



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 5, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.
Barron County Government Center – Auditorium
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

Minutes

Members Present: Russell Rindsig, Carol Moen, Bill Schradle, Jerry McRoberts, Dana Heller, Bob Rogers, Bill Effertz,

Others Present: Jeff French, Wendy Coleman, Jeff Wolfe, Louie Okey, Steve Olson, Tyler Gruetzmacher

The Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Rindsig at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021.

The public meeting notification was read by French confirming compliance with open meeting requirements.

Public Comment: Rogers requested permission for Dr. Mark Nemo to speak during the aquatic species ordinance agenda item. .

Schradle gave a brief update on the recent WI County Forest Association conference and County forest land in Wisconsin.

Motion: (McRoberts / Schradle) to approve the agenda with the change of moving item 9 *Invasive Aquatic Species Ordinance* to item 6a. Carried

Motion: (Moen / Heller) to approve the minutes of March 1, 2021. Carried

Introduction – Aaron Turek, Director of Facilities - UWECBC: Aaron Turek was present to introduced himself. He will be at the Barron County Campus 1 day per week and the remainder of the week he is at the Eau Claire Campus. New maintenance staff will be onsite on a regular basis. Turek reviewed upcoming HVAC and exterior door automation projects.

Invasive Aquatic Species - Rogers reviewed the existing ordinance. Corporation Counsel has used the Barron County and Washburn County wording to create updated ordinance. Draft ordinance *Repealing and Recreating #2009-10 Illegal Transport of Aquatic Plants and Invasive Animals* was handed out. Discussion. Discussion. Rogers suggested adding wording to the end of “If a decontamination station is available for use at a public or private access, the boater shall decontaminate per posted directions using the station provided *and/or pursuant to the direction of a decontamination personnel present.*”

Mark Nemo spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance and lack of consistent requirements on Bear Lake which has landings in Washburn and Barron Counties. Gruetzmacher explained the decontamination solutions. Discussion.

Motion: (Effertz / Schradle) to include amendment to add wording *and/or pursuant to the direction of a decontamination personnel present.* Carried

Motion: (Rogers / Moen) to recommend adopting ordinance as amended and refer to County Board for approval. Carried

Update on Veterans Memorial Auditorium Upgrades: Reviewed proposed layout for Auditorium upgrades and locations for technology hook ups. CBS Squared brought in a mock section of table for the Committee to sit at and members recommended lowering the top ledge of the table. Discussion. Timeline will depend on the State approved plans. **Motion:** (McRoberts / Rogers) to proceed with the project with three (3) control panels. Carried.

Washout Repair to County Property Near Chetek Dam / Chetek River Access: Reviewed photo and location of a large washout near the Chetek Dam. Highway Department has made necessary repairs.

Potential American Rescue Plan Projects: French explained that it is expected that the County will receive in excess of \$8M dollars in funding through the American Rescue Plan legislation. Staff have developed a list of potential projects however Counties are still waiting for additional guidance from the US Treasury regarding acceptable uses of funds.

French provided information regarding the Ann Street School in the City of Rice Lake. Rice Lake Schools will no longer be using the building after this school year. Staff are recommending using the building to house the CSP Offices and as a Rice Lake hub for HHS staff. Discussion. French will set up a time for the Committee to view the property.

Office Complex – CASA Office Space: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is looking for office space as they are losing their existing space. There is space available on the 2nd floor of the Office Complex building. Discussion. **Motion:** (Rogers / Effertz) to rent to available space on the 2nd floor to CASA. Carried

Staff Reports / Updates

- a. Dam Update: Gruetzmacher gave an update on Chetek Dam scouring and gate projects. Received quotes for water monitoring system replacement and an additional unit.
- b. Red Cedar Lake – Ice Jacking: Olson reported very minimal erosion or damage this year.
- c. Chetek Dam – Historical Classification: A Chetek resident is requesting to do a historical analysis and report on Chetek Dam. Gruetzmacher is working with him to get photos of the old dam equipment.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: tour of Ann Street School

Review Voucher Edit Lists: No questions or concerns.

Set Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m.

The Property Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

Minutes are not official until approved by the Property Committee at their next meeting.