



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 3, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Chris Fitzgerald, Jeff French, Louie Okey, John Cisek, Steve Olson, Jeff Wolfe, Pattie Greene, Ruth Erickson, Jodi Busch, Tyler Greutzmacher, John Muench, Land Owner adjoining the Maple Plain Rifle Range

The Property Committee meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023.

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion: (Moen / Effertz) to approve the minutes of March 6, 2023. Carried.

Resolution - Authorizing the Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Electrical & Technology Upgrades at the Straw Pit Rifle Range in the Town of Maple Plain: French explained that this Resolution mirrors the resolution for the Owen Anderson Rifle Range. **Motion:** (Effertz / Schradle) to approve funding. Carried.

Proposed Ordinance Changes Regarding Rifle Range Use and Operation: Muench reviewed the draft Ordinance and Rules of the Range with the Committee. Discussion. **Motion:** (Rogers / Schradle) to approve Ordinance with the following changes: Amend the proposed ordinance on line 25 and line 47 to state "Wednesday through Saturday and Sunday 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm", and to add additional language to line 27 and line 49 after the sentence ending in "... muzzleloader season.", "or at such other times as approved and posted by the Property Committee. A temporary closure for unexpected or emergency reasons by the County Administrator shall be effective until the next meeting of the Property Committee."

Purchase of Track Loader: French, Olson & Wolfe provided information to purchase an additional track loader to be used by the Clubs and County Departments. Discussion. **Motion:** (Effertz / Moen) to approve the purchase. Carried.

Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan – Northern Long-Eared Bat: Cisek explained the program. Information Only.

County Contribution for Signage Pertaining to Wild Rivers Trail – Trail Head: Heller gave control of the meeting to Vice Chair Effertz and left the meeting at 1:48 p.m. Okey and Wolfe provided information on the project to get signage at the starting point of the Wild Rivers State Trail at a total cost of \$33,000. Various organizations have stepped up or are considering contributing to the project. **Motion:** (Rogers / Schradle) to contribute \$5,000. Carried.

Heller returned to the meeting and resumed control at 1:56 p.m.

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UWECBC – Energizing Rural Communities Prize: French provided information on a possible renewable energy project at the Rice Lake Campus and surrounding areas. Discussion was held of possibly offering up the 4 acres directly south of the power station. French will continue to work UW Eau Claire.

Staff Reports / Updates

- a. Dam Update: Greutzmacher provided information on the motor repair of gate 3 on the Rice Lake Dam as well as the Chetek Dam inspection.
- b. Chetek Dam Landscaping Project: 5 quotes were received and the project was awarded to Spruced Up Properties in Chetek. This plans to be a mid-summer project
- c. Cedar Side Trail Buckthorn Spraying: 4-Control was onsite last week completing cleanup and spraying. The main project will be completed this summer to a level that Rice Lake Rotary volunteers can handle moving forward.
- d. Woodland Sign Project: Last year’s donation project is underway with 18 x 24 inch signs being printed. Any remaining funds will be used for additional signing.
- e. Prairie Lake Bog – Veterans Park: Olson provided information that the Veteran’s Park landing will be used to remove a small floating bog on Prairie Lake.
- f. Trail Pavilion Request: Rice Lake Snow & Dirt Club is requesting grant proceeds to construct two trail pavilions on the County system. Wolfe will apply for the grants.
- g. Museum Maintenance Report: Information in the packet.
- h. Ann Street School: Through a title search, it was discovered that the City of Rice Lake owns the 200’ of land between the Ann Street School parcel and the Red Cedar River. This should have no bearing on the Daycare project currently being developed.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: No Wake Zone at Silver Lake, Aging Kitchen Update, Campus HVAC Update

The voucher edit lists were included in the packet.

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

Motion: (Moen / Effertz) to adjourn at 2:28 p.m.

Submitted by Jodi Busch, Finance Director

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