



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 7, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

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

Minutes

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

Others Present: Jeff French, Louie Okey, Jodi Busch, Wendy Coleman, John Cisek, Aaron Mickelson, John Muench, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Abby Fischer, Lily Strehlow, Ryan Urban, Ruth Erickson

The Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2025.

Public Comment: None

Motion: (Fowler / Rogers) to approve the agenda with the removal of agenda item #8 *Property Line Encroachments*. Carried

Motion: (Schradle / Fowler) to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025. Carried

Upper 90 - UWECBC Energy Audit: Mario Millonzi and Patrick Diedrich with Upper 90 were present to review the Rural Energy Startup Program Grant Investment Grade Audit results and cost projections. Information on water conservation, destratification fans, solar recommendations, LED lighting measures and HVAC retro commissioning proposals was reviewed. Reviewed costs of continuing to use a central plant system vs. new individual units for each building. Discussion. Strehlow provided information on an upcoming grant round for possible financial assistance for implementation of these recommendations. Fischer spoke in favor of moving forward with projects with remaining funds from the existing grant and trying to secure additional funding. Information will be presented to the County Board at the July meeting. No action taken.

UWECBC Campus Daycare Fencing: Fischer provided an update on the Rice Lake School District plans to install playgrounds and would like to install fencing. Concerns with fencing proximity to the Cedar Side Trail and type of fencing was discussed. Consensus to table until Rice Lake School District can provide a detailed plan for the fenced area.

Authorize Contract for Dam Repairs. Inspection & Analysis – Ayres Associates: Gruetzmacher provided information regarding the proposal for dam repairs and inspections from Ayres. Highway Commissioner feels that the Highway Department could handle the design and repairs for the Little Sand Lake dam. Contract provision is not to exceed so costs can be controlled. Contract will be budgeted over 2 years. Discussion. **Motion:** (Effertz / Schradle) to approve the contract. Carried.

Resolution – Authorizing Release of Approximately 2.685 Acres of County Forest Land – Town of Cedar Lake Per State Statutes 28: Muench provided information regarding a previous boundary dispute regarding the County Forest boundary and subsequent agreement. **Motion:** (Rogers / Moen) to forward resolution to County Board. Carried.

Staff Reports / Updates

- Draft Memorandum of Understanding – UWECBC Bathroom & Pavilion: French is waiting on response from the City of Rice Lake.
- Dam Update: Gruetzmacher provided an update on current and upcoming dam projects including new screws and gear box replacement. Dams have been maintaining well with the recent rains.
- Forestry Signs: Mickelson and Gruetzmacher provided an update on the new forestry signage that is being installed.
- Fowler updated that the first new kayak launch on the Red Cedar River has been installed.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: property line encroachment, daycare fencing at UWECBC

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

Set Next Meeting Date: August 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion: (Rogers / Effertz) to adjourn at 2:09 p.m. Carried

Minutes submitted by:
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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