



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 3, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
Barron County Government Center – Room 2151
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

Minutes

Members Present In Person: Dana Heller, Bill Effertz, Carol Moen, Bill Schradle, Bob Rogers, Jerry McRoberts, Karolyn Bartlett

Members Present Virtually: None

Others Present: Jeff French, Wendy Coleman, Jodi Busch, Steve Olson, Louie Okey, John Muench, David Gifford, Chris Fitzgerald, Janette Cain, Patty Green

The Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2022.

French provided the public meeting notification confirming compliance with open meeting requirements.

Public Comment: Todd and Joan Bader, Town of Arland spoke regarding the Arland Rifle Range concerns. Steve Olson gave an update on the camera installation and noise abatement grant received for the range. Grant requires that the range be open for a minimum of 3 days per week. .

Motion: (McRoberts / Rogers) to approve the agenda. Carried

Motion: (Schradle / Bartlett) to approve the minutes of August 29, 2022. Carried

Update on Possible Renovations to Old Jail for Aging Kitchen / Work Areas: Steve Olson handed out preliminary cost estimates of \$1.5M for renovations to the old jail for use as an Aging kitchen and work area. Storage areas would need to be moved and the DNR offices would need to be relocated to another area. Roof repairs of about \$125,000 are budgeted as part of the capital improvement plan. Discussion. **Motion:** (Schradle/Effertz) to recommend a resolution to the County Board to move forward with architectural plans and estimates. Carried

Ann Street School Building – Possible Use as Daycare Center: French provided an update from Economic Development regarding locating a daycare facility. Waiting for state inspections for final requirements before the project can move forward. .

Reforestation Grant: French requesting approval for Cisek to apply for the reforestation grant. **Motion:** (Effertz / Moen) to apply for the reforestation grant. Carried

Bridge in Pipestone: French provided information that CORBA would like to locate a bridge within the Pipestone area for trails. Bridge was previously located at Veterans Park and is no longer in use. **Motion:** (Schradle / Rogers) to allow CORBA to locate the bridge from Veterans Park to the Pipestone area. Carried

Staff Reports / Updates

- Buckthorn Abatement at Campus: Photos of the area where buckthorn has been treated and mowed were viewed.

- Dam Update & Knapp Stout Gazebo Improvements: Photos of the improvements were included in the packet.
- Museum Maintenance Report: Report was included in the packet.
- Sally Port at Justice Center – Engineering Study: French and Fitzgerald gave an update on the need for an engineering study and possible borrowing to complete the project in the future.
- Front Lawn Project at Government Center: City is applying for a grant to improve LaSalle Avenue and would like to look at locating an amphitheater on the front lawn of the Government Center. City would be responsible for the project and anything potentially buried under the ground.
- Timber Harvest West of Museum: Timber has been removed and the property has been worked up. Barron County will cover the cost of the seed. Museum would like to eventually locate a visitor center on this location.
- E-Bikes: Olson has had some requests to use e-bikes in the County Forest. E-Bike will be considered the same as regular bikes and are allowed in the County Forest.
- Schradle gave an update on the recent Wisconsin County Forest Association meeting.

Brief discussion on the Pipestone Quarry area.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: Jail / Aging Kitchen Renovation Project

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

Set Next Meeting Date: November 14, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion: (Effertz / Schradle) to adjourn at 1:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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