

**Minutes of the June 5th meeting of the Sawyer County
Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Donna Knuckey
Lori Baltrusis
Sheldon Johnson - virtual

Cathy LaReau
Sherry Beckman
Linda Zillmer

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. Righeimer to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023, meeting; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report -

Ms. Hessel reported that their barn raiser fund raiser is this weekend at the fairgrounds.

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report -

Ms. Knuckey, the 4-H/Positive Youth Educator of the County, provided an update of the 4-H projects. A SWAT analysis has been completed and the results were made available. Resources are being shared across various counties and a variety of partnership connections exist for programming including online learning opportunities.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau -

A written report was provided. Ms. Beckman provided highlights indicated that AGLOW Travel writers were in town gathering information for future activities, blogs, podcasts, TV and radio. A summer TV commercial for the silent sports was shared. 2023 Midwest TV Broadcast will be filming in Hayward on June 13th for a Road Trippin segment.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Report -

Mr. Johnson provided a verbal update. They are in preliminary discussion phases with LCO College on a potential project. The façade improvement program has one Hayward Main Street project under consideration.

Economic Development Corporation Report -

Ms. Hessel advised that the Sawyer County Social events have had good attendance. The housing committee is making inquiries on behalf of a new housing study. They are still recruiting for an executive director but have a promising candidate under consideration.

Library Updates -

Written reports were provided including a schedule of May/June events. Ms. Knuckey reviewed the highlights of the Winter Library report, advising they work with the ADRC for senior programming, and a youth summer gardening project is underway.

Motorized Trail and Non-Motorized Trail Report -

Mr. Duffy provided written reports from Ms. LaReau and Mr. Popp. Registration for the Birkie is 7,000 people as of today and LWC plans are underway. The ATV season is starting to be very busy.

Broadband Update -

Mr. Albarado advised we are providing letters of support for two new BevComm projects for broadband. The PSC is going to be doing more survey work for county residents to plan for the B dollars that will be available later this year.

Historical Society -

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, July 10th, at 8:30 am in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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