



# PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Monday, August 7, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.**  
Barron County Government Center – Room 2151  
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

## Minutes

**Members Present in Person:** Bill Schardle, Bill Effertz, Dana Heller, Jerry McRoberts, Bob Rogers, Karolyn Bartlett, Moen (arrived at 1:10)

**Others Present:** Jeff French, Wendy Coleman, John Cisek, Jodi Busch, John Muench, Steve Olson, Jeff Wolfe, Ruth Erickson,

The Property Committee was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2023.

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

Public Comment: None

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

**Motion:** (Rogers / Schradle) to approve the minutes of June 5, 2023 and June 16, 2023. Carried

**Ann Street School – How to Proceed:** French gave an update on the efforts to find a renter for the building with no results. French recommended talking with Chick Feather to list the property for sale. Discussion. Consensus to have French talk to Chick Feather and have him attend the next meeting with listing options.

**Wild Rivers Trail Signage – No Additional State Funding:** French reported that attempts to secure additional funding for signage from State agencies have been unsuccessful. Discussion. Heller will talk with Dave Armstrong for ideas for additional funding and French will confirm what funding has been allocated.

**Completion of Veterans Memorial Auditorium – Project Closeout / Final Payments:** French and Olson provided information on the difficulty of getting the final invoices for the Auditorium project. **Motion:** (Rogers / Effertz) to have Corporation Counsel write a letter requesting the final invoices no later than 9/15/23. Carried. Discussion. French will contact CBS Squared for final invoices by the end of this week, if not received, Corporation Counsel will send a letter.

Moen arrived.

**Granite Lake Snowmobile & ATV Trail Bridge/Land Easement:** Deputy Wolfe explained that there has been a request by property owner (Baker) to retain ownership of a snowmobile / ATV bridge that is no longer in use on their property in exchange for a 20 year lease for the existing trail across their property. Discussion on possible options and bridge removal / repair costs. **Motion:** (Rogers / McRoberts) to have Deputy Wolfe work with the property owner to Option A swap the bridge in exchange for the land (old railroad bed) or Option B swap the bridge in exchange for a permanent easement for the snowmobile / ATV trail across their property. Carried

Franzen Logging – Breach of Contract: Cisek gave an update on the breach of contract for 3 sales from May of 2021. Muench and Cisek have made numerous attempts to contact Franzen Logging. One sale was started but not completed and two have not been started. The bond and down payment for the sales have been retained. Cisek will re-evaluate the sale that was started and can advertise the other two sales. No action taken.

#### Staff Reports / Updates

- a. Rice Lake Babe Ruth Baseball – Extension of Water Lines to Main Field - UWECBC: French was contacted by the baseball association with proposal to extend water to baseball field at the campus. Future agenda item.
- b. Maintenance Report – Museum: Report included in packet.
- c. Forestry Audit: Forestry audit was completed recently with 8 sales reviewed. An issue was identified in the Hay River Forest Block with ATV's causing issues within the forest. Consensus to close the gate and monitor for future activity.
- d. Rifle Range Update: Muench reported on some recent citations issues and proposed to add additional signage that the gates close automatically at 6:00 p.m.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: UWECBC HVAC underground piping; UWECBC baseball field waterline; EV charging station; LaSalle Avenue reconstruction; 2024 budget; Ann Street School

Review Voucher Edit Lists: No concerns noted.

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

The Property Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:  
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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