

**Minutes of the April 7th 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
- Brian Bisonette – Virtual
- Jason Weaver

Others Present:

Mike Keefe
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Lori Baltrusis
Molly Lank-Jones

Sherry Beckman
Linda Zillmer - Virtual
Jane Schroeder
Donna Knuckey

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 – Linda Zillmer

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

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report – Ms. Hessel reported that a barn dance will be held on June 11th at the Fairgrounds for their fund raiser.

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report – A written report was provided. Ms. Baltrusis reported that the Food Wise programs will be in December, Ariga Grigoryan is conducting grant writing classes, and the Parents Forever Class is available virtually. The Parents Forever program at the jail is connecting moms with their children through reading programs.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report – A written report was provided. Ms. Beckman reported that Shell Lake State Bank bought half of the parking lot and for the time-being it will remain available to the public. YouTube visitation has increased by 40%, and they will be conducting a SWAT analysis this month. July is already full for visitors.

Economic Development Report – Ms. Hessel reported that Jessica Wagner-Schultz is acting director for EDC.

Library Updates -- Written reports were provided. Ms. Lank-Jones reported receiving a \$19,000 gift from the Hayward Library Foundation for the Weiss Community Library. Ms. Knuckey reported that all staff have completed the Alzheimer's workshops and the basement repair project will cost about \$29,000.

Motorized/Non-Motorized Trail Report – Ms. Schroeder advised they have formed a government committee. The trail counters are up, and they could expect 112,000 riders per day given the totals that were derived from the last part of the season.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, May 9, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 am
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk