



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, November 8, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

Barron County Government Center - Veterans Memorial Auditorium
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

Minutes

Members Present: Bill Schradle, Bill Effertz, Carol Moen, Louie Okey (alternate), Dana Heller, Bob Rogers (arrived at 8:36 a.m.)

Others Present: Jeff French, Wendy Coleman, Ruth Erickson, Bill Halgren, Steve Olson, John Muench, Jen Jako, Lance Peterson, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Abby Fischer (virtual), Ruth Erickson, Bob Zientara

The Property Committee meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024 by Chair Heller.

Public meeting notification was provided by French.

Public Comment: Bill Halgren with Prism Design presented a plaque commemorating the completion of the Meals on Wheels kitchen.

Motion: (Okey / Moen) to approve the agenda as presented. Carried

Motion: (Schradle / Effertz) to approve Minutes of October 7, 2024. Carried

Physical Court Security Improvement Updates – CICOP: French explained that \$90,000 had been budgeted for security upgrades at the Justice Center and requested that it be moved to security upgrades at the Government Center due to the approval of the Security Officer at the Justice Center. Discussion. **Motion:** (Okey / Schradle) that the \$90,000 be transferred to security upgrades at the Government Center. Carried

Bob Rogers arrived at 8:36 a.m.

Barron County Rifle Ranges (Purpose, Usage, Charge for Services): Olson noted that cameras have been installed at the Straw Pit range but with no internet at the site, they are not live streaming to Dispatch like the Arland Range cameras. Staff are working with IT on ideas for a reservation system. Discussion on usage by out of county users. Muench gave an update on enforcement, citation issues and possible language changes. Discussion with no action taken. Reminder that both ranges will be closed through the gun and muzzleloader seasons.

UWECBC Campus

- a. Approval of PSC Grant Application for Bldg. Upgrades RESP Eligible Activities Round 2: French requested approval for grant application for building upgrades for efficiencies. **Motion:** (Rogers / Effertz) to approve pursuing the RESP Eligible Activities Round 2 grant application. Carried
- b. Approval of Rice Lake Baseball Association Contract for Ballfields: French included the contract in the packet. **Motion:** (Okey / Moen) to approve contract with the Rice Lake Baseball Association. Carried

- c. Investigate Solar Panel Array for Campus: French would like to pursue putting in solar array to offset the energy costs at the campus. Suggestion to discuss with energy contractor to look into the possibility of adding solar and talk with Rice Lake Utility. **Motion:** (Rogers / Effertz) to pursue solar panel array. Discussion. Motion carried.
- d. HVAC - Underground Waterlines (Update): Olson reported that there are no problems at this time and will continue to monitor.
- e. Plug and Play Center for Staff: Campus has a couple of extra offices and would like to look at having some remote offices available to County staff in Rice Lake. Discussion on wording to plug and work or satellite office.

Rice Lake Dam Gate Equipment Purchase: Gruetzmacher gave an update on the status of the project. A company has provided a quote for equipment only of \$38,000 but will be requesting quotes for installation of the equipment. Requesting permission to purchase equipment for \$38,000 from Lemke Equipment and go out for proposals for installation. **Motion:** (Schradle / Moen) to recommend equipment purchase to County Board for approval at the next County Board meeting. Carried

Staff Reports / Updates

- f. Dam Update: Gruetzmacher gave an update on the retirement of one the operator's at the Rice Lake dam. Small repair needed at the Chetek dam due to rusting.
- g. Museum Maintenance Report: Maintenance report was included in the packet.
- h. RFP – PSC Energy Audit: Application has been submitted.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: Rifle Ranges

Review Voucher Edit Lists: No questions or concerns.

Set Next Meeting Date: January 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Negotiation of Agreement with Rice Lake Area School District for Use and Costs of UWECBC Student Center and Gymnasium:

Motion: (Okey / Effertz) to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating purchase of public properties, investing public funds, other specific business or whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session with closed session to include Muench, French, Coleman, Olson and Fisher(virtual). Roll call vote: Okey, Schradle, Moen, Heller, Effertz and Rogers.

Motion: (Effertz / Rogers) to return to open session. Carried

No action taken.

The Property Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:23 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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