

**Minutes of the April 12th 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: **James Schlender**
- Tom Duffy
- Jesse Boettcher – Virtual (8:37am)
- Stacey Hessel
- Brian Bisonette - Virtual

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Ariga Gregoryan
Lori Baltrusis
Mike Gardner
Sherry Beckman – Virtual
Rick Christian
Sheldon Johnson - Virtual
Don Mrotek
Jim Ferguson

Call to Order – Chair James Schlender 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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the March 8th, meeting; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report – Mr. Christians provided a verbal report regarding fairground projects.

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report – A written report was provided; additional handouts for the local food summit on April 21-22 and the 2021 Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule were distributed by Ms. Gregoryan.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report – A written report was provided which included the marketing update for April 2021.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission – A written report was provided which included the 2020 NWRPC Annual Report and Wisconsin Council on Forestry Regional Economic Diversification Summit (REDS) document. Mr. Johnson advised that the Town of Sand Lake applied for and received funding for their food shelf in the amount of \$101,700.

Economic Development Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Gardner.

Motorized and Non-Motorized Trail Report – Mr. Mrotek identified the portions of the trail system that are open and those that are still closed. Publication of access is available on Facebook and the Hayward ATV Trail website.

Historical Society - Mr. Schlender reviewed the purpose of bringing this topic to Committee; to make more of the County's historical information readily available for viewing and access at multiple locations. Mr. Ferguson, president of the Sawyer County Historical Society, and Mr. Bisonette will arrange a meeting to discuss this project further.

Mission Statement -- The draft of the committee mission statement was presented. After the document has been through legal review, it will come back to the committee in the May meeting for consideration.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, May 10, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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