

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Room 2151

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

Cook called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and Collins confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment was received.

Motion: (Nelson/Kusilek) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Gores/Langman)** to approve the minutes of September 2, 2025 meeting; carried. Announcements: Collins announced her retirement. Edit list: no questions.

Item #5. Pat Brown reviewed the Barron Co. Lake Monitoring & Protection Network AIS Grant Application Resolution, explaining it covered a three year period of AIS grant money. After committee questions, **motion: (Kusilek/McCready)** to approve the resolution for County Board consideration; carried.

Items #6. Gruetzmacher presented the Memorandum of Understanding Between Barron Co. and Farmers of Barron County Watersheds, explaining the provisions, which include technical support but not funding. After committee questions, **motion: (Nelson/Langman)** to approve memorandum for signature; carried.

Item #7. Staff Reports –

UWEX – Baltrusis stated it is 4-H week, discussed the hiring of the shared Regional Crops Educator and stated UWEX is starting a monthly newspaper column.

NRCS – on furlough.

FSA – Huth (on behalf of Sarah MacDonald) stated FSA is on furlough.

SWCD – Gruetzmacher stated cover crops funds are nearly allocated, discussed the 6th Grade Tour and updated the committee on two large projects nearing completion.

Executive Committee – French stated the County budget is main EC item.

Fair Board – French stated the FB approved their annual budget.

Our Sun. Our Power. – French stated the County should not bear the responsibility for the inspection and reclamation of solar installations. Committee discussion followed.

Next meeting date: November 4, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Future agenda items:

Motion: (Langman/Gores) to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m.; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins

Administrative Secretary, Land Services

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