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**Minutes**

**Barron County Strategic Planning Work Group**

**Wednesday January 29th, 2025 1pm**

**Barron County Government Center, RM 2151**

**335 East Monroe Avenue, Barron, WI 54812**

**Minutes taken by CA French**

**Committee/County Board Members Present:** Okey, P. Anderson, Turcott, Bartlett, Banks

**Staff Present:** French, Frolick, Fitzgerald, Richie

**Virtual Attendance:** None

**Others Present:** None

**#1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1.00pm by Chair Okey

**#2. Public Meeting Notification:**

Public Meeting Notice was read by CA French

**#3. Public Comment:**

None

**#4. Approve Minutes 3-13-2024 Meeting:**

Motion to approve 3-13-2024 minutes, Banks/Turcott, Carried

**#5. Review Strategic Plan Update:**

The "2025 Draft Committee Document" will be updated with the following items added.

- #1. New HHS Software - (Technology)
- #2. New boilers at Government Center - (Building Maintenance)
- #3. AGRS - WTE Plant - (Building Maintenance) (added 2021)

**#6. Review Goals Accomplished:**

2021-2025 Strategic Planning Work Group Word document was updated by CA French

**#7. Review What Needs to be Accomplished:**

2021-2025 Strategic Planning Work Group Word document was updated by CA French

**#8. Tiny Home City of Rice Lake - (Dave Armstrong)**

2025 Goal CA French to contact R.L. Administrator Johnson

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Richie left at 1.35pm

**#9. 2026-2030 Plan Ideas and Options**

Discussion Only:

Use of Sarah Turner for HHS

Use of and cost to use U.W. Extension Staff

**#10. Staff Updates:**

None

**#9. Future Agenda Items:**

Review approve SPWG Documents

Discuss/approve process for next five year plan

Discuss/approve shorter Mission Statement

**#10. Set Next Meeting Date:**

March 10th, 2025 @ G/C

**#11. Adjourn:**

2.20pm adjourned by unanimous consent.

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# 2024 IMPACT REPORT



We are a local coalition working to create an understanding of how poverty impacts our community. Our mission is to empower every one of our neighbors in Barron County with skills, resources, and personal connections so that we may all enjoy lives free of poverty.

## Tiny Homes

Tiny homes are built for unsheltered individuals and families who are in need of temporary housing.

Our two tiny homes were finally placed in 2024! Through a partnership with the Salvation Army of Barron County, they are now able to start housing people in need.



## ☀️ Centerpoint Events- All the Help You Need in One Place

### Top 3 Needs Identified



Food



Clothing



Housing



**412**  
people served



**1,200 +**  
lbs of food  
distributed



**38**  
agencies  
involved



**83%**  
attendees  
below poverty

This quarterly event (held 3 in 2024) efficiently delivers services to our neighbors by bringing together 20+ service providers in a single location and providing on-site assistance in a "one-stop-shop" style.

## Loads of Love- (Started in September 2024)



**1** lead organization  
(Bethany Lutheran)



**28** free loads of laundry



**7** volunteer hosts  
(spots filled through spring 2025)



**\$950** raised to  
support the program

Loads of Love provides quarters, soap, and dryer sheets so people in need can do their laundry for free. Bethany Lutheran Church of Rice Lake is the first lead organization to launch a Loads of Love program in Barron County. More organizations are needed to expand the program. If your organization would like to get involved, please reach out to [ccpbarroncounty@gmail.com](mailto:ccpbarroncounty@gmail.com).



### Upcoming Events

2/06/25 - Centerpoint Event  
4/10/25 - New 90 day Project Summit  
5/8/25 - Centerpoint Event  
8/7/25 - Centerpoint Event  
9/10/25 - New 90 day Project Summit  
11/6/25 - Centerpoint Event

### SAVE THE DATE

**Feed the Future  
Fundraiser**  
May 16 - 18, 2025

\*Supports school  
weekend food programs  
in Barron County



### Get Involved

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