



# PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 1, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

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

## Minutes

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

**Others Present:** Jeff French, Louie Okey, Wendy Coleman, John Cisek, Steve Olson, Chris Fitzgerald, Jodi Busch, Abby Fischer, John Muench, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Ruth Erickson, Joan Bader

The Property Committee was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023.

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

**Public Comment:** Joan Bader spoke regarding the Arland Rifle Range and continued concerns of hours of operation, noise, gates not closing and fines. Staff responded that parts are ordered for the gates and Dispatch is monitoring the cameras at the range.

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

**Motion:** (Bartlett / Effertz) to approve the minutes of April 3, 2023. Carried

**Resolution – Authorizing Barron County Maintenance Director to Proceed with Contractor Bids for New Aging / ADRC Kitchen Located at the Barron County Government Center:** Olson gave an update on the design phase of the project. Bid documents should be completed next week and would be ready to move forward with bidding the project upon approval. Discussion. **Motion:** (Bartlett / Schradle) to recommend approval of the resolution. Carried

**UWECBC Campus HVAC Water Line System:** Olson is looking for engineers to provide an estimate to complete a study on how to proceed with the repairs to the water line system. Once study is completed, could move forward with bidding the project. Abby Fischer spoke regarding the Campus and commitment to remain in Barron County for the foreseeable future. French is suggesting to do the entire hot and cold waterline system at one time.

**Wage Increase for Part-time Casual Employees (Parks):** French provided an update that there is a request going to the Executive Committee to raise the rate for the Parks Caretakers to \$10 - \$12/hour.

### Staff Reports / Updates

- **Dam Update:** Gruetzmacher gave an update on the dams and the highwater this spring. Dam projects including Rice Lake gear upgrades, concrete spawl repairs and concrete pad from steam engine has been removed; Mikana dam inspection will be completed and Cumberland dam solar panel replacement. Barron County signs with the Woodland Owners donations will be installed soon.
- **Wild Rivers Trail Signage:** French has requested additional funding from the Governor's Office for possible funding for trail head signage.

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- Track Loader – Usage Reporting: French reviewed tracking information for the use of the track loader.
- Solar Project at UWECBC Campus: Solar project will not be moving forward.
- 2023 County Forest Administrator Grant: Cisek gave an update on the DNR forestry grant and the labor estimates which resulted an overpayment of the grant. No grant will be received in 2023 and possibly until 2025 to make up the difference.
- Food Trucks – Government Center / Justice Center: Food trucks will be onsite again this year.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: Xcel Energy Additional Line in the City of Barron, Aging Kitchen Bids, Pipestone Quarry / State Archaeologist Visit, Straw Pit Lease

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

Set Next Meeting Date: June 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

The Property Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:  
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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