

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee  
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
September 9, 2019; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

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

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Sherry Beckman, John Saunders, Don Mrotek, Sheldon Johnson, Mike Keefe, Frank Zufall, Linda Zillmer

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

Motion by Nyberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

Sherry Beckman, Executive Director for the Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau reported to the Committee. Beckman showed the Committee virtual reality scenes on goggles. These goggles are used at sport shows for spectators to be exposed to Sawyer County. The HLVCB board volunteer their time at the 11 sports shows with attendance at each around 10,000.

Janice Snider reported the fair went well this year with good weather all four days. Attendance was up 9%

Sheldon Johnson from North West Regional Planning Commission reported to the Committee.

John Saunders reported to the Committee. The hospital trail has two trail heads, with a total of six miles of trails. The trails will be groomed in the winter for fat tire bikers. The bridge over 77 should be completed in December.

Accounting Manager Mike Keefe reviewed 2020 budget request with the Committee.

The NWRPC 2020 budget request is up \$48.00 from 2019 due to reallocation of expenses to counties.

The Sawyer County Fair requests \$35,000 for 2020.

The Extension 2020 budget will go down due to lower support staff benefits. LCO contributes 1/3 of Ariga Grigoryan's wages and \$800 toward travel and supplies; total of \$14,633.

The HLVCB is requesting \$50,000 for the 2020 budget, same as 2019. These funds come out of the Resource Development Fund.

The Sawyer County/Lac Court Oreilles Economic Development Corporation requests \$30,000 for 2020. The EDC receives matching funds from the county for funds collected.

Adjourned 9:26

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson