



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 12, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

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

Minutes

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

Others Present: Jeff French, Louie Okey, Wendy Coleman, John Muench, Aaron Mickelson, Steve Olson, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Abby Fischer, Pat Brown, Jeff Wolfe, Jodi Busch, Dave Gifford, Janette Cain, Tony Weigand, Ryan Urban, Harland Dodge, Tyler Siebert

The Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025.

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

Public Comment: None

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

Motion: (Bartlett / Effert) to approve the minutes of March 3, 2025 as presented. Carried

UWECBC – Cedar Side Trail Restroom: French provided information on the request to repair and re-open the bathrooms at the campus. Photos of the buildings were reviewed. The City of Rice Lake is requesting the County repair the buildings and then the City will clean and lock the buildings going forward. Exterior brick will be painted neutral color to remove the graffiti. Discussion.

Motion: (Fowler / Bartlett) to authorize the repairs and slabs by the buildings not to exceed \$25,000.

Kayak Launch – Red Cedar River Landing: Proposal was included in the packet. French suggested applying for DNR grant for 50% of the costs. Brown has contacted the DNR grant specialist and the next deadline to apply is June 1st. Discussion. **Motion:** (Fowler / Rogers) to recommend to the County Board to proceed with one kayak launch as proposed to be paid with ARPA funds. Carried

Disposal of Snow Bridges (3): Wolfe provided an update on the current bridge inventory. There are currently 3 bridges that are not in use and is proposing to sell the bridges on Wisconsin Surplus with proceeds to go into the Recreation Fund. **Motion:** (Effertz / Moen) to authorize the sale of 3 unused bridges on Wisconsin Surplus with the proceeds to the Recreation Fund. Carried

Staff Reports / Updates

- Dam Update: Gruetzmacher provided an update on completed and upcoming dam projects.

- Pleasant Plain Mound Clean-Up: Gruetzmacher showed photos of the clean up progress. Additional tree removal will be needed but will need to be done carefully to not damage the mounds.
- Red Cedar River Signs: French reported that the signage will be completed by Highway later this year.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: dam project costs

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

Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

The Property Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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