

Extension/Land Conservation Committee
Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 11:30 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 – 7/1/25
 - Edit List
 - Announcements –
5. 2026 UW Extension Budget – action item
6. 2026 Soil & Water Conservation Department Budget – action item
7. Resolution: 2025 Farmland Preservation Plan Update – action item
8. Certificate of Compliance – action item
 - Neeser Family Farm Rice Lake, LLC – Towns of Oak Grove & Rice Lake
9. SWCD Project Update: Gruetzmacher – information only
10. Staff Reports – UWEX, NRCS, FSA, and SWCD (10 minutes) – information only
 - Executive Committee Report
 - Fair Board Report
11. Set date for the next meeting – October 7, 2025
12. Adjourn

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(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, July 1, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

Members present: Kirsten Huth, Jim Gores, Randy Cook, Fran Langman, Jamie McCready and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Justin Everson, Bronson Thalacker, Pat Brown, Jeff French, Lori Baltrusis, Dave Gifford and Kim Collins.

Absent: Gary Nelson.

Cook called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Collins confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment was received.

Cook stated he would like to add an agenda item, 'Meeting Time', to the agenda. **Motion: (Kusilek/McCready)** to approve the agenda as amended; carried. **Motion: (Kusilek/Gores)** to approve the minutes of June 3 and June 18, 2025 meetings; carried.

Item #5. Everson presented two Certificates of Compliance for committee approval; no committee questions. **Motion: (Langman/Kusilek)** to approve the certificates; carried.

Items #6. Baltrusis relayed her discussion with Burnett, Sawyer and Washburn Counties regarding adding Barron to the shared Regional Crops Educator position; all counties are in favor a shared position with each county having a .25 share. Committee discussion. **Motion: (Kusilek/Langman)** to approve the shared position of Regional Crop Educator for Barron County; carried.

Item #7. Cook called for a motion to approve forwarding the draft Farmland Preservation Plan update to DATCP for review. **Motion: (Kusilek/McCready)** to approve, pending approval by the Zoning Committee; carried.

Item #8 Staff Reports –

UWEX – Baltrusis emailed committee the 2nd quarter report and stated that the 4-H camp was held last week and that everyone is gearing up for the fair. Kusilek stated that, through UWEX, a Wisco Net weather station will be installed on her property.

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

SWCD – Gruetzmacher discussed lake level fluctuation, the increase in State funding for conservation staff and provided highlights from the groundwater study.

~~Executive Committee~~ (cancelled) – French provided an overview of the upcoming agenda for County Board.

Fair Board – French stated fair preparation is underway.

Committee discussion regarding changing the meeting day and time; **motion (McCready/Langman)** to move the meeting time to 11:30 a.m. with the day remaining the first Tuesday of each month; carried. Next meeting date: August 5, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Future agenda items: *Groundwater Study with possible August County Board presentation.*

Motion: (Langman/) to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m.; Cook declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins

Administrative Secretary, Land Services

Payment Request Verification - Online Voucher

COUNTY OF BARRON

Batch Year: 25 Department:

Payment Request Date: 07/10/2025

Vendor	Vendor Name	Line	Voucher	Account Description	Date	Description	Amount
274259	APG MEDIA OF WISCONSIN LLC	1	C0092484	OFFICE SUPPLIES	07/10/2025	LS - STAPLES LAKE	36.97
73105	ICCPA	1	C0092485	OFFICE SUPPLIES	07/10/2025	LS - NOTICE/STAPLES LAKE	81.00
6645	SWANT GRABER MOTORS	1	C0092486	VEHICLE EXPENSE-LAND SERVICES	07/10/2025	LS - OIL CHANGE/'18 CHEVY	93.18
139947	AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVIC	1	C0092487	OFFICE SUPPLIES	07/10/2025	SWCD - DEMO FARM EXP	154.08
139947	AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVIC	2	C0092487	OFFICE SUPPLIES	07/10/2025	SWCD - DEMO FARM EXP	46.68
252190	HEY EVERYTHING OF BARRON LLC	1	C0092488	SMALL EQUIPMENT	07/10/2025	SWCD - LMPN/HARDWARE	11.21
260487	KOSER JERRY	1	C0092489	CONSERVATION PAYMENTS	07/10/2025	SWCD - COST SHARE	1,275.00
113468	US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTUR	1	C0092490	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	07/10/2025	SWCD - 2ND QTR/WILDLIFE	6,497.30
426	BELL PRESS INC	1	C0092491	PUBLICATIONS	07/10/2025	ZA/LS - BALTS, STAPLES LAKE	64.37
426	BELL PRESS INC	2	C0092491	OFFICE SUPPLIES	07/10/2025	ZA/LS - BALTS, STAPLES LAKE	37.94
289493	BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL ENTE	1	C0092492	ADDRESS SIGNING	07/10/2025	ZA - RURAL ADDRESS SIGNS	256.00
3565	DSPS FISCAL	1	C0092493	DUE TO STATE - SANITATION FEES	07/10/2025	ZA - JUNE 2025 STATE SAN FEES	2,500.00
Totals:							\$11,053.73

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 4/26 - 6/6/25	\$862.32
SWCD	BELL PRESS	100-12-56225-349-000	POSTCARDS, TREE PROGRAM	\$91.25
LIO/IT	CATALIS	100-12-51715-999-295	MONARCH IMPLEMENTATION	\$1,736.16
LIO/IT	CATALIS	100-12-51715-999-294	MONARCH IMPLEMENTATION	\$3,263.84
LIO	BC HIGHWAY DEPT	100-12-51715-999-294	BRIDGE ROAD SIGNS	\$2,808.77

MANUAL VOUCHERS TOTAL: \$8,762.34

GRAND TOTAL: \$19,816.07

Land Services Total: \$1,111.41
Land Information Total: \$7,808.77
Soil & Water Conservation Total: \$8,075.52
Zoning Administration Total: \$2,820.37

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COUNTY OF BARRON

Batch Year: 25 Department:

Payment Request Date: 08/14/2025

Vendor	Vendor Name	Line	Voucher	Account Description	Date	Description	Amount
139947	AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVIC	1	C0092920	SOIL & WATER TESTING	08/14/2025	LAND SVCS - SWCD - SOIL	10.29
252190	HEY EVERYTHING OF BARRON LLC	1	C0092921	OFFICE SUPPLIES	08/14/2025	LAND SVCS - SWCD/LS VARIOUS	12.29
252190	HEY EVERYTHING OF BARRON LLC	2	C0092921	INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL	08/14/2025	LAND SVCS - SWCD/LS VARIOUS	5.49
252190	HEY EVERYTHING OF BARRON LLC	3	C0092921	NEW EQUIPMENT	08/14/2025	LAND SVCS - SWCD/LS VARIOUS	4.19
225606	NEESER CHAD	1	C0092922	CONSERVATION PAYMENTS	08/14/2025	LAND SVCS - SWCD - 25MDV002	18,750.00
183261	PETERSON MONTY	1	C0092923	CONSERVATION PAYMENTS	08/14/2025	LAND SVCS - SWCD - 25MDV003	525.00
302	SWANT GRABER FORD	1	C0092924	VEHICLE EXPENSE-LAND SERVICES	08/14/2025	LAND SVCS - OIL CH/EDGE & '24	134.46
59463	HAYES INSTRUMENT COMPANY	1	C0092925	FIELD SUPPLIES	08/14/2025	LAND SVCS - LIO - FIELD	103.88
274259	APG MEDIA OF WISCONSIN LLC	1	C0092926	PUBLICATIONS	08/14/2025	LS - ZA - KAUFFMAN, REINDEER	134.49
744	CHETEK ALERT INC	1	C0092927	PUBLICATIONS	08/14/2025	LS - ZA - #3992 & #3994 PUB	116.41
1015	CUMBERLAND ADVOCATE	1	C0092928	PUBLICATIONS	08/14/2025	LS - ZA - WIEBE PUB NOTICE	42.10
289493	BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL ENTE	1	C0092929	ADDRESS SIGNING	08/14/2025	LS - ZA - RURAL ADDRESS SIGNS	406.00
3565	DSPS FISCAL	1	C0092930	DUE TO STATE - SANITATION FEES	08/14/2025	LS - ZA - STATE SAN FEES JULY	2,300.00
Totals:							\$22,544.60

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 6/7 - 7/4/25	\$523.83
LIO	WCTA	100-12-51715-999-292	Conf Reg - Treasurer	\$125.00

MANUAL VOUCHERS TOTAL: \$648.83

GRAND TOTAL: \$23,193.43

Land Services Total: \$658.29
Land Information Total: \$228.88
Soil & Water Conservation Total: \$19,307.26
Zoning Administration Total: \$2,999.00

EXTENSION BUDGET - 2026	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2025 Current Actual	2026 Budget Request		
100-25-46771-000-000 PESTICIDE REVENUE	-	-	-	-	1,000		
100-25-46773-000-000 4-H REVENUE	4,384	-	-	1,379	2,000		
100-25-46775-000-000 FAMILY LIVING REVENUE	2,118	-	-	1,368	1,500		
100-25-46777-000-000 WORKSHOP REVENUE	780	-	-	-	-		
100-25-46778-000-000 UW-EXTENSION REVENUE	318	3,000	2,000	62	2,000		
TOTAL REVENUE	7,600	3,000	2,000	2,809	6,500		
100-25-55620-000-000 EXTENSION OFFICE							
100-25-55620-214-000 COMPUTER FEE	-	750	750	-	-		
100-25-55620-219-000 U OF WI 136 CONTRACTS	146,163	161,875	159,586	57,957	153,392		
100-25-55620-225-000 TELEPHONE	12	300	300	-	420		
100-25-55620-249-000 EQUIPMENT REPAIR	60	100	100	-	100		
100-25-55620-311-000 POSTAGE	3,587	6,000	6,000	1,610	6,000		
100-25-55620-313-000 PRINTING & PUBLISHING	4,448	-	8,000	1,222	8,000		
100-25-55620-319-000 OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,523	6,000	6,000	1,407	5,500		
100-25-55620-330-000 TRAVEL	300	1,000	1,000	-	500		
	159,346	176,603	181,736	62,197	173,912		
100-25-55621-000-000 AGRICULTURAL AGENT							
100-25-55621-200-000 PROGRAMMING	-	1,000	500	-	500		
100-25-55621-313-000 PRINTING & PUBLISHING	-	2,000	-	-	-		
100-25-55621-332-000 TRAVEL & EXPENSE	-	1,000	-	-	-		
	-	4,000	500	-	500		
100-25-55622-000-000 FAMILY LIVING AGENT							
100-25-55622-200-000 PROGRAMMING	3,462	2,500	2,500	-	1,500		
100-25-55622-313-000 PRINTING & PUBLISHING	-	2,000	-	-	-		
100-25-55622-332-000 TRAVEL & EXPENSE	432	1,500	1,500	200	1,000		
100-25-55622-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE - FAMILY LIVING	5,470	-	10,326	-	-		
	9,364	6,000	14,326	200	2,500		
100-25-55623-000-000 4-H AGENT							

EXTENSION BUDGET - 2026	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2025 Current Actual	2026 Budget Request		
100-25-55623-200-000 PROGRAMMING	3,294	3,000	3,000	2,046	4,000		
100-25-55623-313-000 PRINTING & PUBLISHING	75	4,000	-	-	-		
100-25-55623-332-000 TRAVEL & EXPENSE	1,000	1,000	500	-	1,000		
100-25-55623-733-000 4-H YOUTH RECOGNITION	3,000	3,000	3,000	381	3,000		
100-25-55623-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE	1,142	-	9,283	-	-		
	8,511	11,000	15,783	2,427	8,000		
100-25-55629-000-000 PESTICIDE							
100-25-55629-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE	-	-	1,774	1,774	1,000		
	-	-	1,774	1,774	1,000		
100-25-55630-000-000 WORKSHOPS incl Farm Books & Bulletins							
100-25-55630-325-000 WORKSHOPS	822	-	-	-	-		
100-25-55630-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE - WORKSHOPS	-	-	3,391	-	-		
	822	-	3,391	-	-		
100-25-55634-000-000 SHOPPING MATTERS GRANT							
100-25-55634-348-000 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS	-	-	-	695	-		
100-25-55634-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE	-	-	695	-	-		
	-	-	695	695	-		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	178,043	197,603	218,204	67,292	185,912		

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION - 2026 BUDGET	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2025 Current Actual	2026 Budget Request
100-12-43528-000-000 STATE AID - SOIL & WATER SALARIES	158,931	158,931	224,876	-	289,379
100-12-43538-000-000 OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL AIDS	14,794	-	-	13,315	-
100-12-43599-000-000 ST AID - LAND & WATER PLAN	7,536	58,000	61,000	-	62,000
100-12-44450-000-000 PHOSPHORUS VARIANCE FEES - C/O	40,693	-	8,940	8,940	67,717
100-12-44500-000-000 NR-135 ANNUAL PERMITS	63,780	80,000	75,000	76,325	64,500
100-12-46823-000-000 NR-135 REVIEW FEES	-	2,400	800	-	800
100-12-46824-000-000 REVENUE - LCD SEED C/O	3,975	-	-	-	3,000
100-12-46826-000-000 REVENUE - EQUIPMENT C/O	480	-	1,075	1,075	1,500
100-12-46827-000-000 REVENUE - TREE PROGRAM C/O	15,645	-	15,536	15,536	15,000
100-12-48110-000-000 INTEREST - DATCP WATERSHED C/O	1,690	-	758	903	1,500
TOTAL REVENUES	307,524	299,331	387,985	116,094	505,396
100-12-56010-000-000 LAND SERVICES - GENERAL					
100-12-56010-111-000 SALARIES	700,060	741,724	738,848	370,740	749,766
100-12-56010-112-000 OVERTIME @ 1.5	-	-	-	-	-
100-12-56010-113-000 OVERTIME @ STRAIGHT TIME	-	-	-	-	-
100-12-56010-151-000 SOCIAL SECURITY	39,966	45,987	44,631	20,718	46,485
100-12-56010-152-000 EMPLOYER RETIREMENT	47,299	51,179	50,030	23,947	53,983
100-12-56010-154-000 HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	239,176	246,820	252,540	129,999	265,053
100-12-56010-156-000 WORKER'S COMPENSATION	12,216	19,917	17,581	13,510	15,911
100-12-56010-157-000 EDUCATION & TRAINING	1,467	750	750	720	750
100-12-56010-159-000 MEDICARE INSURANCE	9,347	10,755	10,438	4,845	10,872
100-12-56010-164-000 EMPLOYER 401A CONTRIBUTION MGT CONF	1,200	-	1,200	600	1,200
100-12-56010-225-000 TELEPHONE	5,746	7,100	7,000	2,677	7,000
100-12-56010-249-000 REPAIR & EXPENSE	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
100-12-56010-310-000 OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,992	9,300	9,000	1,248	8,200
100-12-56010-311-000 POSTAGE	5,970	5,750	6,200	3,794	7,000
100-12-56010-322-000 SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	100	-	-	-
100-12-56010-324-000 ASSOCIATION/MEMBERSHIP DUES	2,748	3,500	3,750	2,085	3,750
100-12-56010-325-000 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	2,002	3,500	3,750	1,312	3,750

100-12-56010-332-000 TRAVEL & EXPENSE	1,455	3,500	3,000	1,321	3,000
100-12-56010-813-000 NEW EQUIPMENT	1,247	6,350	6,300	275	6,300
	1,075,893	1,157,232	1,156,018	577,790	1,184,020
RPL wage/fringe transferred to Treasurer's Dept for 2025.					
100-12-56211-000-000 SWCD-ITEMS FOR RESALE					
100-12-56211-340-000 SUPPLIES	3,900	-	-	-	-
100-12-56211-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE	-	-	9,007	-	9,382
	3,900	-	9,007	-	9,382
100-12-56212-000-000 SWCD CONSERVATION RESERVE					
100-12-56212-310-000 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,181	-	-	1,686	-
100-12-56212-348-000 EDUCATIONAL	942	-	-	-	-
100-12-56212-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE - DATCP	1,000	-	42,208	-	40,327
	4,124	-	42,208	1,686	40,327
100-12-56215-000-000 NR-135 REVIEW FEES					
100-12-56215-310-000 OFFICE SUPPLIES	-	200	200	-	200
100-12-56215-321-000 PUBLICATIONS	-	300	300	-	300
100-12-56215-813-000 EQUIPMENT (DRONE)	9,998	13,000	-	-	-
	9,998	13,500	500	-	500
100-12-56216-000-000 NR-135 FORFEITURE DOLLARS					
100-12-56216-310-000 OFFICE SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-
100-12-56216-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE - NR-135 FORF DOLLARS	-	-	3,458	-	3,458
	-	-	3,458	-	3,458
100-12-56217-000-000 STATE LAND & WATER PLAN					
100-12-56217-790-000 CONSERVATION (CLIENT) PAYMENTS	7,536	58,000	61,000	13,000	62,000
	7,536	58,000	61,000	13,000	62,000
100-12-56220-000-000 LAND CONSERVATION					
100-12-56220-222-000 ELECTRICITY	219	350	350	124	350
100-12-56220-310-000 OFFICE SUPPLIES	3	-	-	-	-

100-12-56220-313-000	NEWSLETTER	-	1,800	1,800	-	1,800
100-12-56220-340-000	INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL	500	2,200	2,200	-	2,200
100-12-56220-348-000	EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL	1,715	2,000	2,000	648	2,000
100-12-56220-511-000	INS ON BLDGS	71	75	75	387	387
100-12-56220-512-000	VEHICLE INSURANCE	287	325	325	-	325
100-12-56220-790-000	CONSERVATION COST SHARING	19,413	20,000	20,000	-	20,000
100-12-56220-999-000	ASSIGNED RESERVE - LAND CONSERVATION					
		22,207	26,750	26,750	1,159	27,062
100-12-56221-000-000	LCD EQUIPMENT					
100-12-56221-351-000	GAS, OIL, ETC	-	-	-	-	-
100-12-56221-353-000	REPAIR & EXPENSE	354	-	-	431	-
100-12-56221-999-000	ASSIGNED RESERVE - LCD EQUIPMENT	-	-	6,843	-	6,412
		354	-	6,843	431	6,412
100-12-56222-000-000	UWSP WATER QUALITY STUDY					
100-12-56222-210-000	PROF SVCS - WATER QUALITY STUDY	1,760	-	14,402	-	14,402
		1,760	-	14,402	-	14,402
100-12-56223-000-000	RED CEDAR LAKE SHORE FUND					
100-12-56223-999-000	ASSIGNED RESERVE - RED CEDAR LAKE	-	-	7,660	-	7,660
		-	-	7,660	-	7,660
100-12-56224-000-000	PHOSPHORUS VARIANCE					
100-12-56224-310-000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	104	-	-	-	-
100-12-56224-790-000	CONSERVATION PAYMENTS	14,850	-	-	-	-
100-12-56224-999-000	ASSIGNED RESERVE - PHOSPHORUS VARIANCE	-	-	68,992	-	67,717
		14,954	-	68,992	-	67,717
100-12-56225-000-000	LCD TREE PROGRAM					
100-12-56225-333-000	VEHICLE LEASE/RENT	-	-	-	-	-
100-12-56225-335-000	MEALS & LODGING	-	-	-	12	-
100-12-56225-341-000	TREE PURCHASES	10,687	-	-	10,542	-
100-12-56225-349-000	SUPPLIES	57	-	-	147	-

100-12-56225-351-000 GAS & OIL	57	-	-	95	-
100-12-56225-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE - LCD SEEDLING	-	-	15,536	-	4,738
	10,801	-	15,536	10,797	4,738
	ANNUAL PROCEEDS TRANSFERRED TO CONSERVATION RESERVE				
100-12-56226-000-000 TREE PLANTER EXPENDITURES					
100-12-56226-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE - TREE PLANTER	-	-	20,504	-	20,504
	-	-	20,504	-	20,504
100-12-56229-000-000 NATIVE PLANT PROGRAM					
100-12-56229-341-000 NATIVE PLANT PROGRAM PURCHASES	-	-	-	8,560	-
100-12-56229-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE - NATIVE PLANT PROG	-	-	8,621	-	61
	-	-	8,621	8,560	61
100-12-56415-000-000 RED CEDAR LAKE PROJECT					
100-12-56415-999-000 ASSIGNED RESERVE	328	-	16,267	-	7,660
	328	-	16,267	-	7,660
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,151,855	1,255,482	1,457,766	613,423	1,455,903



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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Secretary Randy Romanski

Dave Gifford, Director
Barron County
Department of Land Services
Via email
dave.gifford@co.barron.wi.us

Re: Certification of the Barron County Farmland Preservation Plan

Dear Dave:

Attached is a department order certifying Barron County's Farmland Preservation Plan under s. 91.16, Wis. Stats. To complete the certification process, please forward proof of final adoption of the plan, in the form certified, by December 31, 2025.

We look forward to working with you in the future on farmland preservation in Barron County. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tim Jackson
Farmland Preservation Program
608-224-4630

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2000 acres out of the A-1 zoning district (thus far) with pre-2016 Land Use Ordinance standards for minimum lot sizes. A “Right to Farm” statement is required on all Certified Survey Maps approved in the A-1 district, stating that agricultural operations should be expected in the area and owners of these lots shall not cause interference with such operations. Agricultural Preservation Covenants are recorded at the Register of Deeds so the documents will be included with title searches, and the covenant areas are shown as a map layer on the county GIS website with the aim of making these areas readily apparent.

Farmland Preservation Program

Two options are available which provide WI resident landowners the ability to participate and obtain income tax credits through the Farmland Preservation Program: Farmland Preservation Zoning or a voluntary 15-year FPP Agreement in an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA). At present, only the Farmland Preservation Zoning option is utilized by county landowners through the county Land Use Ordinance’s comprehensive zoning. Of the county’s 25 towns, 17 have adopted county zoning, and 16 contain certified Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) areas which correspond with the A-1 Exclusive Agriculture zoning district. Additional FPP areas in unzoned towns have been designated on lands which have a history of agricultural use. Zoning staff is available to discuss adoption of county zoning by unzoned towns and certification of additional FPP areas to allow participation through Farmland Preservation Zoning. The Soil & Water Conservation Department (SWCD) staff provides continual outreach regarding available program options for landowners; and for those who are not within county-zoned areas, there has been increased interest in AEAs. An AEA can be developed in FPP areas through a defined petitioning process with a minimum of 5 eligible petitioners/landowners within the proposed boundary. AEAs do not create zoning and all FPP agreements are voluntary. SWCD staff is available to assist any petitioners with this process.

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Approved Change

2000 acres out of the A-1 zoning district (thus far) with pre-2016 Land Use Ordinance standards for minimum lot sizes. A “Right to Farm” statement is required on all Certified Survey Maps approved in the A-1 district, stating that agricultural operations should be expected in the area and owners of these lots shall not cause interference with such operations. Agricultural Preservation Covenants are recorded at the Register of Deeds so the documents will be included with title searches, and the covenant areas are shown as a map layer on the county GIS website with the aim of making these areas readily apparent.

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Farmland Preservation Plan Update – 2025

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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2 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 91.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Barron County
3 is authorized to prepare, update, and adopt a Farmland Preservation Plan in accordance
4 with the aforementioned Statute; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the attached Farmland Preservation Plan provides a vision and
7 guidelines for future growth, development, and land preservation in Barron County; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Farmland Preservation Plan has been prepared by
10 county staff under the supervision of the Barron County Extension/Land Conservation and
11 Zoning Committees including input from a public open house and meetings; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Extension/Land Conservation and Zoning Committees ____ the
14 adoption of the Barron County Farmland Preservation Plan on September 2, 2025 and
15 September 3, 2025; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Extension/Land Conservation and Zoning Committees have the
18 authority to recommend that the Barron County Board of Supervisors adopt the County's
19 Farmland Preservation Plan under Section 66.1001(4)(b); and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Zoning Committee has the authority to recommend that the
22 Barron County Board of Supervisors amend Barron County's Comprehensive Plan under
23 Section 66.1001(4)(b); and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Farmland Preservation plan text and maps are
26 hereby certified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer
27 Protection under s. 91.16, of the Wisconsin State Statutes on July 25, 2025, contingent
28 upon Barron County Board of Supervisors adoption of the plan; and
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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Sections 91.16 of the
31 Wisconsin State Statutes that the Barron County Board of Supervisors hereby adopt the
32 2025 update of the Barron County Farmland Preservation Plan.
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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Barron County Farmland Preservation
35 Plan be incorporated into the Barron County Comprehensive Plan; Chapter Two,
36 Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources.
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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
40 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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Farmland Preservation Plan Update – 2025**

OFFERED THIS 15th day of September, 2025.

<p>Number of readings required: One (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Details: N/A</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - 0 - - Future years total amount: \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ - 0 -</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ Samantha Mohns, Deputy Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Randall Cook Extension/Land Conservation Committee Chair</p> <p>_____ Audrey Kusilek Zoning Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Motion: () to approve. Carried.</p>
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