

Minutes of the November 1<sup>st</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:**

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| Tom Hoff            | Sheldon Johnson |
| Mike Coleson        | Don Mrotek      |
| Lynn Fitch          | Jim Onarheim    |
| Lori Baltrusis      | Sherry Beckman  |
| Mike Gardner        | Linda Zilmer    |
| Ken Pearson-Virtual |                 |

**Call to Order** – Chair James Schlender called the meeting to order at 8:33 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. Duffy to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Boettcher. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report –**

**University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report** – Ms. Baltrusis advised that the 4-H/Youth Development position will be posted this week.

**Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report** – Ms. Beckman provided a letter requesting funding support from the HLVCB Executive Board.

**Northwest Regional Planning Commission** – Written reports were provided. Mr. Sheldon presented a proposed Agreement Between NWRPC and Sawyer County to provide technical assistance services in the administration of the Sawyer County CDGB program. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Ms. Hessel to move this agreement forward to the County Board for approval. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Pearson presented a brief overview of the quarterly revolving loan fund program.

**Sawyer County/LCO Economic Development Report** – A written report was provided. Mr. Gardner reported on the two recent events that the EDC co-sponsored in October, Business After 5 and the Small Community Forums event. He is still providing technical assistance to a couple local businesses to secure grant funds from the Bounce Back program.

**Motorized and Non-Motorized Trail Report** – Mr. Mrotek advised that the October trail season for motorized sports was busier than previous years. Mr. Duffy provided a written report from Mr. Popp regarding non-motorized trail activities.

**Budget Discussion** – A motion was made by Ms. Hessel to use ARPA funds to cover the \$40,000 increase to Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau funding request; second by Mr. Boettcher. Motion carried without negative vote.

Ms. Hessel left the meeting at 9:30 am.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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