

**Minutes of the July 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: **James Schlender**
- Tom Duffy
- Jesse Boettcher
- Stacey Hessel
- Brian Bisonette

**Others Present:**

Tom Hoff  
Mike Coleson  
Lynn Fitch  
Sherry Beckman – Virtual  
Mike Gardner  
Linda Zillmer

**Call to Order** – Chair James Schlender 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 Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Boettcher. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report** –

**University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report** –

**Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report** – A written report was provided. Ms. Beckman emphasized the success of the June 18<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Department of Tourism ATV event. Room tax is still on the agenda for the Town of Round Lake. Edgewater voted no at their June meeting. A calendar of upcoming events was provided.

**Northwest Regional Planning Commission Report** --

**Economic Development Report** – A written report was provided. Mr. Gardner reviewed the recently approved Broadband projects, all being a focus of the Sawyer County/LCO Economic Development Board. He advised that the Culinary Academy coming soon to the Sawyer County Jail inmates was a project funded by an anonymous donation to the SC/LCO EDC. The EDC Board is in the process of assisting with the Wisconsin Tribal Nation's Tour in conjunction with Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College scheduled for August. They are also planning some fall SCORE workshops.

**Motorized and Non-motorized Trail Report** – Mr. Mrotek reported heavy ATV traffic but lack of rain is causing dust issues along the trails.

**Potential Uses of ARPA Funding** -- Public comment made by Ms. Zillmer. Mr. Hoff advised that other funding sources such as potential OPIOD settlement funds may yet be coming, as the County reviews potential options. This topic will remain on committee agendas for the time being.

**Future Agenda Items** – Historical Society

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 am  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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