



Sawyer County

Agenda

**Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Meeting
Monday, August 5, 2024 @ 8:30 AM
Sawyer County Board Room**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/97642007840>. You can also use the dial in at 1-312-626-6799 with the Webinar ID: 976 4200 7840. Use *9 to Raise/lower hand and *6 to Unmute/mute. If additional assistance is needed please contact the County Clerk's Office at 715-634-4866 prior to the meeting. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial *9 and wait to be recognized.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

5. MEETING AGENDA

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
 - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
 - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.
 - Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. [7.8.24 DRAFT Econ.UWEX Minutes](#)

8. SAWYER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR ASSOCIATION REPORT**9. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION DEPARTMENT REPORT
(2ND MONTH OF EACH QTR)****10. HAYWARD LAKES VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU**

-New Executive Director Introduction

11. NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**12. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT****13. LIBRARY UPDATES (1ST MONTH OF EACH QTR)**

a. [1\) Winter Director's Report 7.28.24](#)

14. MOTORIZED TRAIL AND NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL REPORT**15. BROADBAND UPDATE****16. OUTSIDE COMMITTEE UPDATES****17. HISTORICAL SOCIETY****18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****19. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND
MEETINGS****20. ADJOURNMENT****DISCLAIMER:**

A quorum of the County Board of Supervisors or of any of its committees may be present at this meeting to listen and observe. Neither the Board nor any of the committees have established attendance at this meeting as an official function of the Board or committee(s) or otherwise made a determination that attendance at the meeting is necessary to carry out the Board or committee's function. The only purpose for other supervisors attending the meeting is to listen to the information presented. Neither the Board nor any committee (other than the committee providing this notice and agenda) will take any official action with respect to this noticed meeting.

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County Clerk's Office (715.634.4866) at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Mission Statement: Provide the leadership for implementation of the Education and Economic Development for Sawyer County. To provide leadership in monitoring outcomes, reviewing, and recommending for the County Board all policies related to educational and economic development initiatives of Sawyer County.

**Minutes of the July 8, 2024 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
- ☒ Vice Chair: Stacey Hessel
- ☒ Tom Duffy
- ☒ Steve Kariainen
- ☒ Randy Neumann

Andy Albarado
Liz Klein
Sherry Beckman
Lori Baltrusis

Others Present:

Ann Larson
Jim Ferguson
Ariga Grigoryan
Adam Lamoureaux

Call to Order – Chair Righeimer 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 --

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: June 10, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Duffy Second by: Ms. Hessel
Motion carried without negative vote.

Apostle Island National Park Letter of Support-

Motion to support a Sawyer County letter by: Mr. Duffy Second by: Mr. Kariainen
Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association Report –

No Update

University of Wisconsin-Extension Department Report -

Ms. Baltrusis reported that the summer camp is in session and her quarterly report was provided to the committee. Ms. Grigoryan reported on efforts to promote local foods and organizational development work with towns and LCO to determine community needs and access grant funds.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau -

A written report showing a record year for business sales in 2023 was provided. Room tax for the first quarter of 2024 is expected to be low due to the lack of snow. Ms. Beckman announced that she is retiring this month and will be replaced by Mindy Simons.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Report -

No update

Economic Development Corporation Report -

The incubator house funded by the THRIVE grant will be open to the public for business coaching Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6pm. Other upcoming events include an open house July 18 from 5-6:30 PM to celebrate new business Timber Green Services, and a Tribal Toolbox workshop August 1 from 10am-1pm. The housing committee continues a feasibility study to look for building land.

Library Updates -

Ann Larson spoke on recent and upcoming speakers and events at the Weiss Community Library. Written reports were provided for Weiss and Winter Libraries.

Motorized Trail and Non-Motorized Trail Report -

Mr. Duffy reported that Birkie registrations continue to come in with good numbers. Lumberjack Fest features comedian Charlie Behrens and tickets are selling fast. The Telemark pentathlon project is underway with a Grand Opening set for August.

Mr. Righeimer read a report from Ms. LaReau on record attendance for ATV tourism over the 4th of July holiday.

Broadband Update -

Mr. Albarado met with Norvado and is meeting with Mosaic on updating county progress for broadband projects and coverage. Mr. Duffy asked if there is a timeframe when the whole county will be covered. Mr. Albarado stated he hopes to see BEAD funding used toward this end, but some of the more remote areas will need satellite or wireless coverage.

Outside Committee Updates -

Mr. Kariainen attended a meeting for the Indianhead Community Action Agency and reported on current efforts to fund the CEP Board. Mr. Albarado noted that this is an agenda item on next week's Admin and Finance committee meetings.

Historical Society -

Mr. Ferguson reported on new display items the Society is working on. There will be a meeting in Stone Lake next month featuring John Detloff as a speaker.

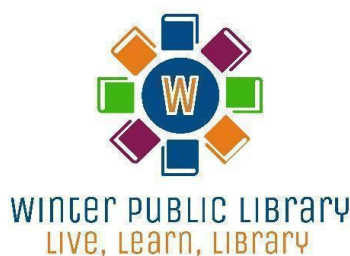
Future Agenda Items-

Mr. Albarado thanked Sherry Beckman for her work and requested the appointment of Mindy Simons on the next agenda.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, August 12th, at 8:30 am in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 am

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, EO Deputy Clerk



WINTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Donna Knuckey

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Winter Public Library is to provide quality materials and services which fulfill the education, information, cultural and recreational needs of the entire community in an atmosphere that is welcoming, respectful and businesslike.

Library Calendar of Events:

(This list changes as more programs and/or events are being planned throughout each month)

July

26th-Birth to 4K Adventure Story Hour @ 10:30a.m.

31st-Adventure Story Hour @ 6:00 p.m.

August

2nd-Birth to 4K Adventure Story Hour @ 10:30a.m

7th-Summer Reading Program Finale Party

15th-LEGO Club @ 6:00 p.m.

Lego Club

Meets the third Thursday each month. Lego Club begins with individual lego challenges and ends the evening with a team challenge.

Summer Reading Program:

Adventure Begins at Your Library

Preschool program will be on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The program includes books, music and movement, crafts, and family circle time.

Elementary program will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Books, hands-on activities are included in this programming option. We are partnering this year with the Winter Schools for our summer program. The school is using the library for their summer

incentive reading program. Students that participate in the program earn awards at the library and school. We will be having a joint end of summer celebration at the school's open house.

The program ends August 7th as many families take one last vacation before school starts and attendance to programs is smaller in August.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (Ongoing)

The objectives of this organization are:

- to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers
- to encourage parent and child bonding through reading

Prizes and free books are offered with this program.

Race to 100 (Kindergarten) (Ongoing)

Similar concept to 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten but just focuses on 100 books before the end of the Kindergarten year.

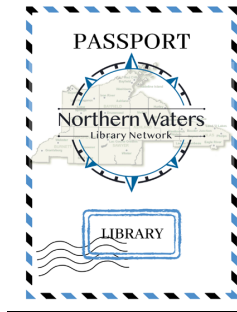
Friends of the Library

Another fundraiser was added to our list for the summer. We will be present at the canoe races and offering kids games and face painting for free. In addition to that we host a booth that has raffle baskets that people purchase tickets for to win a basket. All of the items are donated so any funds raised is a profit for the library programming fund.

Upcoming fundraisers:

- Ojibwa Canoe Races-offer kids games, face painting and raffle baskets.
- Duck Race on the Chippewa River in Ojibwa-August 31st

NWLN Passport program



Stop by a NWLN library and pick up a passport. Start visiting libraries in the system and get your passport stamped to be eligible for prizes. This program lasts through the end of August of 2024.

Circulation Statistics

Circulation Report 2023

Winter	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total	676	580	739	828	732	765	952	840	861	952	782	914
ILL	6	4	1	4	12	13	9	19	17	9	5	9
Total-ILL	670	576	738	824	720	752	943	821	844	943	779	905

Total Circulation as of 12/31/23= 10,000-79=9,928

Circulation Report 2024

Winter	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total	904	830	952	919	710	748						
ILL	1	7	7	9	5	7						
Total-ILL	903	823	945	910	705	741						

Total Circulation as of 3/31/2024=5,027

Libby Statistics-E-Media-2023

Winter	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov	Dec
State eBooks	188	161	191	150	131	133	112	143	130	132	130	128
State Audiobooks	216	136	89	88	68	89	47	66	113	91	104	68
State Magazines	5	21	29	8	6	8	7	3	46	29	28	34
Total eCirculation	409	318	309	246	205	230	166	212	289	252	262	230
Adv. eBooks	22	15	15	11	10	9	8	17	11	11	8	12
Adv. Audiobooks	9	12	11	10	8	14	9	6	11	7	14	14
New Users Added	1	4	0	0	1	3	0	2	5	4	5	4
Unique Users	47	49	47	45	41	49	49	53	59	61	64	52

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State eBooks	177	137	154	183	111	131						
State Audiobooks	120	95	133	103	84	101						
State Magazines	88	44	49	24	36	21						
Total eCirculation	385	276	336	310	231	253						
Adv. eBooks	18	23	13	20	7	13						
Adv. Audiobooks	18	9	15	14	13	13						

New Users Added	3	2	0	4	0
Unique Users	62	55	55	56	48

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