



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 6, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

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

Minutes

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

Others Present: Jeff French, Louie Okey, Wendy Coleman, Steve Olson, Tyler Grutzmacher, Sharon Millermon, John Muench, Abby Fischer, Ruth Erickson, Ryan Urban, Joan Bader

The Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025.

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

Public Comment: None

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

Motion: (Moen / Effertz) to approve the minutes of November 8, 2024 as presented. Carried

Customer Window Improvements at Justice Center - Update: Millermon and Olson explained the request to remodel the counter windows in the Clerk of Court, Probate and District Attorney for safety and improved function. There are also draft issues through the counter windows that blows papers around at the Clerk of Courts office. There are funds available in CICOP and expected to be about \$10,000.

Contract with Rice Lake Area School District for Use of Student Center and Gymnasium: A rough draft of the agreement was included in the packet. Fischer has sent the draft to the Board of Regents for review. Staff are continuing to review wording for different components such as Northwoods Tech graduation, utility costs, insurance, etc. Discussion. **Motion:** (Moen / Effertz) to continue to move forward with the transition of the use of Gymnasium and Student Center buildings by the Rice Lake Area School District. Carried

Resolution – Authorizing The Use of Dam Fund for the Replacement of Gearboxes for Gate #3 at the Rice Lake Dam: Gruetzmacher gave an update on the bids received. Miron Construction bid was lowest at \$18,075 with total project cost of \$58,355. Discussion. **Motion:** (Fowler / Bartlett) to recommend approval of resolution with adding 15% contingency to the project budget. Carried

Resolution – Approving 2024-2025 Annual Work Plan for County Forest: This is annual requirement and will need to be approved by County Board. **Motion:** Rogers / Effertz to recommend approval of the resolution to County Board. Carried

Museum Lease and Grant from State: French provided an update on the Museum proposal to build a welcome center on the County property adjacent to the Museum. French is recommending the lease with the Museum be amended to include the additional land. **Motion:** (Fowler / Schradle) to move forward with a lease amendment. Carried

Staff Reports / Updates

- Dam Update: Gruetzmacher gave an update on upcoming dam projects including spawning repair and painting on the Rice Lake Dam; concrete repair at Chetek Dam; Sand Lake Dam piping and riprap repairs and signage repair / replacement at various locations.
- UWECBC HVAC Capital Improvements (Underground Piping): Pipes are holding at this time.
- Rifle Ranges: DNR will be holding a training day at the range on January 20th.
- Solar Panels at UWECBC and RFP: Walk around for the request for proposal for the energy efficiency study was completed. Contractors indicated that a solar array could be an option at the Campus. Discussion.
- Museum Maintenance Report: Update included in the packet.
- Timber Sale Update: French reviewed the timber bids that were submitted and awarded. All sales sold above minimum bids.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: UWECBC/Rice Lake School District Agreement

There were no questions or concerns regarding the voucher edits lists.

Next Meeting Date: February 3, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion: (Fowler / Schradle) to adjourn at 1:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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