

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
March 9, 2020; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Tom Duffy, Troy Morgan, James Schlender,

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Sherry Beckman, Lori Baltrusis, Janice Snider, Don Mrotek, Bridget Rongner

Chair Tom Duffy called the meeting to order 8:30 am

Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Morgan, to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Morgan, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

Janice Snider from the Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association reported to the committee. Large event planned for the Fair on Friday night. Committee discussed events held on the fair grounds and how the Sawyer County fair compares to other county fairs. Administration working on an updated MOU between the Fair and Sawyer County.

Area Extension Director Lori Baltrusis reported to the Committee.

Community Natural Resource Economic Development Educator Ariga Grigoryan updated the Committee on the days and times of the local farmers markets. Hayward will hold the market at the Lumberjack Bowl on Wednesday 11:00 to 4:00 with 20 vendors and on Saturday 9:00 to 1:00 with 40 vendors. The LCO market is located between the grocery store and gas station on Co Hwy K on Friday 10:00 to 2:00.

Baltrusis introduced the new Food Wise Coordinator Bridget Rongner. Rongner provided a handout showing a snapshot of events from 2019. The Committee and guests introduced themselves.

Sherry Beckman, Executive Director for the Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau provided a written marketing report to the Committee. Wisconsin Indian Head Governors fishing opener is May 2. Free Fish fry and free entrance to the museum at the Hall of Fame on Friday, May 1.

Supervisor Troy Morgan updated the Committee on the Economic Development Corporation. The EDC is conducting interviews for an admin/marketing person. Working on filling the Executive Director position. Received donations for computers for the jail training program. May 12 business symposium at the Senior Center 7:30 am to 11:00 am.

The regular meeting day in September falls on Labor Day. Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Morgan, to hold the September meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Motion carried

Adjourned

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson