

**Minutes of the May 9th 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 - Virtual
- Brian Bisonette
- Chris Rusk

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Lori Baltrusis
Molly Lank-Jones
Cathy LaReau

Sherry Beckman
Linda Zillmer
Ken Pearson - Virtual
Donna Knuckey
Jessica Wagner-Shultz-Virtual

Call to Order – At 8:30 am, Clerk Fitch completed introductions and called the meeting to order.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

Election of Officers – Clerk Fitch presided over the election of the Committee Chair. Mr. Righeimer nominated Tom Duffy as Chair; second by Brian Bisonette. There being no further nominations, a call for a unanimous vote was made. Motion passed without negative vote. Chair Duffy presided over the election of the Vice Chair. Ms. Hessel nominated John Righeimer as Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, a call for a unanimous vote was made. Motion passed without negative vote.

Meeting Agenda --

Public Comments –

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Righeimer to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Bisonette. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report –

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report – Ms. Baltrusis advised that they report quarterly to the Committee with a written report. She introduced the role of the UWEX system as it relates to Sawyer County and provided a packet of information to all new board members.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report – A written copy of the HLVCB SWAT Analysis was provided. Ms. Beckman advised they will begin working on the identified opportunities found in the SWAT Analysis.

Economic Development Report – Written reports were provided. Ms. Wagner-Schultz, president of the EDC board, advised they will begin working on their next strategic plan goals in the coming month, including hiring an executive director. They are meeting with the Winter Chamber to plan for a placemaking event in the Winter area and another with LCO.

Library Update -- Written reports were provided. Ms. Lank-Jones advised that they ensure the Weiss Library hosts youth activities that do not always require internet access. Summer story times are broadcast through WOJB radio station. Ms. Knuckey read the mission statement of the Winter Public Library. The water issue has now caused black mold; they are considering a \$26,000 project to line the cement walls and would like to request ARPA funds for part of the costs. She also relayed her summer youth programming plans.

Motorized and Non-Motorized Trails -- Ms. LaReau advised they are gearing up for a busy ATV season. County and federal forest trails should be opening by the 15th. They have three trail counters that will be used to monitor trail activity. The Alliance has purchased a commercial grader to groom the ATV trails. Mr. Duffy provided copies of an email report from Ben Popp and he reviewed the highlights.

Historical Society – Ms. Lank-Jones reported that there were over 130 people in attendance at the last Historical Society speaker event at the Weiss Library.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, June 6, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 am
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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