

**Minutes of the January 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
- Jesse Boettcher
- Stacey Hessel
- Brian Bisonette – Virtual@ 8:38 am
- Jason Weaver

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Lori Baltrusis
Mike Gardner

Sherry Beckman – Virtual
Linda Zilmer - Virtual
Erin Metcalf
Kathy LaReau
Rick Christian

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 December 6 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Boettcher. Motion carried without negative vote.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAD) Grant Letter of Support – A written letter of support for the bike project was presented. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel to recommend sending this letter of support to the County Board for approval; second by Mr. Duffy. The vote passed 2 to 1; nay vote from Mr. Boettcher.

Municode Codification Update – Mr. Hoff advised that the current draft of our ordinances has been presented to all departments for review before going to full County Board.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report – Mr. Christian provided an update; the 2022 County Fair is 95% planned. This year's fundraiser is to be held on June 11th at the Fairgrounds with a barn dance and live auction.

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report – Ms. Baltrusis advised that they are interviewing two candidates for the open 4-H position.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report – Written report provided; Ms. Beckman reviewed the 2021 marketing statistics.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Economic Development Report – Written report provided. Mr. Gardner reported on activities happening in and affecting the forest industry including a \$100M proposal to address critical changes in the industry. To date, sixteen Sawyer County businesses have received a \$10,000 Bounceback grant; the highest number of recipients in the State.

Motorized and Non-motorized Trails – Mr. Mrotek announced his retirement as trail coordinator. He introduced Cathy LaReau and Erin Metcalf who will provide future updates. Mr. Duffy presented a written email update from Ben Popp on non-motorized trails. To date, 10,500 skiers have registered for the Birkie.

Future Agenda Items – Molly Lank-Jones provided a Hayward Library report and will be on this monthly agenda in the future. Add Historical Society to future agendas.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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