



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 8, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
Barron County Government Center – Room 2151
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

Minutes

Members Present: Bill Effertz, Bob Rogers, Dana Heller, Carol Moen, Bill Schradle, Karolyn Bartlett, Louie Okey (Alternate)

Jerry McRoberts was absent.

Others Present: Jeff French, Wendy Coleman, Chris Fitzgerald, John Cisek, Janette Cain, Ruth Erickson, Steve Olson, John Muench, David Gifford, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Abby Fischer, Joe Welter, Sue Greenway, Mark Carpenter, Dale Lipke, Brandi Nelson, Ryan Urban, Tammy Schutz, Dave Armstrong, Mark Dobberfuhl

The Property Committee was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024.

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

Public Comment: None

Motion: (Rogers / Okey) to approve the agenda with the removal of item #10 *Emergency Access Use of County Trail - Haugen Area*. Carried

Motion: (Moen / Effertz) to approve the minutes with the correction of the date which should be of November 13, 2023. Carried

Life Jacket Loaner Program – Chetek Lions Club: Dale Lipke with the Chetek Lions Club was present to explain that they would like to add an additional life jacket loaner location to Veterans Park. The County currently has life jackets at this location which could be moved to another location in the County. The Lions Club will stock and maintain the life jackets at that location. **Motion:** (Effertz / Moen) to allow the Chetek Lions Club to locate a life jacket loaner box at Veterans Park. Carried

Ice Age Trail Structure Replacement: Gruetzmacher presented information and photos regarding a proposed project that will be completed by the Ice Age Alliance that will replace bridge and boardwalk structures on the Ice Age Trail. This will not require any county funds or labor. Joe Welter and Sue Greenway with the Ice Age Trail Association also spoke regarding the trail projects. **Motion:** (Moen / Bartlett) to express support for the project moving forward with no county contribution. Carried

UWECBC HVAC Water Line Replacement: Olson gave a brief update on the status of project. Engineering plans should be complete in about 4 weeks. There is an issue with some of the lines running underneath Ritzinger Hall and they are working on a reroute of these lines.

Town of Maple Plain Road Right of Way Access Easement – 27 ¼ Avenue (Kirby Lake): Gifford reviewed the draft survey of easement that was prepared by County Surveyor Phelps. This will connect the existing platted area to the currently traveled road across County property. The Town of Maple Plain will be responsible for all road maintenance costs. **Motion:** (Okey / Effertz) to approve the easement of survey over County property to access 27 ¼ Avenue. Carried

Topography Drone Mapping at Museum Property: French received a request that the Museum would like to have the Land Services Department do a topographic survey of the property next to the Museum property that they would like to build a visitor center on in the future. Discussion. **Motion:** (Okey / Schradle) to approve doing the drone survey of the property. Carried

Sale of Barron County Office Complex: French reported that the State Public Defenders office may be vacating their rented office space in the Office Complex as the State is transitioning to a regional service model. They are the major renter of the building. Operational costs of the building are about \$50,000 per year which is currently offset by the rent. Discussion. Consensus to have French reach out to options for an auction of the building and report back in a few months.

Staff Reports / Updates

- Dam Update: Gruetzmacher gave an update on dams. No major projects scheduled for 2024.
- Prairie Farm Trap Club Request for Use of Arland Rifle Range: French reported that the Prairie Farm Trap Club will not be requesting to use the Arland range due to a private donation of property for them to use.
- J & F Facilities – 2024 Price Increase (3%): The County was notified that there will be a 3% increase in costs for 2024 which was not known until after the budget was approved.
- Ballfield Improvements at UWECBC: Photos of the improvements to the ballfields were shown.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: emergency access use of County trail – Haugen area, annual fixed asset review, skid steer usage, tour of new kitchen

Review Voucher Edit Lists: Staff answered questions regarding roof replacement at the old jail and timeline for completion of the new Aging kitchen.

Set Next Meeting Date: February 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion: (Rogers / Effertz) to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. Carried

Minutes submitted by:

Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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