

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
May 6, 2019; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Tom Duffy, Troy Morgan, Elaine Nyberg, James Schlender

Others present: Lori Baltrusis, Tom Hoff, Carol Williamson, Sherry Beckman, Lisa Wydra, Ariga Grigoryan, Jan Snyder, Sky Holt, Lynn Fitch, John Saunders, Frank Zufall

Chair Tom Duffy called the meeting to order 8:35 am

Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Morgan, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

Area Extension Director Lori Baltrusis provided a written report to the Committee. Lisa Wydra provided additional information on Food Wise. Wydra visited the second, third, and fourth grade students in Sawyer County schools with information on the obesity prevention program including healthy snacks and physical activity

Jan Snyder reported on the Fair. The Senior Resource Center will sponsor an auto show this year at the fair. The fair is August 22, 2019.

Sherry Beckman, Executive Director for the Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau provided a written marketing report. HLVCB received the St Croix River Association Watershed Steward Award.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission provided a written report to the Committee. Clean sweep is July 25, 2019, from 3 pm to 7 pm, at the Sawyer County Fairgrounds.

Lynn Fitch from the Sawyer County/LCO Economic Development Corporation reported to the Committee. Placemaking event May 14 at 5:30 at the Veterans Center. PT Director Ann Kozak working on business contacts. Working on strategic plan. The Bid District passed the City Planning Committee and is now in a 30-day commentary period. The final step is the June City Council meeting.

- Farmers market is in the same location across the street from the former Gordy's Grocery Store. Working on fundraising to buy a shed.
- John Saunders provided information on the fourth edition bike map. The proofs include bike trails and routes in Sawyer County and nearby loops. Printing 4000 maps. Also printing 2000 Hayward Area Hiking & XC skiing maps.
- Winter Depot starting reconstruction soon.
- Birkie is securing final funding for the Highway 77 crossing and goal for completion is 2020 Birkie.
- Grand opening at OO building on August 10, 2019.
- Lumberjack World Championships is August 1 and 2. There will be live music. Working on having bike parking at the Lumberjack bowl and the Pow Wow.
- If skiers register for the 2020 Birkie before June 1, their name will be printed on their bib.

Meeting Adjourned 9:03

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson