



# **BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 – 5:00 PM**

BARRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – AUDITORIUM  
335 EAST MONROE AVENUE - BARRON, WISCONSIN 54812

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** Bob Anderson, Patti Anderson, John Banks, Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook Sr, Bill Effertz, Pam Fall, Jim Gores, Dana Heller, Dennis Jenkins, Amanda Kohnen, Kathy Krug, Audrey Kusilek, Jamie McCready, Carol Moen, Roberta Mosentine, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Bob Rogers, Pete Schneider, Bill Schradle, Marv Thompson, Diane Vaughn and Stacey Wenzel.

**ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Tim Ploetz.

**ABSENT:** Craig Fowler, Fran Langman, Gary Nelson and Craig Turcott.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**ROLL CALL – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:** County Clerk Hodek took attendance and County Administrator French stated the County's compliance with open meeting laws.

**INVOCATION:** Led by Pastor Mark Librande from the River Church located in Rice Lake.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited.

**SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):** None at this time.

**APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Cook/B. Anderson)** to approve. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Fowler, Langman, Nelson & Turcott).

**APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2025: Motion: (Heller/Olson)** to approve. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Fowler, Langman, Nelson & Turcott).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at this time.

**RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT / UWEC BARRON COUNTY PLAYGROUND PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF PLAN: Motion: (Bartlett/Thompson)** to approve. Rice Lake Area School District Administrator Drost reviewed the proposed playground for the new young learning center at the campus scheduled to open in 2026. Drost also answered questions from the Board. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Fowler, Langman, Nelson & Turcott).

**RECREATION TRAIL UPDATE:** A written update was provided from Deputy Jeff Wolfe and distributed prior to the meeting. Supervisor Cook requested an update from Deputy Wolfe at the October meeting regarding the skidsteer purchase for use by the ATV clubs.

**GROUNDWATER MONITORING STUDY RESULTS – TYLER GRUETZMACHER, COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST:** County Conservationist Gruetzmacher reviewed the new UW Groundwater Report and answered questions from the Board.

**2026 BUDGET – 1<sup>ST</sup> DRAFT:** Administrator French reviewed the process of compiling, editing, publishing and the final approval for the County budget annually as determined by State Statute. French requested the budget remain as presented and also answered questions from the Board.

**2025-9 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, LAURA L. & DANIEL P. EKSTROM: Motion: (Cook/Heller)** to approve. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Fowler, Langman, Nelson & Turcott).

**2025-31 RESOLUTION 2025 BARRON COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN UPDATE: Motion: (Gores/Rogers)** to approve. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Fowler, Langman, Nelson & Turcott).

**2025-32 RESOLUTION - WI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND (ETF) RESOLUTION FOR INCLUSION UNDER THE INCOME CONTINUATION INSURANCE PLAN: Motion: (Banks/Heller)** to approve. Administrator French reviewed the resolution and answered questions from the Board. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Fowler, Langman, Nelson & Turcott).

**REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:** None at this time.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- A. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD – APPOINT TIM PLOETZ TO REPLACE BURNELL HANSON: Motion: (Olson/Moen)** to approve all four appointments as presented. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Fowler, Langman, Nelson & Turcott).
- B. WORKFORCE RESOURCE - APPOINT TIM PLOETZ TO REPLACE BURNELL HANSON: Motion: (Olson/Moen)** to approve all four appointments as presented. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Fowler, Langman, Nelson & Turcott).
- C. MOMENTUM WEST - APPOINT TIM PLOETZ TO REPLACE BURNELL HANSON: Motion: (Olson/Moen)** to approve all four appointments as presented. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Fowler, Langman, Nelson & Turcott).
- D. RICE LAKE LIBRARY BOARD - APPOINT TIM PLOETZ TO REPLACE BURNELL HANSON: Motion: (Olson/Moen)** to approve all four appointments as presented. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Fowler, Langman, Nelson & Turcott).

**CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:** None at this time.

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. 2026 County Budget
2. 2026 Health Insurance Renewal
3. ATV Club Usage Skidsteer Report from Recreation Deputy/Sheriff Department

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:00PM at the Government Center located in Barron.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

**MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING.**