

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
February 11, 2019; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Troy Morgan, Elaine Nyberg, Marc Helwig, James Schlender

Others present: Lori Baltrusis, Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Sherry Beckman, Sky Holt, Lisa Wydra, Frank Zufall

Vice-Chair Troy Morgan called the meeting to order 8:34 am

Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Nyberg, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Director Sheldon Johnson shared information with the Committee regarding Opportunity Zones in Sawyer County. The zones are census tract driven. Individuals or businesses investing have no tax on capital gains if invested for at least ten years in an Opportunity Zone Fund. Gains on the investment are also tax-free. Investor has 180 days after the sale of stock to enter into the Opportunity Fund. Johnson provided a map of Opportunity Zones in Sawyer County.

Planning Commission working on Community Development Block Grant regional administration. Administered all but \$60,000 of \$1.8 million. Will receive additional \$2 million in the next two months. Checking insurance, tax payments, and ownership on loan accounts.

Area Extension Director Lori Baltrusis provided a written report to the Committee

Positive Youth Development Extension Educator Sky Holt, sometimes referred to as the 4H Lady, presented information on Sawyer County youth and programs available to county residents.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau, Executive Director, Sherry Beckman showed the Committee various videos on the Hayward Lakes website advertising activities in Sawyer County.

Troy Morgan gave a brief update on the Economic Development Corporation efforts. Planning three or four place making efforts throughout the county.

Meeting Adjourned 9:41

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson