

**Minutes of the July 11th 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
- VC -- John Righeimer
- Stacey Hessel - virtual
- Brian Bisonette - virtual
- Chris Rusk

Others Present:

Andy Albarado @ 8:47 am
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Don Mrotek
Molly Lank-Jones
Kathy LaReau

Sherry Beckman
Lori Baltrusis
Linda Zillmer
Ann Larson

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 – Chair Duffy moved item 8 *Broadband Forward Update* to end of agenda where Mr. Albarado would be present to report out.

Public Comments –

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Rusk to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Righeimer. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report –

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report – Ms. Baltrusis provided a Second Quarter report to the Committee and highlighted key areas. Information on upcoming classes and workshops was provided.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report – Ms. Beckman shared the new website and key features that make searches more user friendly. They have a Cover Contest going on now for the Vacation Guide; \$500 prize for the photo chose.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Economic Development Report

Library Updates -- Hayward Weiss Library -- Written reports were included. Ms. Lank-Jones introduced Ann Larson, Assistant Director. Ms. Larson provided an overview of the report and upcoming events. Andy Albarado joined at 8:47 am.

Winter Library – A written report was included. They have completed the process of funding their basement repair project.

Motorized and Non-Motorized Trail Report -- Ms. LaReau reported on her experience on the trails. The Alliance has requested to have input into the proposed ATV/UTV ordinance as it is developed. Don Mrotek spoke on behalf of the Alliance. Mr. Duffy provided a written report from Ben Popp on the non-motorized trails.

Review Board Policy & Procedure Manual Committee Roles & Responsibilities – A section of the policy covering this Committee exists and was presented for review. Public Comment was made by Ms. Zillmer. Mr. Duffy requested that this remain on the agenda for discussion next month.

Broadband Update -- Mr. Albarado has contacted some of the broadband providers; most of the Sawyer County grants have been awarded for the amount of approximately \$20M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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