

**Minutes of the September 8, 2025 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

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Laura Bruce
Mindy Simons
Adam Lamoureaux
Ariga Grigoryan

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 -- Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: August 11, 2025

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

Motion carried without negative vote.

University of Wisconsin-Extension Report—

Ms. Grigoryan reported on the Sawyer County Clean Sweep which will occur September 16th. This year there will be three booths: Medication & Sharps, Electronics and Cleansweep Hazardous Waste.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report—

Ms. Simons reported on website engagements along with the Fall advertising campaigns which include Mad Dog & Merrill, Chicago Parent, and Wisconsin Outdoors. Ms. Simons reported on a new billboard located on Highway 27 and gave updates on the upcoming Color Tour reporting.

NWRPC Report—None.

SC/LCO Economic Development Corporation Report—

Mr. Lamoureaux reported on the Lumber Exchange office plans, Next Era Energy Resource Company solar options for Sawyer County, WEDC Ignite which helps start-up businesses, Rural Virtual Growth Circles, and the upcoming Scam & Fraud Workshop on October 8th. He spoke regarding the recent video releases which includes LIVE Work and Play. He gave a report on the THRIVE grant requirements.

Trail Reports--

No motorized reports.

Mr. Duffy reported on non-motorized trails; Fat Tire Race September 13, 2025 and the Birkie Trail Run. He reported there are already 8,000 registrations for the upcoming Birkie ski race.

Board Appointed Committee Updates – None.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences—
No reports

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjournment – 8:49 am

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

Minutes recorded by Laura Bruce, Deputy County Clerk