

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee  
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
November 2, 2020; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: James Schlender, Troy Morgan, Jessie Boettcher, Tom Duffy

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Sherry Beckman-V, Lori Baltrusis-V, Mike Coleson, Janice Snider-V, Ken Pearson-V, Sheldon Johnson-V,

Chair Schlender called the meeting to order 8:30 am

Motion by Duffy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan, to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

Sawyer County Fair President Rick Christian reported to the Committee. Fair Board planning for 2021 SC Fair. The 2020 SC Fair made a profit. Fair Board requested an additional \$10,000 from County in 2021 for Capital Improvements. Funding is for materials only; labor donated.

Area Extension Director Lori Baltrusis reported to the Committee. Meeting today with LCO Tribal Governing Board regarding Memorandum of Understanding renewal for 2021.

Sherry Beckman, Executive Director for the Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau reported to the Committee. Received Travel Stimulus Grant of \$37,198.53 for lost revenue and PPE expenses due to COVID-19. Vacation Guide to printer with a delivery date of December 1.

Northwest Regional Planning Director Sheldon Johnson and Loan Fund Manager Ken Pearson reported to the Committee on the revolving loan funds program. \$1 million awarded to NWRP as a result of CARES Act to capitalize new revolving loan fund. \$5 million currently available in loan funds for the ten county region. The Sawyer County Chairman of the Board, Tweed Shuman, sits on the NWRP Board along with alternate Supervisor Bruce Paulsen.

Supervisor Morgan updated the Committee on the Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Economic Development Corporation. SC/LCO EDC Director Mike Gardner and President Jessica Wagner Schultz meeting with LCO Tribal Governing Board regarding Memorandum of Understanding for 2021 funding.

Regular meeting dates in July and September fall on Holidays. Motion by Boettcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duffy to hold July meeting on Tuesday, July 5 and September meeting on Tuesday, September 7. Motion carried

Supervisor Duffy updated the Committee on the Birkie. 8500 skiers registered for 2021 race. Race will take place over five days and offer virtual option. No finish on Main Street for 2021. Race will start and end in Cable. The 77 bridge is installed.

Adjourned 9:32

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson