

Extension/Land Conservation Committee

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 8:30 A.M.

Room 2151

335 E. Monroe Ave., Barron, WI

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Acknowledgement of Public Posting Requirements
3. Public comment
4. Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – 4/1/25
 - Edit List
 - Announcements –
5. Staples Lake Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Expansion. – discussion item
6. Regional Crops Educator Position
7. 2025 Farmland Preservation Plan Update – discussion item
8. Staff Reports – UWEX, NRCS, FSA, and SWCD (10 minutes) information only
 - Executive Committee Report
 - Fair Board Report
9. Set date for the next meeting – July 1, 2025
10. Adjourn

*****If you cannot make the meeting, PLEASE call the SWCD at 715-537-6315.**

(All times are estimated)

ADA Statement for Agenda

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cc: Cook, Gores, Langman, Kusilek, G. Nelson, Huth, McCready, County Clerk, County Administrator, Webmaster, Public postings

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 1, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

Members present: Gary Nelson, Kirsten Huth, Jim Gores, Randy Cook (8:55), Fran Langman and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Justin Everson, Bronson Thalacker, Pat Brown, Dave Gifford, Jeff French and Lori Baltrusis.

Absent: Jamie McCready.

Gores called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. and Gruetzmacher confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment was received.

Motion: (Langman/Kusilek) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Nelson/Langman)** to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025 meeting; carried.

Item #5. UWEX Staff Report – Baltrusis discussed the changes in personnel, stating the Dairy Educator and the Crops and Soils Educator for the Area have left, and the Ag Educator from the Spooner Ag station has retired. She will investigate with other partner counties to determine future positions. The need for a grazing planner was discussed. Kusilek requested information on the number of farmers served.

Item #6. Everson presented a Certificate of Compliance for approval. **Motion: (Langman/Kusilek)** to approve the certificate; carried.

Item #7. Gruetzmacher presented information on State funding levels for SWCD staff as discussed at the WI Land & Water conference, stating the base funding is below 2006 numbers. The goal is to request full funding as outlined in State Statute.

Item #8. Staff presented the current FPP plan and discussed possible amendments, such as groundwater testing. The success of the Ag Preservation Covenant process was also discussed. The plan will be updated by both the LCC and Zoning Committees, with a joint committee meeting planned in June.

Item #9. Gruetzmacher presented an overview the WI Land & Water Conference.

Item #10. Brown gave an overview of the Lake conference.

Item #11. Staff Reports –

NRCS – N/A

FSA – Huth (on behalf of Sarah MacDonald) discussed deadline dates.

SWCD – Gruetzmacher discussed the 2025 DATCP Work Plan and discussed a grazing plan in development. Everson discussed his presentation at the Red Cedar Conference.

Executive Committee – French discussed upcoming agenda

Fair Board – N/A

After discussion, the next meeting is set for May 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Future agenda items: *UWEX Educator Positions, UWEX Numbers*

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins

Administrative Secretary, Land Services

Minutes are not official until approved by the Extension/LCC Committee at the next meeting.

Payment Request Verification - Online Voucher

COUNTY OF BARRON

Batch Year: 25 Department:

Payment Request Date: 04/10/2025

Vendor	Vendor Name	Line	Voucher	Account Description	Date	Description	Amount
6645	SWANT GRABER MOTORS	1	C0091636	VEHICLE EXPENSE-LAND SERVICES	04/10/2025	LS - '16 CHEVY/OIL CHANGE	93.18
10057	LAURA'S LANE NURSERY	1	C0091637	TREE PURCHASES	04/10/2025	SWCD - B0003 FINAL	5,311.50
17795	PETTY CASH	1	C0091638	TREE PURCHASES	04/10/2025	SWCD - PETTY CASH/TREE	250.00
22632	RICE LAKE PRINTERY INC	1	C0091639	EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL	04/10/2025	SWCD - POSTER CONTEST	647.50
263869	SEILER INSTRUMENT & MFG CO IN	1	C0091640	OFFICE SUPPLIES	04/10/2025	SWCD - ANNUAL PENMAP	630.00
113468	US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTUR	1	C0091641	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	04/10/2025	SWCD - 1ST QUARTER/WILDLIFE	7,183.92
1686	HALCO PRESS	1	C0091642	PUBLICATIONS	04/10/2025	ZA - WEST PUB NOTICE	63.41
289493	BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL ENTE	1	C0091643	ADDRESS SIGNING	04/10/2025	ZA - RURAL ADDRESS SIGNS	58.00
3565	DSPS FISCAL	1	C0091644	DUE TO STATE - SANITATION FEES	04/10/2025	ZA - STATE SAN FEES/MAR 25	200.00
Totals:							\$14,437.51

Department Approval

Admin Approval

MANUAL VOUCHERS/JOURNAL ENTRIES

DEPT	NAME	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
SWCD	WI DNR	811-00-24226-000-000	STATE MINING FEES	\$7,130.00

MANUAL VOUCHERS TOTAL: \$7,130.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$21,567.51

Land Services Total: \$93.18

Land Information Total: \$0.00

Soil & Water Conservation Total: \$21,152.92

Zoning Administration Total: \$321.41

Payment Request Verification - Online Voucher

COUNTY OF BARRON

Batch Year: 25 Department:

Payment Request Date: 05/08/2025

Vendor	Vendor Name	Line	Voucher	Account Description	Date	Description	Amount
252190	HEY EVERYTHING OF BARRON LLC	1	C0091896	OFFICE SUPPLIES	05/08/2025	LS - VARIOUS 4/30/25 STMT	7.79
252190	HEY EVERYTHING OF BARRON LLC	2	C0091896	REPAIR & EXPENSE	05/08/2025	LS - VARIOUS 4/30/25 STMT	89.62
252190	HEY EVERYTHING OF BARRON LLC	3	C0091896	SUPPLIES	05/08/2025	LS - VARIOUS 4/30/25 STMT	56.07
6696	NOBLE'S TIRE SERVICE INC	1	C0091897	VEHICLE EXPENSE-LAND SERVICES	05/08/2025	LS - TIRES '14 F150/TREE	688.32
6696	NOBLE'S TIRE SERVICE INC	2	C0091897	REPAIR & EXPENSE	05/08/2025	LS - TIRES '14 F150/TREE	135.63
302	SWANT GRABER FORD	1	C0091898	VEHICLE EXPENSE-LAND SERVICES	05/08/2025	LS - OIL CN/GRAY F150 & EDGE	120.46
302	SWANT GRABER FORD	1	C0091899	VEHICLE EXPENSE-LAND SERVICES	05/08/2025	LS - '13 FORD/OIL CHANGE	98.73
274259	APG MEDIA OF WISCONSIN LLC	1	C0091900	PUBLICATIONS	05/08/2025	ZA - PUB NOT/GREENER, JTR,	191.40
426	BELL PRESS INC	1	C0091901	PUBLICATIONS	05/08/2025	ZA - PUB NOT/GROVE-JOHNSON	139.75
265721	EIDEN PAUL	1	C0091902	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	05/08/2025	ZA- REFUND/SP NOT NEEDED	50.00
305855	SHANE SCOTT OR KAREN	1	C0091903	ZONING FEES AND PERMITS	05/08/2025	ZA - REFUND OF LUP FEE	350.00
289493	BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL ENTE	1	C0091904	ADDRESS SIGNING	05/08/2025	ZA - RURAL ADDRESS SIGNS	256.00
3565	DSPS FISCAL	1	C0091905	DUE TO STATE - SANITATION FEES	05/08/2025	ZA - STATE SAN FEES/APRIL 2025	2,600.00
Totals:							\$4,783.77

Department Approval

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MANUAL VOUCHERS/JOURNAL ENTRIES

DEPT	NAME	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
LS	BC HIGHWAY DEPT	220-12-53400-332-000	FUEL 3/29 - 4/25/25	\$380.30
SWCD	ENGELS NURSERY	100-12-56225-341-000	TREE PROGRAM	\$2,270.02
SWCD	WLWCA	100-12-56010-325-000	REPLACE CH#322952	\$130.00

MANUAL VOUCHERS TOTAL: **\$2,780.32**

GRAND TOTAL: **\$7,564.09**

Land Services Total: \$1,576.92
Land Information Total: \$0.00
Soil & Water Conservation Total: \$2,400.02
Zoning Administration Total: \$3,587.15

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

STATE OF WISCONSIN SS

COUNTY OF BARRON

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

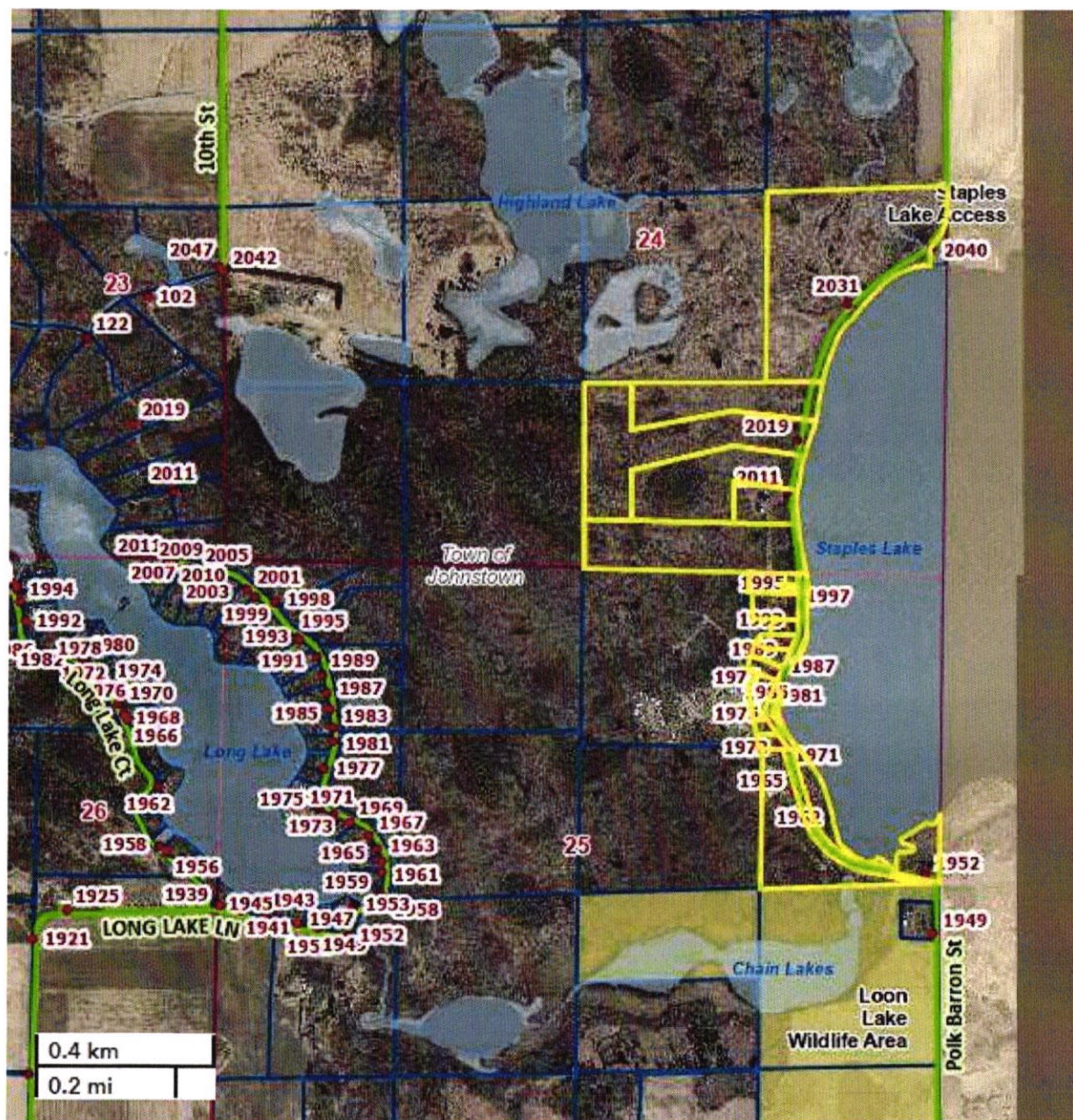
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the Counties of Barron and Polk, Wisconsin, that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Government Center, 335 E. Monroe Ave., Barron, Wisconsin, relative to a proposal to expand the boundaries of the Staples Lake Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, adding the nineteen parcels located in Polk County described as: the western side of the intersection of Polk Barron County Line Road and 20 ½ Avenue, going south along Staples Lake on the west side of Polk Barron County Line Road, then including the eastside properties along the curve around the lake until ending at the intersection of Polk Barron County Line Road and 19 ½ Street. In addition, would include any future parcels that would have shoreline access to Staples Lake.

Contact Pat Brown, Lakeshore Technician at 715-537-6315 with questions regarding this appeal.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and provide public comment.

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 4th day of June, 2025.

Barron County Extension/Land Conservation Committee.
Randall Cook, Chair



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Regional Crops Educator position

Focus areas: diversified vegetables, fruit, and emerging crops

Diversified Vegetables and Fruit

Smaller-scale, direct market fresh produce farms make up the fastest growing sector within the state's agriculture industry. Despite this growth, these farms often lack access to the community and critical support services they need locally. UW-Extension faculty and staff support fruit and vegetable growers by identifying needs, creating connections, and providing high-quality outreach education programs for diversified vegetable and fruit growers.

- Fruit and Vegetable Production website:
<https://cropsandsoils.extension.wisc.edu/fruit-and-vegetable-production/>

Emerging Crops

UW-Extension is investing in emerging crops through research and outreach to connect growers with new market opportunities and income streams. Examples of emerging crops include new fruit crops such as honeyberry and table grapes, perennial grains such as kernza, and crops that were previously part of Wisconsin agriculture such as hops, hemp and flax. Especially for smaller family farms, spreading farm income across multiple crops and enterprises is a buffer against market and weather uncertainty.

- Emerging Crops website: <https://cropsandsoils.extension.wisc.edu/emergingcrops/>
- Emerging Crops Strategic Plan ([pdf](#))

Barron County statistics

Sales of Vegetables and Melons - \$7.56 million* (5th in ag sales for the county)

Sales of Fruits, Nuts and Berries - \$361,000*

- 2022 Census of Agriculture County profile:
https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2022/Online_Resources/County_Profiles/Wisconsin/cp55005.pdf
- 2017 Census of Agriculture County highlights:
<https://economicdevelopment.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/10/Barron-.pdf>

*2022 Census of Agriculture data.