



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 8, 2025 - 1:00 p.m.

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

Minutes

Members Present: Dana Heller, Craig Fowler, Bill Effertz, Carol Moen, Bill Schradle, Louie Okey (alternate)

Others Present: Jeff French, Jodi Busch, Wendy Coleman, Abby Fischer, Aaron Mickelson, Janette Cain, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Ruth Erickson, John Muench, Lance Peterson

The Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025.

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

Public Comment: Okey and French spoke regarding the UWECBC playground and the need for daycare in the area. Discussion.

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

Motion: (Fowler / Schradle) to approve the minutes of August 15, 2025 as handed out. Carried

2026 Budgets: 2026 budgets for Maintenance; Parks, Recreation & Forestry; Dams; Fleet Vehicles and Capital Improvement/Capital Outlay (CICOP) were reviewed. A duplication for tractors in the amount of \$50,000 in the CICOP budget was identified and removed. A revised Parks, Recreation and Forestry budget was projected reflect changing the County Forester from contractual services to wages for part-time County employee. Discussion. Gruetzmacher reviewed the Dam budget and upcoming projects. **Motion:** (Fowler / Moen to approve 2026 budgets for Maintenance; Parks, Recreation & Forestry; Dams; Fleet Vehicles and Capital Improvement/Capital Outlay (CICOP) with the removal of the duplicate tractor in the CICOP budget. Carried

Use of PSC Grant Funds for De-stratification Fans and LED Lighting at UWECBC: Fischer requested to use remaining grant funds for de-stratification fans and if an additional grant is received to move forward with LED lighting upgrade for Ritzinger Hall. **Motion:** (Schradle / Effertz) to use remaining grant funds of \$49,000 for de-stratification fans and LED upgrades. Carried

Staff Reports / Updates

- Forestry Update: Cain and French gave an update on the current logging and recruitment of new County Forester.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: None

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

The next Property Committee meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion: (Fowler / Okey) to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. Carried

Minutes submitted by:

Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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