



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
Barron County Government Center – Room 2151
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

Minutes

Members Present: Dana Heller, Bill Effertz, Craig Fowler, Bill Schradle, Karolyn Bartlett, Bob Rogers

Others Present: Louie Okey, Wendy Coleman, Jodi Busch, John Muench, Stan Buchanan, Janette Cain, Mike Judy, Ryan Urban, Rod Nordby, Ruth Erickson, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Bjorn Hanson, Hannah Johnson

The Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024.

Public meeting notification was provided by Coleman confirming compliance with open meeting requirements.

Public Comment: None

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

Motion: (Bartlett / Fowler) to approve the minutes of April 1, 2024. Carried

Emergency Access Use of County Trail – Haugen Area: Mike Judy, Emergency Management Director spoke regarding the need for an additional access to the Camp Phillips Boy Scout Camp as there is currently only one access road to the property in the event of a disaster. Emergency Management is proposing to establish a memorandum of understanding to use an existing logging road for emergency access to the Camp through the County forest. Discussion. **Motion:** (Fowler / Schradle) to support the development of an emergency access memorandum of understanding contingent on input from the Forester regarding tree removal. Carried

Lumbering Hall of Fame Upgrades: Stan Buchanan was present on behalf of the Lumbering Hall of Fame (LHOF) to request the location of a picnic shelter and display/storage building on the property. The Bergum Family would like to locate a picnic shelter building in memory of Stan Bergum. The LHOF group would also like to build a shelter / storage building that would display some logging equipment and allow for storage. The LHOF group would maintain the buildings and are requesting no financial input from the County. Discussion. **Motion:** (Rogers / Schradle) to allow construction of the proposed picnic shelter and display/storage building as indicated on the drawing. Carried

Cumberland Area Ski Trail Association (CASTA) Upgrades: Bjorn Hanson spoke regarding the desire of the CASTA group to add snowmaking equipment to a loop at the Timberland Hills Ski Trail area. Project would require high capacity water and power to the location with an estimated project cost of \$350,000 - \$400,000. All funds would be raised by CASTA with no financial contribution from the County. Discussion. CASTA is requesting support to move forward with fundraising for the project concept. All maintenance is currently handled by CASTA. Also considering upgrading the bathroom facility but would utilize existing tanks and CASTA would upgrade the building. Discussion. **Motion:** (Bartlett / Rogers) to support CASTA moving forward the snow making equipment and bathroom projects. Carried

Kirby Lake Management District Increase in Liability Insurance: This agenda item will be postponed to next month.

Request to Proceed with LaSalle Avenue Lawn Project – City of Barron: Rod Nordby, Mayor for City of Barron spoke regarding the City’s proposal to locate a placemaking setting on the front lawn of the Government Center. Proposal would lower a portion of the front lawn to about 3 feet above street level. Discussion on concerns and other location options. Consensus of the Committee to have the City of Barron bring in concept plans to the June meeting.

Staff Reports / Updates

- Heated Slab for Aging Kitchen: Heated slab project will be moving forward later this month.
- Life Jacket Loaner Project – Chetek Lions Club: Kiosk has been placed at the park.
- Museum Maintenance Report: Report was included in the packet.
- Disc Golf at Campus – Northwood Tech: French to provide information next month.
- 2025 Fixed Asset Purchases: Policy has been discussed over the past several months and will be addressed during the budget process.
- Office Complex Update: Public Defender has submitted notice to vacate the property. Auction is in process.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: City of Barron front lawn project; disc golf at Campus - Northwood Tech; emergency access MOU; Kirby Lake liability insurance

Review Voucher Edit Lists: There were no questions or concerns regarding the voucher edit lists.

The next Property Committee meeting will be June 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion: (Bartlett / Fowler) to adjourn at 2:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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