



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 3, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

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

Minutes

Members Present: Dana Heller, Karolyn Bartlett, Bill Effertz, Bob Rogers, Bill Schradle, Carol Moen, Louie Okey filling in for Craig Fowler

Others Present: John Muench, Jodi Busch, Steve Olson, Ruth Erickson, Mark Dobberfuhl, Tony Weigand, Aaron Mickelson, Jeff French, Janette Cain, Ryan Urban, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Lance Peterson

The Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025.

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

Public Comment: None

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

Motion: (Bartlett / Moen) to approve the minutes of January 6, 2025 as presented. Carried.

Contract with Rice Lake Area School District for Use of Student Center and Gymnasium: French read email from Abbey Fischer from UWEC-BC in support of the contract. Discussion. **Motion:** (Schradle / Effertz) to approve the contract. Carried

UWECBC Energy Efficiency Study – Contingency Fund Payment (\$26,000): Due to the change in Administration in Washington D.C., the PSC is currently not giving assurances that they will be funding the UWEC-BC Energy Efficiency Study Grant in the amount of \$75,000. Discussion held on funding the study with Contingency funds or holding off on the study. **Motion:** (Okey / Bartlett) to put the study on hold until we find out if the PSC affirms that they will provide grant funding. Carried.

Barron County Outdoor Recreation Plan Update – Contingency Fund Payment (\$4,500): WCWRP would be completing the plan, which is necessary to apply for various state grants. **Motion:** (Rogers / Moen) to approve. Carried

Request to Allow ATV/UTV Usage in Barron County Campgrounds: A list of Campground ATV/UTV Rules were reviewed. Discussion. **Motion:** (Effertz / Schradle) directing Corporation Counsel to draft an ordinance and forward it to the County Board. Carried

Request to Allow Winter ATV/UTV Usage in Cedar Lake Forest Block: Recreation Officer Wiegand provided information on the request to keep the trail open year round. ATV Clubs and the Sheriff's Department are in favor and the trail maintenance would be grant funded. Discussion. **Motion:** (Rogers / Bartlett) to proceed, subject to confirmation of grant funding from the state. Carried.

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Museum Lease and Grant from State: Corporation Counsel Muench reviewed the lease and maps with the committee which includes additional parcels of adjoining land.. Mark Dobberfuhl, Museum Board President, spoke about plans and funding for a new welcome center. Discussion and questions from the Committee. **Motion:** (Rogers / Schradle) to approve lease with corrections discussed. Carried .

Staff Reports / Updates

- a. 2024 Carryover Requests
 - Sheriff - Squads - \$65,314.90
 - IT - Hardware for telephone upgrade - \$50,000
 - Government Center Security Upgrades - \$90,000
- b. Dam Update - No update
- c. New Government Center Boilers – Efficiency Update
French and Olson provided an update. One more pump to install.
- d. Sign for Disc Golf at UWECBC
A request came in and has been approved by French

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: None

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

Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Jodi Busch, Finance Director

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