

**Minutes of the March 9, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☐ Chair: John Righeimer- Excused
- ☒ Vice Chair: Stacey Hessel
- ☒ Tom Duffy
- ☒ Steve Kariainen
- ☒ Randy Neumann

Others Present:

Mike Markgren	Lori Adria
Laura Bruce	
Sheldon Johnson	
Mindy Simons	
Ron Kinsley	

Call to Order – Ms. Hessel 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 -- Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 9, 2026

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Duffy Second by: Mr. Neumann

Motion carried without negative vote.

Library— None

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report—

Ms. Simons reported on the current campaigns: Video Views and Demand Generation. She spoke about the upcoming spring campaigns and the hosting of the Governors Opener. Mr. Kinsley asked if the Governor would be traveling the roads of Southern Sawyer County.

NWRPC Report— Mr. Johnson reported on the Water Resource Plan, Environmental services program and the Strategic Assessment. Mr. Duffy inquired on Federal Grant impacts.

SC/LCO Economic Development Corporation Report— Ms. Hessel read a report from Mr. Lamoureux which included a Thrive Grant update, a Lumber Exchange update and Forestry Revitalization update. Ms. Hessel stated this passed the House on February 17th and is scheduled for March 17th in the Senate.

Trail Reports--

Motorized—Mr. Neumann reported the trails have been officially closed as of March 6th to both snowmobile and ATV/UTV use. He summarized the season ending local club events and fundraisers.

Non-Motorized trails—Mr. Duffy reported on the recent Birkie.

Board Appointed Committee Updates –

No reports

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences— None

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjournment – 8:54 am

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, April 6, 2026 at 8:30 am in the Board Room.

Minutes recorded by Laura Bruce, Elected Official Deputy Clerk