

**Extension/Land Conservation Committee**  
**Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 8:30 A.M.**  
**Barron County Government Center**  
**Room 2151**

335 East Monroe Avenue, Barron, WI

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Acknowledgement of Public Posting Requirements
3. Public comment
4. Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – 9/6/22
  - Edit List
  - Announcements –
5. Barron County Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Resolution – action item
6. Farmers of Barron County Watershed Memorandum of Understanding – action item
7. Staff Reports – NRCS, FSA, SWCD, and UWEX (10 minutes) information only
  - Executive Committee Report
  - Fair Board Report
  - Agriculture in Barron County - French
8. Set date for the next meeting (action required)
9. Adjourn

**\*\*\*If you cannot make the meeting, PLEASE call the SWCD at 715-537-6315.**

(All times are estimated)

**ADA Statement for Agenda**

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cc: Horstman, Gores, Skoug, Rindsig, McRoberts, G. Nelson, Huth/Bol, County Clerk, County Administrator, Webmaster, Public postings

## EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

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Members present: Kirsten Huth, Jerry McRoberts, Gary Nelson, Randy Cook, Jim Gores, Fran Langman and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Jeff French, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Dave Gifford, Justin Everson, Bronson Thalacker, Lori Baltrusis and Kim Collins.

Cook called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Collins confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment.

**Motion: (Nelson/McRoberts)** to approve the agenda; carried 7-0. **Motion: (Kusilek/Langman)** to approve the minutes of July 28, 2022 meeting; carried 6-0 with Gores abstaining. No questions on edit lists and no announcements.

Item #5. Baltrusis discussed the proposed 2023 UW-Extension budget and answered committee questions. **Motion: (Kusilek/Nelson)** to approve the UW-EX budget as presented; carried 7-0.

Item #6. Gifford discussed the 2023 SWCD budget. The chair asked for input on expanding the FPP program, including adding a staff member in the future. After committee discussion, **motion: (Nelson/Langman)** to approve the 2023 SWCD budget; carried 7-0.

Item #7. Gruetzmacher gave an overview of the Multi Discharge Variance (MDV) program and requested lifting the 5-acre maximum. **Motion: (Kusilek/McRoberts)** to approve discontinuing the 5-acres maximum for the MDV program.

Item #8. Gruetzmacher presented information on an AIS grant opportunity to provide funding to assist with ongoing staff efforts to control aquatic invasive species and requested committee approval to proceed with the application. **Motion: (Huth/Langman)** to proceed with AIS grant application; carried 7-0. Gruetzmacher will present a resolution in October.

Item #9. Gruetzmacher presented information on a possible lake planning grant for sediment testing on the Chain of Lakes being investigated by the Chetek Lake Protection & Improvement Association, asking for a contribution of \$1000 in support of the application, from SWCD lake assistance monies. After discussion, **motion: (Kusilek/McRoberts)** to approve the \$1000 contribution for the grant application; carried 6-1 with Langman opposed.

Item #10. Gruetzmacher gave a brief description of a nutrient management grant application by the Staples Lake Lake District.

Item #11. Gruetzmacher provided an overview of the results of the Groundwater Study, the 2023 plan and future costs of the study.

Item #12. Staff Reports –

NRCS – No NRCS report.

UWEX – No UW-EX report.

FSA – Huth provided program updates.

SWCD – Everson discussed his invasive species eradication work.

Executive Committee – French stated the committee would be reviewing the budget.

Fair Board – French stated the Fair was a success.

WCA/FSA LCC – French stated we are compliant with these guidelines.

*Minutes are not official until approved by the Extension/LCC Committee at the next meeting.*

Committee discussed and reaffirmed the 8:30 a.m. meeting time but left it open to the chair to change it to 8:00 a.m. if the more time appears to be warranted. Next meeting is set for October 4, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Future agenda items: *AIS Grant Resolution, Nonmetallic Mining Program Overview*

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins  
Administrative Secretary, Land Services

**COUNTY OF BARRON**

Payment Request Edit

On-Line Vouchers

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LAND SERVICES DEPT

Vendor No/Name	Line#	voucher#	Account Desc	Date	Description	Amount
289493 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISE	1		ADDRESS SIGNING	09/08/22	ZA-RURAL ADDRESS SIGNS	<del>946.00</del>
744 CHETEK ALERT INC	1		PUBLICATIONS	09/08/22	ZA-AFFIDAVITS FOR PUB NOTICES	2.00
1015 CUMBERLAND ADVOCATE	1		PUBLICATTONS	09/08/22	ZA-PUBLIC NOTICE/THOE	46.76
69256 RINEHARDT BRANT & STEPHANIE	1		ZONING FEES AND PERMITS	09/08/22	ZA-PERMIT REFUND - LU26403	100.00
149438 SAND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT	1		INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL	09/08/22	SWCD-LAKE AIDS/WEED REMOVAL	500.00
263869 SEILER INSTRUMENT & MFG CO INC	1		NEW EQUIPMENT	09/08/22	LS-TRIMBLE GPS DATA	345.00
302 SWANT GRABER FORD	1		MILEAGE-LAND SERVICES	09/08/22	LS-'13 FORD/OIL CH & TIRE ROTAT	85.75
3565 SAFETY AND BUILDINGS DIVISION	1		DUE TO STATE - SANITATION FEES	09/08/22	ZA-STATE SAN FEES - AUG 2022	<del>2,900.00</del>
<b>Totals:</b>						<b>4,925.51</b>

**MANUAL VOUCHERS/JOURNAL ENTRIES**

DEPT	NAME	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
LS	BC HIGHWAY DEPT	220-12-53400-332-000	FUEL 5/28 - 6/24	\$934.70

MANUAL VOUCHERS TOTAL: \$934.70

GRAND TOTAL: \$5,860.21

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Dept Approval

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Admin Approval

Land Services Total: \$1,365.45  
 Land Information Total: \$0.00  
 Soil & Water Conservation Total: \$500.00  
 Zoning Administration Total: \$3,994.76

**BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**Barron County Lake Monitoring & Protection Network AIS Grant Application**

**TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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**WHEREAS**, the Barron County Soil & Water Conservation Department (SWCD) is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of continuing SWCD efforts to coordinate with lake organizations and the public to improve surface water quality through the detection, prevention, and control of AIS and monitoring of lake water quality conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Extension-Land Conservation Committee on October 4, 2022, on a vote of 7:0, with Cook, McRoberts, Nelson, Langman, Kusilek, Huth and Gores voting in favor and 0 against.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Barron County SWCD will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the activities and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available:

TASK	TITLE/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	EMAIL & PHONE NUMBER
Sign and submit grant application	Director of Land Services	<a href="mailto:dave.gifford@co.barron.wi.us">dave.gifford@co.barron.wi.us</a> 715-537-6375
Enter into grant agreement with DNR	Director of Land Services	<a href="mailto:dave.gifford@co.barron.wi.us">dave.gifford@co.barron.wi.us</a> 715-537-6375
Submit quarterly and/or final reports to DNR	County Conservationist	<a href="mailto:tyler.gruetzmacher@co.barron.wi.us">tyler.gruetzmacher@co.barron.wi.us</a> 715-537-6246
Submit reimbursement request(s) to DNR	Administrative Assistant III	<a href="mailto:kim.collins@co.barron.wi.us">kim.collins@co.barron.wi.us</a> 715-537-6375
Sign and submit Admin Forms	Director of Land Services	<a href="mailto:dave.gifford@co.barron.wi.us">dave.gifford@co.barron.wi.us</a> 715-537-6375

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the applicant will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and cost-share agreement.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**OFFERED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.**

<p>Number of readings required: One ( ) Two ( )</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority ( ) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ( )</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted ( ) General Fund ( ) Grant ( ) Contingency ( ) Other ( ) Details _____</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - Future years total amount: \$ - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted ( ) Failed ( ) Tabled ( )</p> <p>Approved as to form by County Administrator:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>Approved as to form by Corporation Counsel:</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Randall Cook, Ext-LCC Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p>
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
BARRON COUNTY  
AND  
FARMERS OF BARRON COUNTY WATERSHEDS**

**BACKGROUND** To improve water quality in Wisconsin, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will provide grants to producer-led groups that implement non-point source pollution abatement activities.

**PURPOSE** This **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** establishes a partnership between Barron County and Farmers of Barron County Watersheds as required in the Producer-led Watershed Protection Grants Program through DATCP, outlined in ATCP 52, Wisconsin Administrative Code. This MOU defines the respective roles and responsibilities for each entity as they relate to implementation of the producer-led watershed protection grant program.

**MISSION** Barron County and Farmers of Barron County Watersheds enter into this MOU to work collaboratively on the producer-led water quality protection project in the Yellow River watershed to improve soil health. Therefore, operating under this MOU, Farmers of Barron County Watersheds and Barron County agree to the following terms:

**PURPOSE AND SCOPE** Barron County and Farmers of Barron County Watersheds will work collaboratively to improve soil health and water quality within the Yellow River watershed, located in Barron County, Wisconsin. The watershed resource concerns involve the Yellow River and the Red Cedar River impairment due to excess phosphorus and sediment loading. We will accomplish improved soil health through the implementation of conservation practices and by providing outreach and education to farmers. Our mutual goals include increasing awareness of conservation benefits, increasing soil health, improving farm productivity and reducing phosphorus and other nutrient runoff from farm fields.

There will be no exchange of funds between Barron County and Farmers of Barron County Watersheds for this project. Each organization of this MOU is responsible for its own expenses related to this MOU.

The role of Barron County will be to provide planning and technical assistance to farmers as well as provide information to farmers on available state, federal and local programs. The Farmers of Barron County Watersheds will lead the efforts of the project by reaching out to farmers, providing information and incentive payments to try innovative conservation practices to primarily increase soil health, and involve other partners to leverage efforts.

**RESPONSIBILITIES** The official contacts listed below will coordinate the activities of each organization in carrying out this MOU: Barron County: Tyler Gruetzmacher, County Conservationist, Barron County Soil & Water Conservation Department (715) 537-6246. Farmers of Barron County Watersheds, Producer-led Watershed Council: Logan Dwyer, Chairman, 715-651-9803

**TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING** The term of this MOU is for a period of three (3) years from the effective date of this agreement and may be extended upon written mutual agreement. It shall be reviewed annually to ensure that it is fulfilling its purpose and to make any necessary revisions.

**PERIOD OF AGREEMENT** The period of this agreement is from the official signing date until terminated by either party pursuant to the TERMINATION paragraph below.

**TERMINATION** Either party may request termination by giving 60 days written notice to the other party.

**AUTHORIZATION** Signing this MOU is not a formal undertaking. It implies that the signatories will strive to reach, to the best of their ability, the objectives stated in the MOU. On behalf of the organization I represent, I wish to sign this MOU and contribute to its further development.

Farmers of Barron County Watersheds, A Producer-led Watershed Council By

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Signature Logan Dwyer, Chairman, Farmers of Barron County Watersheds

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Barron County

By \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Randy Cook, Chairman, Barron County Land Conservation Committee

Date \_\_\_\_\_