

**Minutes of the April 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
- VC -- John Righeimer
- Stacey Hessel
- Brian Bisonette
- Chris Rusk

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Kate Ross-Barido
Lynn Fitch
Donna Knuckey

Cathy LaReau
Sherry Beckman
Linda Zillmer
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 not met.

Meeting Agenda --

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from previous meeting – With no quorum, the minutes will be presented at the May meeting.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report –

Mr. Christian provided an update of the upcoming fair; the fundraiser is June 10th for a barn dance at the grounds.

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report -

No update

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau -

A written report was provided. Ms. Beckman offered a review of the cost and benefits of attending sports shows. It is still effective to pass out Visitors' Guides at the sports shows versus mailing them from the office. Volunteers pay for their own expenses when attending sports shows; HLVCB pays for the booth space and associated costs.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Report -

No update

Economic Development Corporation Report -

Ms. Barido-Ross provided a review of the business social/educational events. Ken Pearson is presenting on "Running a Mission Driven Businesses" at the April 11th event. May 16th an event will be held at the Whistle Punk, and three falls events are being planned. They will be meeting with the Hayward High School to see how internships may be developed. A Winter placemaking event will be taking place soon.

Library Updates -

Written reports were provided. Ms. Lank-Jones advised they are still reviewing the possibility of offering Wisconsin State Park passes. They are working with Charac to potentially hold an art exhibit on the grounds and is investigating finding a grant to fund it. Ms. Knuckey reported that they reviewed the cost benefit of being a member of Northern Waters consortium and decided to remain members. She provided a review of their ongoing programs associated with having a library pass.

Motorized Trail and Non-Motorized Trail Report -

Ms. LaReau advised that trails were closed last week so they could honor the private land owner easements even though snow was still present. The ATV forest trails are closed for spring thaw and typically open around the first part of May. Their committee is still working with LCO on the route closures and looking at alternate routes if the roads are not re-opened. The Alliance is bringing a "Ride Safe" training program to the Hayward Schools in September.

Broadband Update -

Mr. Albarado advised that some additional broadband funds are expected for the county through the regional plan. He has received updates from the broadband companies on their local projects.

Historical Society -

DNR Nursery Property Update -

No update.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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