



# PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 6, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Barron County Government Center – Room 2151  
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

## MINUTES

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

**Members Absent:** Bill Schradle

**Others Present:** Jeff French, Wendy Coleman, Janette Cain, Steve Olson, Jeff Wolfe, Ryan Urban, Rhonda Sukys, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Jodi Busch, Patty Green, Chris Fitzgerald

The Property Committee meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023.

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

There were no comments from the public.

French requested to pull agenda item #9 - *Chetek Sno-Flyers Club Loan Request*. **Motion:** (Rogers / Effertz) to approve the agenda with the removal of item #9. Carried

**Motion:** (McRoberts / Bartlett) to approve the minutes of February 6, 2022. Carried

Closure of Arland Rifle Range – September 8 – 10, 2023: French explained request from the neighboring property owners to have the Arland range closed from September 8 - 10, 2023 for a wedding on their property. **Motion:** (Bartlett / Rogers) to close the Arland Rifle Range from September 8 - 10, 2023. Carried

Authorization to Proceed with Request for Proposals – Chetek Dam Area Improvements: Proposed plans were provided in the packet and Gruetzmacher provided additional information. Discussion. Funding would be through a budget adjustment and draft resolution was distributed. **Motion:** (Rogers / Moen) to forward resolution to County Board with Committee approval. Carried. **Motion:** (Rogers / Moen) authorized Gruetzmacher to proceed with bids for the proposed improvements at the Chetek Dam property.. Carried

Sale of County Property – Town of Lakeland: French provided information on the request to purchase property. Sukys gave some background information on the property. Wolfe stated that the snowmobile trail crosses the property and is not in favor of the property being sold. Discussion. **Motion:** (Rogers / McRoberts) to deny the offer to purchase the property. Carried

2022 Budget Carryover Requests: French gave an update on the requested carryovers. **Motion:** (Bartlett / Effertz) to approve the following carryovers in the Capital Improvement / Capital Outlay Plan and Fleet Account:

- Squads - \$38,968.96 (Sheriff)

- Radio System Upgrade - \$398,670.87 (Sheriff)
- Switches - \$29,580.00 (Technology)
- Copier - \$4,700.00 (Technology)
- Justice Center Fire Alarm Project - \$140,000.00 (Maintenance)
- Silver Lake Parking Area - \$35,000.00 (Parks)
- 1 ½ Ton Pickup - \$75,000.000 (Parks)
- Waldo Carlson Blacktop Road to Boat Launch - \$15,000.00 (Parks)
- Fleet Vehicle Replacements - \$47,779.00

Motion carried. Discussion on the need to approve future CICOP carryovers. Consensus that carryovers be provided as an update in the future.

#### Staff Reports / Updates

- Dam Update: Gruetzmacher gave an update on upcoming dam projects including Rice Lake motor repairs, surface repairs on Chetek dam, removal of the concrete pad from the steam engine, gearbox maintenance, water level monitoring and Library Lake clean up project. Mikana Dam is due for a 10 year inspection.
- Museum Maintenance Report: No report at this time.
- Ice Age Trail Parking: Olson will view the area in the spring and add gravel to allow off road parking in the Narrow Gauge area.
- Ann Street School Update: French is requesting a future agenda item.

French commended Deputy Jeff Wolfe for his work with the clubs to save money and Rhonda Sukys for identifying an ownership discrepancy on the area north of Ann Street which has been found to be owned by the City of Rice Lake for park space.

Moen requested information on the current water study and any PFAS studies in the County. Discussion.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: Ann Street, rifle ranges

The voucher edit lists were included in the packet.

Set Next Meeting Date: April 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

**Motion:** (Rogers / Effertz) to adjourn at 1:39 p.m. Carried

Minutes submitted by:  
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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