



# Sawyer County

## Agenda

**Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Meeting**

**July 11, 2022 @ 8:30 AM**

**Assembly Room/Virtual Meeting**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/97642007840>. You can also use the dial in number for listening only at 1-312-626-6799 with the Webinar ID: 976 4200 7840. If additional assistance is needed please contact the County Clerk's Office at 715-634-4866 prior to the meeting. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial \*9 and wait to be recognized.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW**

### **5. MEETING AGENDA**

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee on items not on the agenda. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
  - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
  - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
  - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.
  - Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

### **7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

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**8. BROADBAND FORWARD UPDATE**

**9. SAWYER COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY UPDATE - USE OF ARPA FUNDS**

**10. SAWYER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR ASSOCIATION REPORT**

**11. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**12. HAYWARD LAKES VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU**

**13. NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

**14. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT**

**15. LIBRARY UPDATES**

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- a. Hayward Weiss Library  
[1\) Director's Report 6-29-22](#)  
[2\) Hayward Library Summer Reading Calendar](#)

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- b. Winter Library  
[Director's Report July 2022 Winter](#)

**16. MOTORIZED TRAIL AND NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL REPORT**

**17. REVIEW BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL – COMMITTEE ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)**

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- a. [Economic Development.UW Extension Committee Roles & Responsibilities](#)

**18. HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**20. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS, OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

**DISCLAIMER:**

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*Mission Statement: Provide the leadership for implementation of the Education and Economic Development for Sawyer County. To provide leadership in monitoring outcomes, reviewing, and recommending for the County Board all policies related to educational and economic development initiatives of Sawyer County.*

**Minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sawyer County  
Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee  
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



**Voting Committee Members Present:**

- Chair: Tom Duffy
- VC -- John Righeimer
- Stacey Hessel
- Brian Bisonette
- Chris Rusk

**Others Present:**

Andy Albarado  
Alex Butterfield  
Lynn Fitch  
Sheldon Johnson-Virtual  
Molly Lank-Jones  
Cathy LaReau  
Jane Schroeder

Sherry Beckman  
Linda Zillmer - Virtual  
Sheila Young  
Donna Knuckey  
Steve Beining-Virtual  
Mark Lundeen

**Call to Order** – Chair Duffy called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Certification of Compliance** with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

**Meeting Agenda --**

**Public Comments** – Mark Lundeen

**Minutes from previous meeting** – A motion was made by Mr. Righeimer to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022, meeting; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Broadband Forward** -- Mr. Albarado requested to be the County point of contact. Motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Rusk to make Mr. Albarado the Sawyer County point person. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Housing Authority Update** – Sheila Young advised that they were approved from the bank for their share of the housing project that the County is helping fund. The builder is looking at September for a start date; final estimate is now \$6,000 higher than original bid. The Town of Hayward is giving \$50,000 in ARPA funds for the project. The Housing Authority is considering rehabbing an existing building for housing. They have five veteran housing vouchers available at this time and have 30 families with vouchers looking for housing in Sawyer County. All nearby counties are having similar issues. ICAA is considering working with multiple counties to try to draw interest from builders to come to our smaller communities. LCO is looking at using ARPA funds and other sources for housing (32-unit apartment building and some residential homes).

**Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report** – Mark Lundeen reported the barn dance is this weekend at the Fairgrounds.

**University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report** – Kevin Schoessow of the UW-Extension provided an overview of his areas of education such as horticulture for the County and LCO.

**Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report** – A written report was provided. Ms. Beckman advised that they started a campaign for educating local residents about the role they play in the community.

**NWRPC** – Sheldon Johnson provided an update on the Planning Commission. They are working on a Comprehensive Plan with the Town of Hunter. The Bounce Back program has been extended to December 31, 2022 with \$1.5M in remaining funds. These businesses must now have at least 400 sq. foot of space to qualify for this program. He shared the broadband speed test link with the committee.

**Economic Development Report –**

**Library Updates** -- A written report was provided for the Weiss Library. Jack Links have offered to donate some free passes for the aquatic center for the summer reading program.

Stacey Hessel left the meeting at 9:25 am.

Winter Library – Ms. Knuckey provided an oral update of programming for the Winter Library. They are now working with NWRPC for a 0% loan for the basement repair project.

**Motorized/Non-Motorized Trails** -- Ms. LaReau provided trail data. Been an increase of large ATV benefit rides this season. The Alliance trail counters at Trail 77 had 758 counts; Tuscobia had 1,070 counts; Trail 3 by Osprey Creek had 3,319 counts (a major connector between the north and south systems). ATV registrations grew this past year (1 in every 4 County residents have an ATV).

Mr. Duffy provided an email report from the Birkie and reviewed the highlights.

**Historical Society --**

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, Tuesday, July 5, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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# SHERMAN & RUTH WEISS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## Director's Report by Molly Lank-Jones

June 29, 2022

### LIBRARY HOURS

- Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tues. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Curbside pickup available when library is open by calling ahead: 715-634-2161. Visit [www.weisscommunitylibrary.com](http://www.weisscommunitylibrary.com) for more information.

### LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

One tree up, one tree down. Eileen "Bean" Timmerman had a maple tree planted on the library's front lawn in honor of her late husband and former Hayward Library Foundation (HLF) President Joe Timmerman.

On the same day, cleaning/maintenance man Terry Moncel cut down a tree that's wreaking havoc with the Children's Patio drainage. *As of this writing, the library needs help to remove the stump.* Otherwise, Terry will be unable to get the tractor in to dig up the web of roots by the patio. Is there anyone Library Director Molly could talk with at the County for assistance?

### JUNE & JULY LIBRARY EVENTS

The following is a list of upcoming library programs, events, and activities for the public and library staff. The programs are free and open to everyone. *See the separate Summer Reading Calendar!*

- 6/10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Continuing Ed: Lake Superior Libraries Symposium: Thrive Virtual Conference. Molly, Ann.
- 6/14, 5:15 p.m. Library Board Meeting. Molly.
- 6/15, 5 to 7 p.m. Hayward Library Foundation (HLF) fundraiser "Spend an Evening with Kerry Casey," author of *The Wager*. Molly, Ann, HLF members.
- 6/15, 1 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting. Molly, Ann.
- 6/21, 3 p.m. NWLS Staying Together Zoom Mtg. Molly, Ann.
- 6/21, 5 p.m. Hayward Library Foundation (HLF) Meeting. Molly.
- 6/28. Act 420 Letters due to Adjacent Counties by 7/1. Molly.
- 7/2, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Hayward Library Foundation (HLF) Cookout Fundraiser at Lynn's Custom Meats. Burgers/brats/dogs, chips & soft drink for a good lunch & a good cause—the library! Molly, HLF members.

- 7/4. Happy Fourth of July! Library closed.
- 7/11, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. NWLS Strategic Planning at LCOOCC Library. Molly.
- 7/12, 5:15 p.m. Library Board Meeting. Molly.
- 7/13, 6 p.m. Library Author's Night: The Journey of Campfire Confessions by Kristine Ochu. Molly, Ann, Friends of the Library officer Alice Kissinger.
- 7/14, 1 p.m. Continuing Ed Webinar: Ryan Dowd on Mental Illness. Molly, Ann.
- 7/21, 10 a.m. NWLN Meeting & Directors Meeting. Ann (Molly on vacation).

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM @ YOUR LIBRARY

A trip to the Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library provides enchantment for children, enrichment for adults, an intellectual foundation for the community, and lots of fun.

#### General Information

There still is time for people of all ages to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. The library provides a variety of reading challenges, programs, activities, and prize drawings throughout the summer.

- Theme: *Oceans of Possibilities*.
- Dates/Times: June 6 - July 31.
- Audience: All ages.
- Register and record reading minutes to enter in weekly prize drawings and grand prize drawings at summer's end.

#### Ongoing Activities

- Storywalk® on the Library Nature Trail.
- Four-season audio guide of 18 stops on the Nature Trail, narrated by Emily Stone of the Cable Natural History Museum and funded by the C.D. Besadny Fund.
- Boggle Board, the Children's Room ocean window mural by the library's Agnes Bearheart Smith, sea creatures on display, and a guessing jar of ocean-related objects.

#### Sponsors

Summer Reading Program sponsors include: Friends of the Library | Hayward Library Foundation | Northwest Connection Family Resources | WI Dept. of Public Instruction | Jack Link's Aquatic Center | Advance Printing | Frandsen Bank & Trust | Cable Natural History Museum | WOJB Radio | Hayward Schools | Vortanz Lumber | Backroads | AmericInn | Lynn Marie's Candies | Lake Kids | Hayward Gourmet Popcorn | Dairy Queen | Redbery Books | Great Lakes Aquarium | Walmart | Lori' Card & Gift | Hayward Fly Fishing Co. | Check the library's website at [www.weisscommunitylibrary.org](http://www.weisscommunitylibrary.org) for additional programs and current information.



2022 Summer  
Reading Program  
@ the Library

# JUNE 2022

\*Website: <https://weisscommunitylibrary.com>

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 <b>COMMUNITY</b> JUNE 6 - JULY 31	6 <b>New Boggie Board</b> Summer Reading Starts today. Sign-up on Beanstack! Youth - <b>INTERMEDIATE</b> - Puppets - Mermaid & Poseidon New StoryWalk@Book	7 <b>Storytime @ 10:15 am</b> Youth - <b>INTERMEDIATE</b> - Coral Reef	8 <b>Tween &amp; Teen Time!</b> 1 pm - 2:30 pm	9 <b>Nate &amp; Dustin's Magic Show</b> 10:30 am and 6:00 pm	10 <b>Radio Storytime with Paul &amp; Judy</b> on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am & 7 pm	11 <b>Radio Storytime with Paul &amp; Judy</b> on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am & 7 pm
12 Teens & Adults Pick up kit for Tiny Art Show New StoryWalk@Book	13 <b>Youth - INTERMEDIATE - Porthole</b>	14 <b>Storytime @ 10:15 am</b> Age 0-3 - <b>INTERMEDIATE</b> - Coral Reef	15 <b>Tween &amp; Teen Time!</b> 1 pm - 2:30 pm HLF Author's Night @ Hayward Golf 5 - 7 pm	16 <b>Deep Dive - Scuba Sheriff Mrotek</b> 10:30 am	17 <b>Radio Storytime with Paul &amp; Judy</b> on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am & 7 pm	18 <b>Radio Storytime with Paul &amp; Judy</b> on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am & 7 pm
19 <b>Youth - INTERMEDIATE - Egg Carton Art - Fish, Mermaids &amp; More!</b> New StoryWalk@Book	20 <b>Youth - INTERMEDIATE - Porthole</b>	21 <b>Storytime @ 10:15 am</b> Outdoor Movie @ Dusk+	22 <b>Tween &amp; Teen Time!</b> 1 pm - 2:30 pm	23 <b>Randy Peterson Musicians</b> 10:30 am	24 <b>Radio Storytime with Paul &amp; Judy</b> on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am & 7 pm Scavenger Hunt Starts	25 <b>Radio Storytime with Paul &amp; Judy</b> on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am & 7 pm
26 <b>Youth - INTERMEDIATE - Porthole</b> New StoryWalk@Book	27 <b>Youth - INTERMEDIATE - Porthole</b> New StoryWalk@Book	28 <b>Storytime @ 10:15 am</b> Age 0-3 - <b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	29 <b>Tween &amp; Teen Time!</b> 1 pm - 2:30 pm	30 <b>Truly Remarkable Loon - Juggler</b> 10:30 am	+Watch Facebook and the library to vote for your choice of movie.	



2022 Summer  
Reading Program  
@ the Library

# JULY 2022

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POSSIBILITIES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31		<p>Tiny Art Show starts</p> <p>New Boggle Board</p>	<p>August Dates: Aug. 1 @ 6 pm Community Discussion of <i>Death and Life of the Great Lakes</i> by Dan Eggen. Aug. 19 @ Dusk Outdoor Movie</p>		<p>1 Radio Storytime with Paul &amp; Judy on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am &amp; 7 pm</p>	<p>2 Last day to turn in your masterpieces for Tiny Art Show. Library Hours 10 am - 1 pm</p>
3	<p>4 HAPPY 4th of July Library Closed</p>	<p>5 Storytime @ 10:15 am Youth - HIKKINI - Starfish New StoryWalk Book Turn in Scavenger Hunt Forms</p>	<p>6 Tween &amp; Teen Timel 1 pm - 2:30 pm</p> <p>7 Pqm Corcoran Puppeteer Program 10:30 am and 6:00 pm</p>	<p>8 Radio Storytime on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am &amp; 7 pm Jeweler Naturalists @ 10 am - Noon</p>	<p>9</p>	
10	<p>11 Youth - HIKKINI - Starfish</p>	<p>12 Storytime @ 10:15 am Youth - HIKKINI - Starfish Paddle Lake Superior Program @ 6 pm</p>	<p>13 Tween &amp; Teen Timel 1 pm - 2:30 pm</p> <p>14 North Lakeland Discovery Center Exploring Oceans! Program @ 6 pm</p>	<p>15 Radio Storytime with Paul &amp; Judy on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am &amp; 7 pm Jeweler Naturalists @ 10 am - Noon</p>	<p>16</p>	
17	<p>18 Youth - HIKKINI - Fishbow</p>	<p>19 Storytime @ 10:15 am Youth - HIKKINI - Fishbow Outdoor Movie @ Dusk+</p>	<p>20 Tween &amp; Teen Timel 1 pm - 2:30 pm The Journey of Campfire Confessions presented by Kristine Octu</p>	<p>21 Magic Bob &amp; the beautiful Lynn Marie Program @ 6 pm</p>	<p>22 Radio Storytime with Paul &amp; Judy on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am &amp; 7 pm Jeweler Naturalists @ 10 am - Noon</p>	<p>23 Scavenger Hunt Starts</p>
24	<p>25 Youth - HIKKINI - Water-walking New StoryWalk@book</p>	<p>26 Storytime @ 10:15 am Age 0-3 - HIKKINI - Pirate or Turtle Tall Ship Program @ 6 pm</p>	<p>27 Tween &amp; Teen Timel 1 pm - 2:30 pm</p>	<p>28 Youth Program TBD</p>	<p>29 Radio Storytime with Paul &amp; Judy on WOJB 88.9 FM @ 10 am &amp; 7 pm Jeweler Naturalists @ 10 am - Noon</p>	<p>30 Turn in Scavenger Hunt Forms by Noon Be sure to log in all minutes read. completed activities and Grand Prize choices by midnight.</p>





WINTER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIVE, LEARN, LIBRARY

# WINTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Donna Knuckey

[winter.wislib@gmail.com](mailto:winter.wislib@gmail.com)

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Winter Public Library is to provide quality materials and services which fulfill the education, information, cultural and recreational need of the entire community in an atmosphere that is welcoming, respectful and businesslike.

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I apologize for not being able to present in person at the committee meeting. I am at Rusk/Sawyer 4-H Summer Camp in Brue with a bunch of awesome youth!



The library is in the middle of our summer reading program opportunities for youth and adults. We offer weekly story hours that include crafts, hands-on activities and games based on a weekly environmental ocean life theme.

Youth also have an at home opportunity to participate in the program. Our last day for the summer reading program is August 3rd with a huge finale that includes awards and prizes.

Teens and Adults can participate in reading BINGO. They earn tickets towards prizes donated by local businesses. We have several opportunities for adults to attend programs provided by the library that are of interest to locals. We recently had a bird watching workshop that was well attended. Another one is being planned for late summer/early fall.

I am currently working on the 2023 budget to submit to the County by the end of the month. Speaking of budget, not only does the Winter Public Library seek funding from the county and other sources, one of our other sources for funding programs and projects is fundraising. We just completed our first series of fundraisers at our local Spring Fling Craft Fair in Winter. We had a huge indoor book sale, a food stand that sold pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs, and also a raffle.

Our next fundraising series is at the community's July Jubilee Celebration on July 4th. The library organizes the 2 Mile Color Run and 10K races. We have over 130 participants in the event. This race is sponsored by local businesses and organizations which makes it possible to host each year. In addition to the races that kick off the July Jubilee event, we sell raffle tickets for our annual July raffle that is drawn just before the fireworks, and we sell glow items for the fireworks and split the proceeds with the July Jubilee committee.

Lastly, I am excited and relieved to announce that we were fully funded for our basement project through a 0% interest loan from NWRPC. This is a business loan that puts a lien on the building and does not need to be repaid until the sale of the building or dissolution of the library. My board and myself want to repay the loan ASAP so we have created an additional fundraiser for Labor Day weekend. We are having Duck Races on the Chippewa River. Though it will take many years to pay off the loan, any efforts, great or small, towards that goal are being planned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Knuckey

## **Part I Section D: Economic Development and UW Extension and Agriculture Committee**

The following provisions shall apply to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisor's ("County Board") standing committee entitled the Economic Development and UW Extension and Agriculture Committee (the "Committee"):

**Mission/Purpose:** Provide the leadership for implementation of the Education and Economic Development for Sawyer County. To provide leadership in monitoring outcomes, reviewing, and recommending to the County Board all policies related to educational and economic development initiatives of Sawyer County.

**Statutory Authority and Responsibilities:** Wis. Stat. § 59.56(3).; Wis. Stat. § 92.06(1)(b)1.

**Membership:** Shall be comprised of five (5) elected County Board Supervisors appointed by the Chair of the County Board at the April meeting of the County Board in even numbered years and approved as required by the County Board Policy and Procedure Manual (as may be amended). Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 92.06(1)(b)1, at least two (2) members of the Committee shall also be members of the County Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee.

**Term:** Committee members shall serve for a two (2) year term concurrent with their terms of office as County Board Supervisors.

**Reporting Relationship:** The Committee shall have responsibility for outcome, monitoring and oversight of the performance of economic development initiatives supported by Sawyer County. The Committee shall have the primary responsibility of conferring with and acting as liaison for the following organizations for purposes of economic development:

- Northwest Regional Planning Commission
- Hayward Lakes Visitor and Convention Bureau
- Sawyer County Snowmobile/ATV Alliance
- Silent Sports
- American Birkebeiner
- UW Extension
- Sawyer County Fair Association
- SC/LCO Economic Development Corporation

Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee include but are not limited to:

1. Foster the implementation of Sawyer County's initiatives related to economic development.
2. Identify the need for, and recommend to the County Board, policies related to education and economic development initiatives appropriately supported by Sawyer County.
3. Review new programs and associated budget requirements prior to their being considered for inclusion in Sawyer County's annual budget.
4. Facilitate broad-based discussion of issues and policies relating to education and economic development by encouraging public involvement.

5. Serve as the initial contact point for individuals and/or organizations who wish to influence County Board policy regarding Sawyer County's economic development.
6. Review and recommend operational procedures and practices to appropriate administrative committee(s) and department(s) of the County.
7. Review and recommend to the County Board programmatic and facility plans consistent with the community's expectations for the University of Wisconsin-Extension.
8. Serve as Sawyer County's Extension and Education Committee, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 59.56(3)(b) by performing the following responsibilities:
  - Establish UW/ Sawyer County based extension policy; and
  - Provide budget oversight of UW/Sawyer County based extension department; and
  - Provide input and monitor the performance of the UW Extension programming; and
  - Create policies and strategies that accomplish educational needs in an efficient and cost-effective manner; and
  - Provide a leadership role with the County Board and other community partners to preserve and enhance access to the resources of the public university; and
  - Assess future community educational needs; and
  - Facilitate a partnership between Sawyer County and the University of Wisconsin.
9. Additional duties as assigned by the County Board.