

**Sawyer County Ag & Extension Committee Minutes  
February 11, 2014 8:30 a.m. Assembly Room of Courthouse**

<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Dean Pearson Ron Kinsley	Bill Voight Tweed Shuman	Jim Bassett
<b>County Personnel Present:</b>	Lori Baltrusis Lisa Wydra	Lori Laberee	Ariga Grigoryan
<b>Others Present:</b>	Ken Schmock	Iras Humphries	Kris Mayberry

Chairperson Pearson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Kinsley, seconded by Bassett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Voight, seconded by Bassett to approve minutes from the January 7, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

**Audience Recognition**

None present.

**Sawyer County Ag. Fair Association**

Ken Schmock reported. The Fair Board is currently searching for carnival and negotiating details. They are also working on shifting things in the schedule to create bigger draw with events such as bull riding. Bill Voight is willing to be in charge of the car show. Winter sliding parties are going really well, when the weather is conducive.

**Procedure to review, prioritize and reduce the County's expenditures for 2014**

Discussion on the county's financial situation for the 2014 budget. Shuman states that he would like to focus on creating more revenue rather than cutting expenses.

**Agent Report**

Ariga Grigoryan reported, reviewing what she has been doing in that last six months.

**Support Staff Position**

Laberee reviewed the amount of revenue that UW-Extension brings in to the County Budget. Pearson recommends that we move forward with a part-time position. Discussion. It is emphasized that there will already be a savings of approximately \$7400 when replacing the current personnel by going from a Level 1 to an Unclassified pay for the new hire. Wydra emphasizes the importance of the position being full time due to the fact that the support staff replaces the staff when they are out and about and someone must be present. Agents are educators and work directly with clientele and agency partners, improving the lives of county residents. Kinsley notes that he is in support of full time position.

Pearson makes motion to forward to the personnel committee that the position of support staff be replaced with a part-time position, seconded by Voight. 3 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

**Approval of Vouchers**

Moved by Bassett, seconded by Shuman to approve vouchers. Motion carried.

**Approval of Out-of-County Travel**

Moved by Kinsley, seconded by Shuman to approve out of county travel. Motion carried.

**Any Other Business**

Motion to approve budget line item transfer by Kinsley, seconded by Shuman.

**Adjourn**

Moved by Shuman, seconded by Kinsley to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Brunner-Stroede, Recorder