

**Minutes of the March 7<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
- Jesse Boettcher
- Stacey Hessel - Virtual
- Brian Bisonette – Virtual
- Jason Weaver

**Others Present:**

Tom Hoff  
Mike Coleson  
Lynn Fitch  
Lori Baltrusis  
Molly Lank-Jones

Sherry Beckman  
Linda Zillmer - Virtual  
Erin Metcalf  
Donna Knuckey  
Jim Ferguson

**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** –

**Minutes from previous meeting** – A motion was made by Ms. Hessel to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Bisonette. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report** –

**University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report** – Ms. Baltrusis advised that Donna Knuckey has officially started as the 4-H and Youth Development Director.

**Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report** – A written report was provided. Ms. Beckman reported that she is going to the Governor’s Conference where HLVCB has been nominated for an award.

**Northwest Regional Planning Commission** –

**Economic Development Report** – Ms. Hessel advised that the EDC is trying to recruit new committee members and is working on filling the Executive Director position.

**Library Updates** – Written reports were provided. Ms. Knuckey advised that they are creating professional development opportunities for staff going on now and working on Alzheimer’s Awareness assistance. Ms. Lank-Jones stated that they are writing searching for contractors to replace the ceiling tiles in some areas of the building, and are part of a grant request for funding internet hotspots and laptops through Northern Waters. The library is starting to open this Saturday.

**Trail Reports** – Mr. Duffy provided a copy of Birkie update from Birkie Director, Ben Popp. Ms. Metcalf advised that the recent ice storm has created problems on the motor sports trails and they are working to get them cleared.

**Historical Society** -- Mr. Ferguson reported that the fund raising efforts by a local high school student have raised \$20,575 to date.

Mr. Hoff thanked committee members for their assistance over the years of his tenure.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, April 11th, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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