



# PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, May 6, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Barron County Government Center – Room 2151

335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

## AGENDA

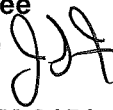
1. Call Meeting To Order
2. Public Meeting Notification
3. Public Comment
4. Approve Agenda
5. Approve Minutes of April 4, 2022
6. Lumbering Hall of Fame Property
  - a. AquaFest Use of Lumbering Hall of Fame Property / Parking
  - b. Request for Shoreline Vegetation Funding
  - c. Update on Steam Engine Move to Hungry Hollow
7. Ann Street School – Proposed Aging Kitchen Plans / Costs
8. Auditorium Update / Seating Disposal
9. Support of Grant Application for Red Cedar Landing Improvements
10. Staff Reports / Updates
  - a. Chetek Dam Improvements
  - b. Dam Update
  - c. Pay Increases for Campground Caretakers
11. Suggestions For Future Agenda Items
12. Review Voucher Edit Lists
13. Set Next Meeting Date
14. Adjournment

**PLEASE CALL 715-537-6841 IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND**

cc: B. Rogers, B. Schradle, C. Moen, J. McRoberts, D. Heller, R. Rindsig, B. Effertz, S. Olson, J. Cisek, D. Gifford, J. Wolfe, K. Beranek, J. French, J. Muench, S. Mohns, Webmaster & 3 Public Postings

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**Barron County Property Committee**  
**County Administrator's Update**  
**Meeting Date of 5-6-2022, 1pm**  
**Barron County Government Center, RM 2151**



**#6. Lumbering Hall of Fame Property:**

*a. Use of Property - Aquafest.*

I realize that last month the Committee did approve part of the Lumbering Hall of Fame property, use for the Acquafest celebration. Included with the packet is updated information from Supervisor Bob Anderson regarding this issue. I have also included his email of 4-29 which provides additional information. The only down-side I see is that with the new map there would not be boat parking available during Aquafest. My opinion is this is a small trade-off.

My recommendation is to approve the new mapping area and assuming the other conditions the Committee discussed last month.

Peg holes are filled in.

No damage to shoreline

All garbage is removed at the end of the carnival period.

*b. Request Shoreland Vegetation Funding:*

As this Committee is aware this Agenda item is being brought back from last month's meeting with additional information. The total cost of this project is \$3,000.00 with the Rice Lake Lake District contributing \$1,000.00. I feel the \$2,000.00 contribution from the County for completion of this project is reasonable and necessary.

I recommend the Committee approve an expenditure of \$2,000.00 from any line item.

Finally, Tyler may have additional information to share with the Committee.

*c. Update, Steam Engine Move to Hungry Hollow:*

This is an update only, in-that the old steam engine on the north side of the dam will be moved soon, to the Hungry Hollow Steam Club location on Hwy 25 north, no cost to the County.

Tyler may have additional information to share with the Committee.

**#7. Ann Street School:**

Included with the packet is the latest schematic plan for Ann Street School. As of the date of writing this update, 5-3, Steve and other staff are working diligently to come up with cost estimates for your consideration at the meeting. We will present whatever information we have when we meet. My "ask" of the Committee is similar to what I asked last month, please, be patient with staff we are trying to navigate this very

fluid situation.

**#8. Auditorium Update and Seating:**

Included with the packet is the latest updated information on completion of Veterans Memorial Auditorium upgrades and based on this document it is anticipated that renovations will be completed by May 13th. However this does not included the public's seating and seating for the Board members which are scheduled to be ordered prior to the meeting of this committee and with a delivery date of August, at the earliest.

I am going to ask the Committee to approve of simply disposing of the old auditorium seating. This request comes after a meeting on Thursday April 28th, with the vendor of the new seating, the general contractor, Maintenance Director Olson, Executive Assistant Coleman and myself. The vendor and the GC both agreed that no-one will be interested in this old seating and that putting them for sale on a public auction will probably result in no bids. In their experience what usually happens is that someone wants one or two chairs for their home or deck the result of which is maintenance staff need to take their time to separate the chairs, etc. So, in a nutshell and after much discussion they recommend that we simply dispose of them at the end of the project. If someone wants them for free before disposal, so be it.

**#9. Resolution - Approving Grant Application - for Mr. Craig Fowler , DNR Grant Application.**

This is a work in progress. Mr. Fowler is working on our behalf to secure DNR Grant funding for Red Cedar river and kayak/canoe docks. It's my understanding he may need a resolution of support from the full Board for this endeavor. Tyler or I will provide more information at the meeting as we know more.

My recommendation is that the Committee authorize any resolution as necessary so-that Mr. Fowler may continue work on this project.

**#10. Staff Reports:**

I will let Tyler handle these two agenda items.

**#11. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:**

June meeting will be a reorganizational meeting

**#12. Voucher Edit Lists:**

These will be included in the packet or available at the meeting.

**#13. Set Next Meeting Date:**

June 6th, 1pm

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# PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 4, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

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335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

## *Minutes*

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

**Other Present:** Jeff French, Wendy Coleman, Louie Okey, Chris Fitzgerald, Bob Anderson, Stan Buchanan, Patty Davis Green, Jodi Busch, Ken Beranek, Jeff Wolfe, Steve Olson, John Muench, Ruth Erickson, Andrew Sloan, Bob Zientara, Tyler Gruetzmacher

The Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Rindsig at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022.

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

There were no comments from the public.

**Motion:** (Schradle / Heller) to approve the agenda with the change to move item #10 *Lumbering Hall of Fame* between items #5 and #6. Carried

**Motion:** (Moen / McRoberts) to approve the minutes of February 28, 2022. Carried

**Lumbering Hall of Fame:** French explained a request for cost sharing for shoreland stabilization between the County, Lumbering Hall of Fame and Lake District of \$1,000 each. Buchanan expressed concern that the Lumbering Hall of Fame was not familiar with the request and didn't have the funds available at this time. Consensus to delay discussion until further information is available.

French, Bob Anderson on behalf of Aquafest and Stan Buchanan on behalf of the Lumbering Hall of Fame provided information on the request to hold the Aquafest carnival at the Lumbering Hall of Fame location. Areas of concerns were identified and discussed.

**Motion:** (Rogers / Heller) to allow the use of the Lumbering Hall of Fame for the Aquafest Carnival provided holes in blacktop are repaired. Carried

**Snowmobile / ATV Bridge Repairs:** Deputy Wolfe explained the list of bridge projects and cost breakdown for the first 10 projects. Wolfe is recommending the County consider purchasing lighter grooming equipment to meet the weight limits on the bridges. Staff have viewed Sawyer County's grooming equipment. Discussed potential cost savings; benefits of having clubs work together and how shared equipment would work. Bid results for the bridge repairs were reviewed and discussed breakdown of the bridge materials, labor breakdown.

**Motion:** (Schradle / Effertz) to recommend resolution for \$488,312 of ARPA funds for bridge repairs and equipment. Carried.

Ann Street School: French provided an update on heating costs and reported that Barron County was not successful in obtaining grants for rehabbing the Ann Street school. Potential use of the building as a day care center was discussed but consensus that there were more immediate needs of the County for the building. Olson presented a potential layout to rehab the Ann Street building to accommodate an Aging kitchen and Daybreak center. Discussion on safety near the River, space needs, efficiency of the building with repairs to the north wall. Estimated costs are expected later this week. French recommends encumbering \$3M of ARPA funds to the project.

**Motion:** (Heller / Moen) move forward encumbering \$3 million in ARPA funds for the rehab of Ann Street School and directing Steve to move forward with plans and costs. Carried

Auditorium Upgrade / Auditorium Seating: Olson gave an update on the Auditorium seating. Discussion. **Motion:** (Schradle / Effertz) to encumber \$100,000 of ARPA funds for seating in the Auditorium and move forward with order. Carried

Canoe / Kayak Dock – Red Cedar River / South Street: Review photos of example of floating dock for canoe and kayak use. French explained that Craig Fowler would like to apply on behalf of the County for State DNR grants for the floating dock and signage for the South Street landing. **Motion:** (Heller / Rogers) to grant request to move forward with grant applications. Carried

#### Staff Reports / Updates

- Dam Update: Gruetzmacher gave an update on Chetek dam underwater repairs which have been completed. Highway will be completing repairs to the tainter gate. Water levels are being monitored.
- Mikana Dam Encroachment: Muench gave an update on the issue and paperwork is ready for filing.
- Wolf Management Plan Committee Report: French gave a brief update on topic.
- Use of Office Complex to 6-11-2022: French notified that Curative will be using site until June for COVID testing.
- Buckthorn Expenditure Resolution: Resolution will be going to County Board in April. Discussion on costs.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: Ann Street School Building

There were no questions or concerns regarding the voucher edit lists.

Set Next Meeting Date: Friday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m.

County Encroachment – John Will, Town of Cedar Lake

**Motion:** (Rogers / Effertz) to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating purchase of public properties, investing public funds, other specific business, or

whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll call vote carried with Rogers, Heller, McRoberts, Schradle, Effertz, Moen, Rindsig voting in favor.

**Motion:** (Effertz / Rogers) to return to open session. Carried

**Motion:** (Effertz / Rogers) to direct staff to move the gate onto County property. Carried

The Property Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:  
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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



Jeff French &lt;jeff.french@co.barron.wi.us&gt;

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## Newly Proposed AquaFest Carnival Area

1 message

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**Robert Anderson** <robert.anderson@co.barron.wi.us>

Fri, Apr 29, 2022 at 3:32 PM

To: Jeff French <jeff.french@co.barron.wi.us>, Louie Okey <louie.okey@co.barron.wi.us>, Ken Beranek <ken.beranek@co.barron.wi.us>, Stanley Buchanan <stanley.buchanan@co.barron.wi.us>, Robert Anderson <robert.anderson@co.barron.wi.us>

Hello and Good Day

See attachment

After meeting with the carnival owners today and walking the boat landing site with them,,,,,"IF" the carnival is only allowed to use 1/2 of the boat parking area, they can only fit 2 to 3 rides for the carnival.

That isn't much of a carnival.

We propose/request using the majority of the boat parking area, leaving enough room for a boat & vehicle to launch a boat. Yes, they would then need to find a place to park their rig while fishing or boating (maybe the Mayo parking area ?).

IF we can include the yellow highlighted area on the attachment, the carnival can get 6-8 rides in that area and extra games along the paved path. That would be a satisfactory carnival.

Looking for feedback, ideas, comments.

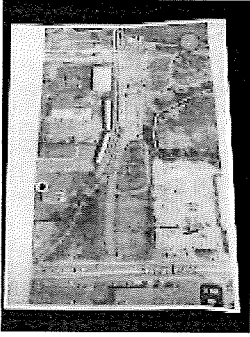
One of us from AquaFest will reach out to Jim Anderson and/or Jordan Grille (CRL Streets and Parks) for their input also.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob

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**New Proposaed Area .jpg**  
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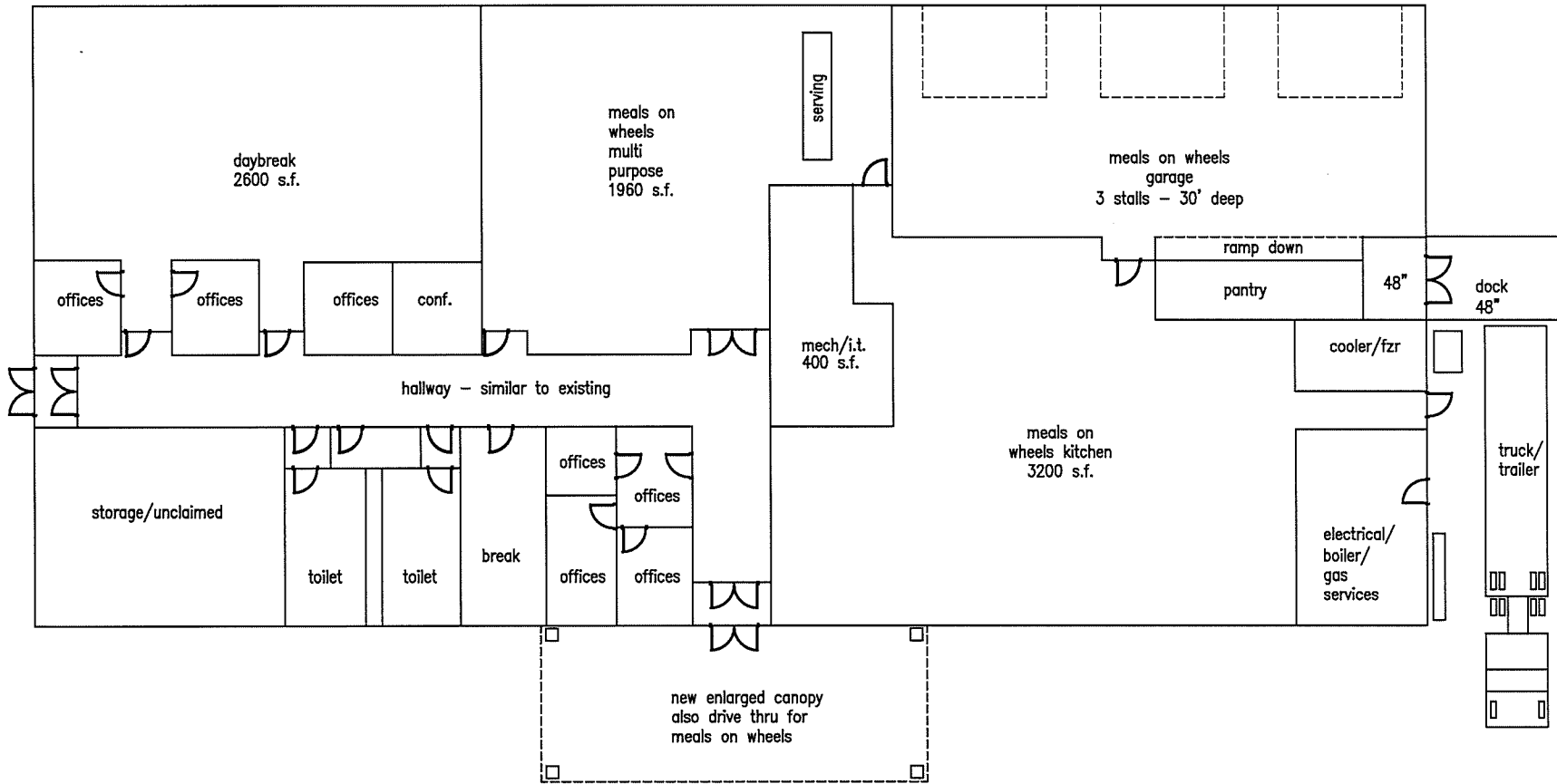
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BARRON COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEMATIC PLAN 4-26-22



Christina Solie  
Rice Lake- Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
PO Box 446  
Rice Lake, WI 54868

April 25, 2022

Barron County Property Committee  
Barron County Soil and Water Conservation  
335 East Monroe Ave, Rm.2130  
Barron, WI 54812

Barron County Property Committee Members,

Last fall Stan Bergum approached me asking what I could do to help him get native plants planted along the shoreline at the Lumbering Hall of Fame. I informed him of the Rice Lake-Lake District's reimbursement program where the district would reimburse half of the project's cost not to exceed \$1000.00. We then set up an initial site visit with Matt Swank from Lupine Gardens to give us an estimate of what could be planted. Stan informed me that even with the Lake District's assistance, the project cost was still too high. We are reaching out to Barron County to ask for assistance with the funding to have native plants planted at the Lumbering Hall of Fame. Attached you will find an outline for the proposed project.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Christina Solie

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Rice Lake- Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
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## **Native Planting Project Proposal Outline**

### **for Lumbering Hall of Fame**

#### **Summary:**

The northeast shoreline of the Lumbering Hall of Fame will be prepped, seeded, and planted with native plants by the Rice Lake-Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District's consultant Lupine Gardens. This planting will be maintained until growth is stable on its own. For a better view of the lake, bushes will be trimmed back. There has also been discussion of placing an educational sign near the planting to explain the benefits of native shoreline plants to park visitors.

#### **Objectives:**

One objective of this project is to reduce runoff from the nearby parking lot and streets to Rice Lake and the Red Cedar River. Another objective is to reduce erosion along the Lumbering Hall of Fame shoreline. An additional objective is public awareness. Since this park is frequently used by community members, seeing the native plantings and potential signage may encourage positive action elsewhere. While the consultant is working on site, pictures will be documented and shared on social media to create awareness as well.

#### **Benefits:**

The Lumbering Hall of Fame is in a unique location being it is both on the lake and near the river. Planting native plants along the shoreline of this in-town location will be beneficial to the water quality of Rice Lake and the Red Cedar River. This project will reduce runoff and shoreline erosion thus increasing good water quality. This will aid in the overall health of these water bodies and their associated flora and fauna. Good water quality will also encourage recreation by residents and visitors of Rice Lake. Any educational signage placed near the planting would increase awareness of the benefits of native plants as well.

#### **Method:**

Upon receiving funding, Lupine Gardens anticipates starting the Lumbering Hall of Fame Project in May 2022. Approximately 325 feet of shoreline (figure 1) is to be planted by the staff of Lupine Gardens. Lupine Gardens estimates the project to take two to three days to prepare the ground and plant the native plants. The native plant species to be planted (table 1) was selected by Lupine Gardens after the initial site visit to ensure optimal growth based on location and soil type. Lupine Gardens recommends the native plants to be watered every few days for one month after planting if there is no rain. The native plants are anticipated to be established and self-sufficient after this one month.

**Budget:**

Lupine Gardens quoted the Lumbering Hall of Fame project at \$3000.00. This includes labor, plants, mulch, ground prep, and seeding. (A more detailed breakdown of these costs will be available in the full proposal on May 6, 2022.)

The Rice Lake- Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District will reimburse \$1000.00 of this \$3000.00 upon project completion using its reimbursement program. The Rice Lake- Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District also donates \$300.00 annually to the Lumbering Hall of Fame that will also go towards this project.

**Evaluation:**

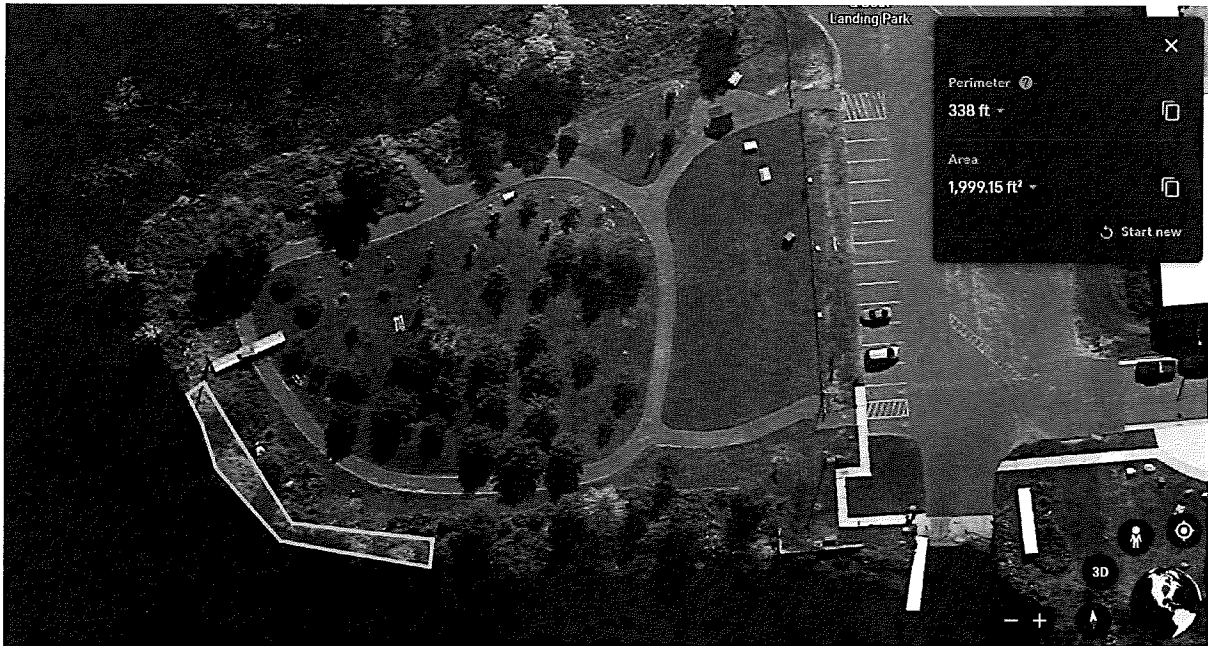
The native plants will be closely monitored by staff and volunteers of the Rice Lake- Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District until they are fully established. Once they are established, no further work will need to be done.

**Contact:**

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**Consultant:**

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**Figure 1:** The proposed 325 feet of shoreline to be planted with native plants (outlined in yellow) along the northeast shore of the Lumbering Hall of Fame

**Table 1:** A list of Wisconsin native plants to be planted at the Lumbering Hall of Fame

Purple Coneflower ( <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> )
Little bluestem ( <i>Scizachyrium scoparium</i> )
Black-eyed Susan ( <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> )
Common yarrow ( <i>Achillea millefolium</i> )
Great blue lobelia ( <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> )
Wild columbine ( <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> )
Wild bergamot ( <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> )
Stiff Goldenrod ( <i>Solidago rigida</i> )
Smooth blue Aster ( <i>Aster laeve</i> )
Obedient plant ( <i>Physostegia virginiana</i> )
Wild Lupine ( <i>Lupinus perennis</i> )
Blue flag iris ( <i>Iris versicolor</i> )

COUNTY OF BARRON

Payment Request Edit  
On-Line Vouchers

PROPERTY

Vendor No/Name	Line#	voucher#	Account Desc	Date	Description	Amount
3468 USDA APHIS	1	C0080565	REPAIR & MAINT - HAUGEN/BEAR LAK	04/14/22	DAMS - 2022 BEAVER CONTROL	650.00
13 JOE'S BARRON WELDING WORKS LLC	1	C0080566	REPAIR & EXPENSE	04/14/22	PARKS - LEAF PUSHER / BRACKETS	11,112.60
2438 BADGER STATE RECOVERY INC	1	C0080567	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	04/14/22	MAINT - CONFIDENTIAL PAPER RECY	180.00
0757 PETE'S TRAILER SALES INC	1	C0080568	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT-FOREST & RECRE	04/14/22	PARKS - INV# 45331 FLATBED TRAI	21,015.00
0757 PETE'S TRAILER SALES INC	2	C0080568	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT-FOREST & RECRE	04/14/22	PARKS - INV# 44482 TRUCK BED	8,645.00
553 VIKING AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO	1	C0080569	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	04/14/22	MAINT - EAST WING SPRINKLER INS	850.00
9193 MENARDS - RICE LAKE STORE	1	C0080570	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	04/14/22	MAINT - INV# 98733 / ACC# 31520	32.96
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394 CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	1	C0080571	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	04/14/22	ENC/MAINT - ACCT# 027192JC WATE	359.70
423 AUTO VALUE BARRON	1	C0080572	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	04/14/22	MAINT - INV# 141182220 SUPPLIES	28.99
91 MOBERG ELECTRIC INC	1	C0080573	REPAIR & EXPENSE	04/14/22	PARKS - PUMPS - KIRBY LAKE	2,312.44
2 WIEHES HARDWARE HANK	1	C0080574	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	04/14/22	ENC/MAINT - ACCT# 78 SUPPLIES	86.93
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<b>Totals:</b>						<b>118,567.72</b>