 at the County Highway Department on County Road B 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and at the Spider Lake Recycling Center on Town Hall Road from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. NWRP can accept items in Spooner year round.

Extension Director Lori Baltrusis asked the Committee "What do you see as major needs now and going forward?" The Committee replied with: Why people don't work, Parenting, Education; Affordable-Appropriate Housing; Tourism; Businesses; Needing Employees that pass drug test; Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Efficiency of Data Gathering and use; Strategic Planning; New Farming practices; budgeting; homemakers. The Committee asked Baltrusis what services are available from UW Extension.

The Committee discussed the letter from the UW Extension, Cooperative Extension, Dean and Director Karl Martin regarding the 2019 and 2020 budget.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Executive Director Sherry Beckman and the Committee discussed the possibility of having a second Sawyer County representative on the Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau. The Sawyer County Board Rules list one County Board Supervisor as representative on the HLVCB. Motion by Nyberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schlender, to recommend a change to the board rules to allow the County Administrator appoint two members, one of whom should be a board member. Motion carried

Ken Pearson from Northwest Regional Planning provided a written report to the Committee.

Supervisor Morgan provided a report from the Economic Development Corporation.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Executive Director Sherry Beckman reported on behalf of John Saunders. The LCO bike Trail is staked and graded. There are no final plans for a connecting route between CTH B and the trail that ends at the casino parking lot.

Meeting Adjourned 10:08

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson