

**Minutes of the November 7<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: Tom Duffy
- VC -- John Righeimer
- Stacey Hessel
- Brian Bisonette
- Chris Rusk

**Others Present:**

Andy Albarado  
Lynn Fitch  
Molly Lank-Jones  
Donna Knuckey

Kathy LaReau  
Sherry Beckman  
Rick Christenson  
Kate Ross-Barido

**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 --**

**Public Comments –**

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

**University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report** – Ms. Knuckey introduced 4-H services and the activities they take part in. She performed a SWAT analysis with the youth membership.

**Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report** – A written report was provided. Ms. Beckman presented a variety of print publications that they generate or co-sponsor and reviewed the highlights of her report.

**Economic Development Report** – Ms. Ross-Barido provided updates for the SCLCO; this week they are completing a placemaking event at LCO. She has also been networking as she begins this new position and meeting with area businesses that still qualify for the \$10,000 grants through the Main Street Bounceback Program. She is applying for a grant through Northwood Tech for funds for living spaces as well as two other grants.

**Library Updates** -- Written reports were provided. Ms. Lank-Jones provided a list of grants awarded for the period 2019-2022 and reviewed the highlights of her report. Ms. Knuckey provided a brief breakdown of their library funding and reviewed the highlights of her report.

**Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report** – Mr. Christenson reported the fair is going to be August 17-20, 2023. He reported that the numbers for the overall 2022 weekend were up and the 2023 event is mostly planned out already.

**Northwest Regional Planning Commission –**

**Motorized/Non-Motorized Trail Report** – Written reports were provided. Ms. LaReau reported that 155 can be expected on the Seeley Hills trail system on Saturdays alone. She reviewed the seasonal closings in the system. They are planning an ATV ride and are working with the biking representatives to avoid conflicts in usage. Mr. Duffy reviewed the highlights of the non-motorized report.

**Historical Society –**

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, December 5, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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