

**Minutes of the February 7th 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 - Virtual
- Stacey Hessel
- Brian Bisonette – Virtual
- Jason Weaver – Virtual @ 8:47 am

Others Present:

Tom Hoff - Virtual
Mike Coleson
Lisa Horton
Lori Baltrusis
Molly Lank-Jones
Donna Knuckey

Sherry Beckman
Linda Zillmer - Virtual
Mark Lundeen - Virtual
Kathy LaReau
Sheldon Johnson – Virtual

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 January 10, meeting; second by Mr. Boettcher. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report –

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report – Ms. Baltrusis provided an oral report; there is a grant writing class in February and cost is \$63 for this 1-credit course. She is meeting with individuals from Ashland County regarding the Sawyer Literacy program for families and they have hired their 4-H educator to begin February 28th. Donna Knuckey has accepted the position.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report – Written report was provided. Ms. Beckman advised that the County must appoint the Northwest Wisconsin International Trade Business & Economic Council (ITBEC) representative again at the March meeting for a 2-yr appointment. Sherry Beckman has been our appointee in the past. She advised that the City is selling the municipal parking lot and they are attending a meeting about it tonight. Governor presented checks to FHNB and the Birkie for capital improvements last week.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission – Sheldon Johnson reported that they helped coordinate the 10th Annual Heart-of-the-North Legislative Days, and he recognized Mike Gardner and Stacey Hessel in assisting with the virtual event. Regarding the Bounce Back program, they have funded 16 Sawyer County applications and have two more to consider. The Household Hazardous Waste Management program is gearing up for September in Sawyer County.

Economic Development Report – A written report was provided. Ms. Hessel advised that the organization is doing some re-organization so additional information will be available next month.

Library Update – Ms. Knuckey provided an oral report and a written one to be distributed to the Committee for the Winter Library. They ran quite a few technology classes in January. Ms. Lank-Jones presented a calendar of events for the Hayward Library and provided an oral report.

Motorized Trail Report – Kathy LaReau advised that trails are in fair condition and they report good traffic for businesses resulting in the Alliance purchasing several trail counters to identify traffic numbers.

Non-Motorized Trail Report – Mr. Duffy provided an emailed report from Ben Popp. The Birkie is full and the trails are good at this time. Lumberjack World Championships are adding lights to the new bleacher project.

Historical Society – Ms. Hessel reported that a high school student is doing a youth project to raise funds for the Historical Society and has raised \$4,000 to date.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, March 7, at 9:52 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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