

**Minutes of the October 10th 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
- Brian Bisonette -- Virtual
- Chris Rusk

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Molly Lank-Jones
Monica Johnson
Mark Lundeen -- Virtual

Cathy LaReau
Ken Pearson - Virtual
Linda Zillmer
Mike Markgren
Kate Barido
Frank Zuffal – Virtual
Lori Baltrusis

Call to Order – Vice Chair Righeimer 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 Ms. Hessel to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022, meeting; second by Ms. Bisonette. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report –

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report – A written report was provided; Ms. Baltrusis reviewed the highlights. A Real Colors Workshop is being provided by Ms. Grigoriyan on November 15th. A Parents Forever class is also scheduled. The Heart of the North Conference is scheduled for February.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report – A written report was provided.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission – Mr. Pearson, Chair of Heart of the North, reported that they are planning the February event and highlighted the changes taking place. A *Safer Streets* grant has been applied for by a group of area entities to receive money for a *Safer Streets* analysis. The Main Street Bounce Back program is still underway for \$10,000 grant funds. Mr. Albarado has been nominated to be on the board of one of the loan programs pending Sawyer County Board approval.

Economic Development Report – The Annual Report was provided. Ms. Johnson, new president of Sawyer County/LCO Economic Development Corporation shared the plans of the organization for the upcoming year. They intend to focus on workforce readiness with area youth.

Library Updates -- Written reports were provided. Ms. Lank-Jones clarified the \$10,000 matching donation from last year's budget; the donation from last year was not an annual commitment. She reviewed highlights of the report. Ms. Knuckey reviewed her written report and advised that two hotspots have been acquired to the library for checkout

Motorized/Non-Motorized Trail Report – A written report was provided. Ms. LaReau advised that trail traffic is constant, including families. Three additional traffic counters have been installed and stats will be provided next month. Snowmobile clubs are getting ready for their season.

Historical Society –

2023 Budget Update – A written report was provided. Mr. Albarado reviewed the outside organization requests and current recommendations.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, November 7, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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