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Agenda
Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee meeting
January 11; 8:30 a.m.
Assembly Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

01. Meeting agenda
02. Minutes of December 7, 2015 meeting
03. Audience recognition
04. John Saunders proposal for Citizen Advisory Committee Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategy for Sawyer County and surrounding region
05. Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association report
06. University of Wisconsin-Extension Department report
07. Northwest Regional Planning Commission report
08. Hayward Area Visitor and Convention Bureau report
09. Recreation trails report
10. Monthly expense vouchers
11. Other matters for discussion only

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minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
December 7, 2015; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

members present: Tom Duffy (Chair), Bill Voight, Tweed Shuman, Warren Johnson, Dean Pearson

others present: Don Mrotek (Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance); Sawyer County Record Reporter Frank Zufall; University of Wisconsin-Extension Department 4-H Youth Development Agent and Chair Lori Laberee and Family Living Agent Lori Baltrusis; Hayward Area Visitors & Convention Bureau Executive Director Sherrie Beckman; County Administrator Tom Hoff; County Board Chair Hal Helwig; County Clerk Kris Mayberry

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Voight, to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Voight, to approve the November 2, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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CoBd Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Committee member John Saunders and Highway Commissioner Gary Gedart presented information about the option of applying for funds for bicycle and pedestrian trail development from the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Mr. Saunders:

- explained that the option would not be feasible for Sawyer County as the minimum grant amount is \$300,000 with a 20% required match and as expenditures for trail maps are not eligible expenses
- advised that the estimated expense for the purchase and installation of trail route signs is \$76,000
- informed the Committee that new trail maps are needed at this time to include additional trail routes and since the supply of the existing trail maps is nearly depleted
- requested a \$1,600 contribution from the County for the production and printing of the new maps

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Shuman, to recommend County Board approval of the request. Motion carried.

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CoBd Town of Hayward Planning Commission member Joan Cervenka requested a letter of support from the County for the Town of Hayward's application for a grant from the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The grant funds would be used for development of an extension of the Town of Hayward's existing bicycle and pedestrian path from Walmart to connect to the County's bicycle and pedestrian route on Chippewa Trail. Motion by Shuman, 2nd by Johnson, to recommend County Board approval of the request. Motion carried.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Board Member Chuck Aubart reported that the Association is planning a fund-raising "social" event at the Hayward Veterans Center for January 23, 2016 to address the Association's financial needs.

University of Wisconsin-Extension Area Agricultural Agent Otto Wiegand presented and reviewed with the Committee a written update of activities and projects for 2015.

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University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Chair Lori Laberee presented a proposed University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Agent Contract and a proposed Extension Multi-Donor Contract for Agricultural Agent Travel for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Motion by Shuman, 2nd by Voight, to recommend County Board approval of both contracts. Motion carried.

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Chair Lori Laberee reported that University of Wisconsin-Extension Northwest Regional Director Julie Keown-Bomar will address the Committee at their February meeting concerning statewide developments with the University of Wisconsin-Extension System.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Deputy Director Sheldon Johnson and Business Development Specialist/Loan Fund Manager Jeff Dietrich presented and reviewed with the Committee written reports, including the activities, projects, and accounts of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

Hayward Area Visitors & Convention Bureau Executive Director Sherrie Beckman provided a report on the activities and projects of the Hayward Area Visitors & Convention Bureau.

The Committee reviewed the monthly University of Wisconsin-Extension Department expense vouchers. Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Shuman, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Voight, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

minutes prepared by Sawyer County Clerk Kris Mayberry

Citizen Advisory Committee Bicycle/Pedestrian (Transportation Alternatives) Strategy for Sawyer County and Surrounding Region.

Objectives and Responsibilities:

- Vision and Goal Development:

Develop a Vision for Sawyer County, City of Hayward and the surrounding region that will provide an integrated network of Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails, Bicycle Lanes and Routes to facilitate the movement of citizens, visitors and tourists for recreation and business.

Provide through this network, convenient and safe movement of Bicyclists and Pedestrians between residential, lodging and commercial areas. Provide "Safe Routes to School". (Full Committee)

Develop a goal of providing transportation alternatives that are healthy, safe, low-impact modes of travel that don't contribute to air pollution and traffic congestion. Transfer the number of individual trips under 5 miles and 2 miles from the automobile to biking or walking. Support economic development in the commercial and mixed use areas. (Full committee)

- Master Plan:

Develop a master plan of Bicycle/Pedestrian paths, Bicycle Lanes and Routes that will provide safe and effective routes to and between commercial, residential, resorts, tourist facilities and communities within the City of Hayward, Sawyer County and the surrounding region. Develop the plan using the "County B" and City of Hayward Bicycle/Pedestrian paths as the anchor and foundation for the "System". Incorporate the Towns', villages', city's and county's bicycle/pedestrian needs and desires into the master plan. (Full committee)

- Projects and Phases

Provide an unofficial entity (committee) where any and all Bike/Ped projects can be evaluated, enhanced, modified and prepared for funding requests. Evaluate projects as part of the Master plan. Assist in the preparation of the project presentation and funding request presented to the County board and the Economic Development Committee other Government Entities. Serve as a central focus committee that the Sawyer County Board and the other Government Entities can be assured that project presentations and funding requests are consistent, not duplication, practical, doable, and fit into the master plan.

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for Sawyer County and Surrounding Region.

Plan Execution: (Responsibilities Continued)

- Develop plan priorities (Phases) based on need, continuity, potential usage and available funding. (Core committee with advice and direction from the Full Committee)
- Appropriate needed funds by writing/applying for grants and matching funds from various government agencies for each phase or combined phases. (Core committee)
- Continue to assist and guide in the Design, Construction and Completion of each of the projects and/or phases. (Core Committee)

Committee Make Up and Participants:

- Core Committee: All current members of the Bike/Ped committee will make up the core committee; additional individuals are to be added to the Full Committee to provide representation of the entities listed. To keep the Committee at a manageable and workable number some individuals may represent more than one entity.
- Local Citizen Advocacy Organization: Two, Local Branch of the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin (BFW) or a State of Wisconsin incorporated Non Profit Organization.
- Sawyer County: One each, Highway Department, Sawyer County Board Supervisor, Public Health, Land and Water Conservation.
- City: One, City Engineering.
- Towns: One from each Town in Sawyer County.
- Villages: One from each Village in Sawyer County.
- HLVACB: One
- Chambers of Commerce: One from each of the three Chambers
- Surrounding Counties, Towns and Villages: Since the Master Plan will spread into Towns and Counties adjoining Sawyer County additional representatives for these entities will be added to the Committee. (Example the Town of Stone Lake, Washburn County, one individual could represent the Stone Lake Chamber as well as the Town/County).
- Business: Two
- UW Extension: One