

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

Members present: Tom Duffy, Troy Morgan, Elaine Nyberg

Others present: Lori Baltrusis, Carol Williamson, Sherry Beckman, Ariga Grigoryan, Sky Holt, John Saunders, Ron Petit, Don Mrotek, Ann Kozak, Dan Yankowiak, Linda Zillmer

Chair Tom Duffy called the meeting to order 8:30 am

Motion by Nyberg, 2nd by Morgan, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

Area UW Extension Director Lori Baltrusis provided a written report to the Committee. Educator fees are consistent in new contracts. The two educators in Sawyer County will increase by a total of \$108 for the 2020 budget. Lisa Wydra resigned from the Nutrition coordinator position. Youth and Families Educator Sky Holt reported to the Committee. Holt is focusing on volunteer development. Looking for volunteers that make good role models, have skills they can share with the youth, and work well with youth. Good volunteers are required to attract youth and keep youth engaged. 82 campers from Sawyer County and Washburn County will attend 4 H camp for three days this summer. Holt is planning a day camp for Sawyer County youth. Clean Sweep is July 25, 2019, from 3-7, at the Sawyer County fairgrounds on County Hwy B.

Sherry Beckman, Executive Director for the Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau reported to the Committee. The HLVCB is requesting \$50,000 for the 2020 budget. Video on the website offers 360-degree view of area resorts and rentals.

Ann Kozak, Director from the Sawyer County/LCO Economic Development Corporation reported to the Committee. Placemaking follow up meeting July 18 at Flat Creek, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Hayward City Council approved the Business Improvement District (BID). Working on a co-worker space for business owners to access high-speed internet. Literacy course starting August 15. A non-profit developer will tour in August to possibly provide affordable housing in the area. An eight-week entrepreneur training program starts September 24. Budget request of \$50,000 for 2020; up from \$20,000 in 2019. Next EDC meeting July 11, 11:00 at WITC.

John Saunders reported to the Committee. Saunders handed out copies of the fourth edition bicycle map and the Hayward Area Hiking, Snowshoeing, XC Skiing, & Bicycle Trails map.

Ron Petit updated the committee on recent Winter Depot information.

Supervisor Elaine Nyberg left the meeting at 9:22. Meeting Adjourned 9:24

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson