



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 2, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Meeting Notification
3. Public Comment
4. Special Matters and Announcements
5. Approve Agenda
6. Approve Minutes of January 5, 2026
7. Tour of Ag Building
8. Information and Update from National Lumbering Hall of Fame Organization
9. Approve Property Lines of Rice Lake Area School District and UWEC Barron County at the UWEC Barron County Campus
10. Resolution – Authorizing Participation in the Department of Natural Resources Municipal Dam Grant Program
11. Mikana Dam – Approval of Proposed Repairs
12. Staff Reports
 - a. Dam Updates
 1. Chetek Dam – Concrete Repair
 2. Little Sand Dam – 2027 Reconstruction (Update Only)
 - b. Community Wellness Funding Grant Opportunities at UWEC Barron County Campus
13. Review Voucher Edit Lists
14. Set Next Meeting Date
15. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
 - a. Approval of Carryover Accounts
16. Adjournment

PLEASE CALL 715-537-6200 IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

cc: B. Rogers, B. Schradle, C. Moen, C. Fowler, D. Heller, K. Bartlett, B. Effertz, S. Olson, J. Cisek, D. Gifford, A. Mickelson, J. French, J. Muench, S. Mohns, Webmaster & 3 Public Postings

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MINUTES

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

Others Present: Finance Director Busch, Executive Assistant Coleman, Incoming Finance Director Drury, Administrator French, Land Services Director Gifford, Parks & Maintenance Coordinator Mickelson, Corporation Counsel Muench, County Board Chair Okey, Maintenance Director Olson, IT Director Peterson, Janette Cain (DNR Forester), Ruth Erickson (Chronotype) and Ryan Urban (NewsShield).

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Heller called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

Public Meeting Notification: French noted the meeting posted by County Clerk Hodek and met WI Open Meeting Requirements.

Public Comment: Administrator French introduced the new Finance Director Michelle Drury. County staff and committee members introduced themselves to Drury.

Approve Agenda: Motion: (Rogers/Schradle) to approve. Carried.

Approve Minutes of October 6, 2025: Motion: (Schradle/Effertz) to approve. Schradle updated the Committee on the history of the 450 year old King Tut pine tree and the board feet generated from the logging of the tree. Discussion. Carried.

County Clerk Digital Electronic Images Conversion - \$14,850.00: County Clerk Hodek gave an overview of the project and answered questions from the Committee. Administrator French answered questions from the Committee and supported the project as well. Discussion. **Motion: (Moen/Effertz)** to approve with a maximum of \$14,850.00 spent on the project. Discussion. Carried.

Community Wellness Funding Grant Opportunities: The committee viewed a video on outdoor fitness facilities. Administrator French asked the Committee for recommendations for possible locations within the County and asked if he should continue to review grant options. Discussion. A recommendation was made by the Committee for Administrator French to contact Rice Lake Schools and UWBC-Rice Lake Campus to discuss possible locations and to continue to research grant options.

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Staff Reports

a. Dam Updates:

1. **Rice Lake Dam:** Ayres will be completing a hammer soundness test spring to evaluate options for repair of the concrete spalling on the piers.
2. **Mikana Dam:** Currently working with Motion Industries to finalize the plans for replacement of the two lifting screws at the price of \$16,000 each. Miron Construction submitted the only bid for installation for \$17,000. They will review the plans before the order is put in with an anticipated six month lead time.
3. **Chetek Dam:** Working with Emergency Services Manager Judy on updating the Emergency Action Plan. The Chetek Dam has a few campgrounds that would be partially inundated if the dam were to fail. Most of the campers are within 150 foot of the high ground. It could be several foot deep but relatively slow velocity.
4. **Little Sand Lake Dam:** The dam holds back 2 feet of water but is considered a large dam and with that, the County is required to complete a Dam Failure Analysis with an estimated cost of \$20,000. The culvert system also contains an eighty plus year old concrete pipe that is having issues. A possible option being discussed is constructing a new sheet pile weir about one hundred feet downstream and rebuilding the access road into the County forest with modern culverts. The lake level would be kept the same, but it would be classified as a small dam and the County have the DFA and inspection requirements.
5. Gruetzmacher is also working on other DFA and IOMP for all the dams.

b. Lumbering Hall of Fame Building Collapse: The building has collapsed twice. Maintenance Director Olson and Administrator French have requested to see all future construction plans going forward. The Committee also requested Administrator French determine if these buildings are required to pass commercial building code.

c. LED Lighting and Destratification Fans at Meggers / Ritzinger Hall: Photos were shown of the completed project which was done on time as well as on budget.

d. J&F Price Increases: Prices have continued to increase. Maintenance Director Olson answered questions from the Committee.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

- a. Community Wellness Funding Grant Opportunities at the UWBC – Rice Lake Campus
- b. Carryover from Director Olson
- c. Tour FSA Building Remodels

Review Voucher Edit Lists: Reviewed.

Set Next Meeting Date: February 2, 2026 at 1:00PM.

Adjournment: Motion: (Fowler/Rogers) to adjourn at 1:35PM. Carried.

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Red Cedar River

UWEC-Barron
County Bookstore
Recently Viewed

UWEC-Barron
County Gym

Highlighted area
= RLASD

Barron County
UW Extension

College Dr

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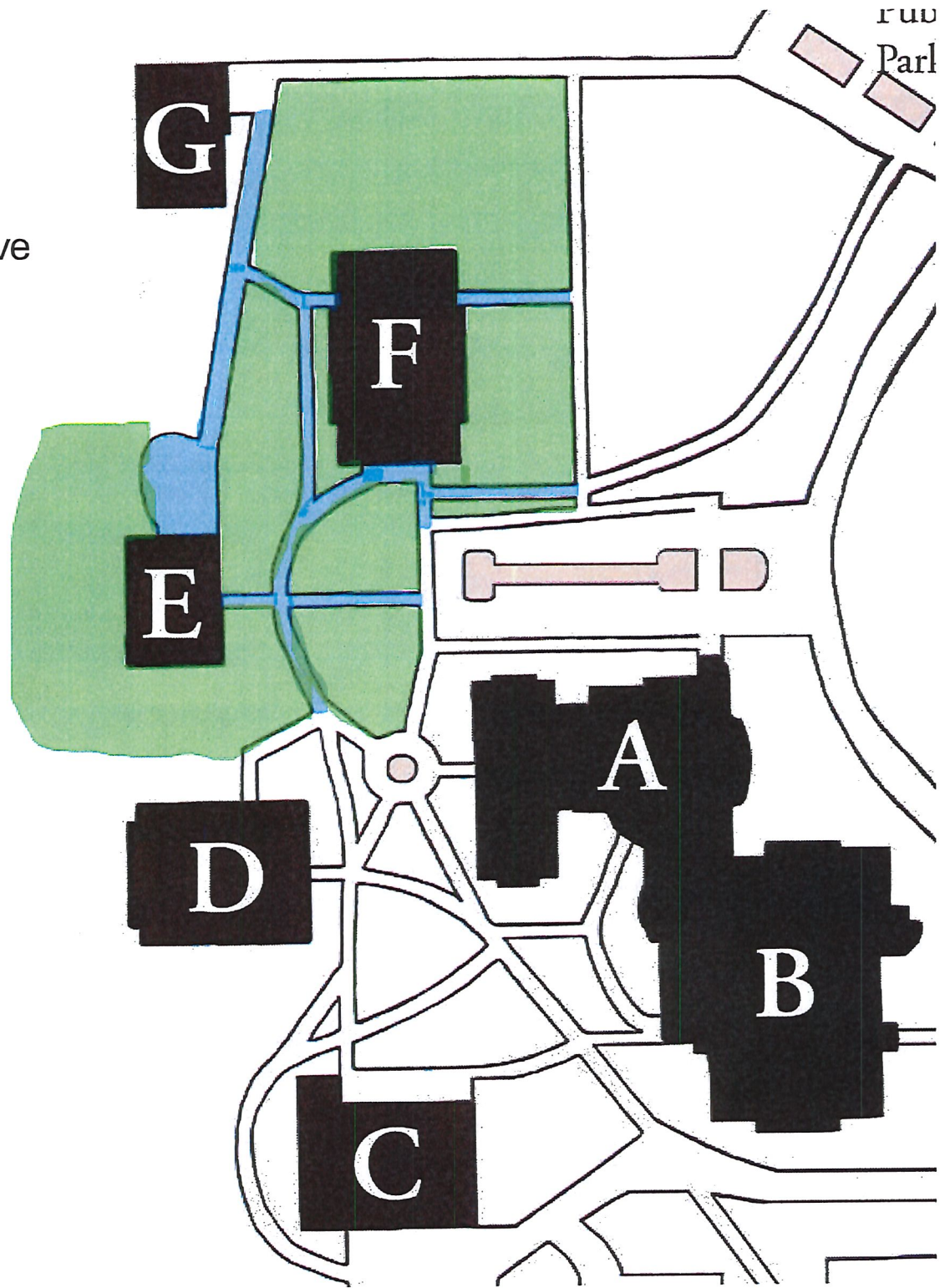
Google Earth

 RLASD Sidewalk/drive

 RLASD Grass

E = Childcare Center

F = Gym



BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - _____

**Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Department of Natural Resources
Municipal Dam Grant Program**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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WHEREAS, Barron County owns the Chetek Dam and requests financial assistance under s. 31.385 and s. 227.11, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 335, Wis. Adm. Code, for the purpose of repair of concrete areas of the dam; and

WHEREAS, the state share for such a project may not exceed 50 percent (50%) of the first \$1,000,000.00 of total eligible project costs nor 25 percent (25%) of the next \$2,000,000.00 of total eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Property Committee on ____, 2026, on a vote of ____, with ____ voting in favor and ____ against.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Barron County hereby authorizes the County Administrator to:

- Submit an application to the DNR for financial aid under ch. NR 335, Wis. Adm. Code;
- sign grant agreement documents;
- take all necessary action to complete the project associated with any grant agreement; and
- submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Barron County agrees to pay a share of the eligible costs which is equal to the total project cost minus the state share.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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OFFERED THIS _____ day of February, 2026.

<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>_____ Michelle Drury, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Dana Heller, Property Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled ()</p>
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Barron County Dam Update

February 2, 2026

Chetek - Concrete Repair & Resolution
Mikana - Approval of gearbox replacement
Little Sand - Reconstruction 2027

MUNICIPAL DAM GRANT PROGRAM

ATTENTION: The FY2025-27 Municipal Dam Grant Application period is now open! The application deadline is February 27, 2026.

The FY2025-27 Biennial Budget provided \$4 million for Dam Grants with the majority being committed to fund eligible engineering and construction costs associated with the maintenance, repair, modification or abandonment and removal of municipally owned dams. Refer to the tabs below for instructions and reference materials.

The Municipal Dam grant program provides a cost-sharing opportunity for eligible engineering and construction costs for dam maintenance, repair, modification or abandonment and removal up to a maximum of \$1,000,000.00. Funding sources outside the applicant's own resources can be used toward the local match for this grant. We encourage interested, eligible parties to begin work now on documents that must be submitted with your grant application. You can find information about these documents under the tab called Applying. Costs related to the development of these documents may be grant eligible for those applicants who receive a grant.

Applicants must have an Engineer's inspection order or directive and a Dam Failure Analysis sufficient to identify the hazard potential based on the current development in the hydraulic shadow downstream of the dam.*

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects include dam repair, reconstruction or modification to improve the safety of the dam, or abandonment and removal. The owner must have the inspection directives or an administrative order that requires the dam safety project.

Dam repair/reconstruction/modification project grant awards will cover:

- 50 percent of the first \$1,000,000 of eligible project costs;
- 25 percent of the next \$2,000,000 of eligible project costs; and
- Dam abandonment and removal project grant awards will cover 100 percent of the first \$1,000,000 of eligible project costs.

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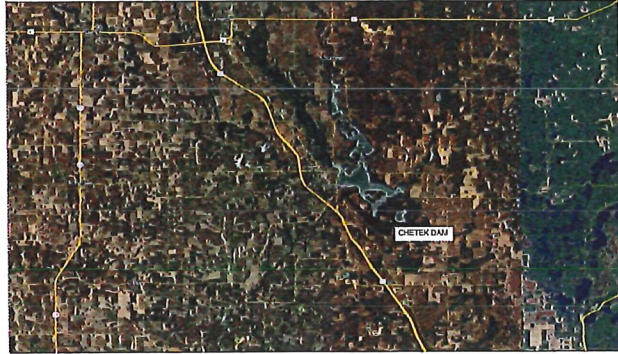
Replacement of the Gearboxes and Screws

Motion Industries Gearbox and Screws \$32,641.90 plus shipping

Miron Construction – Installation \$17,272.00

Total \$49,913.90

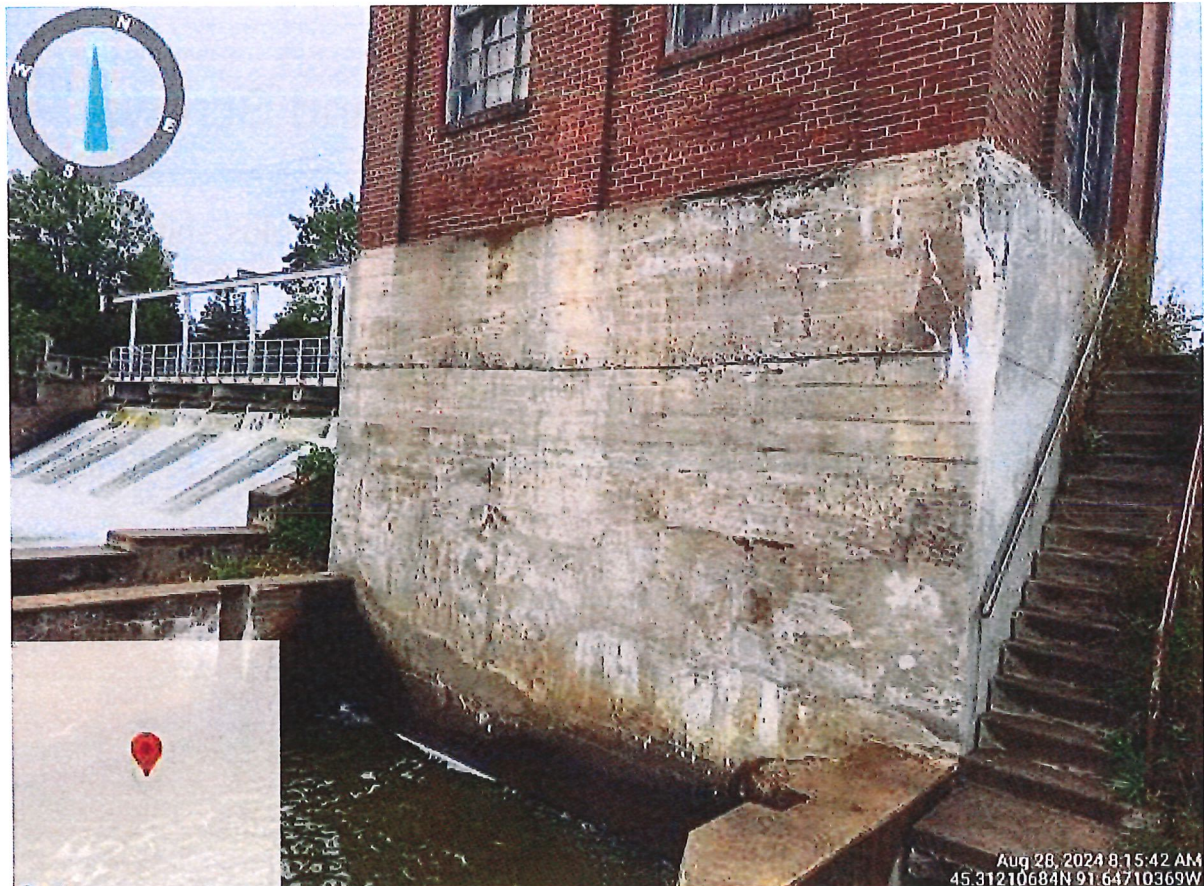
CHETEK DAM REPAIRS BARRON COUNTY BARRON COUNTY, WI PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS FOR WDNR REVIEW

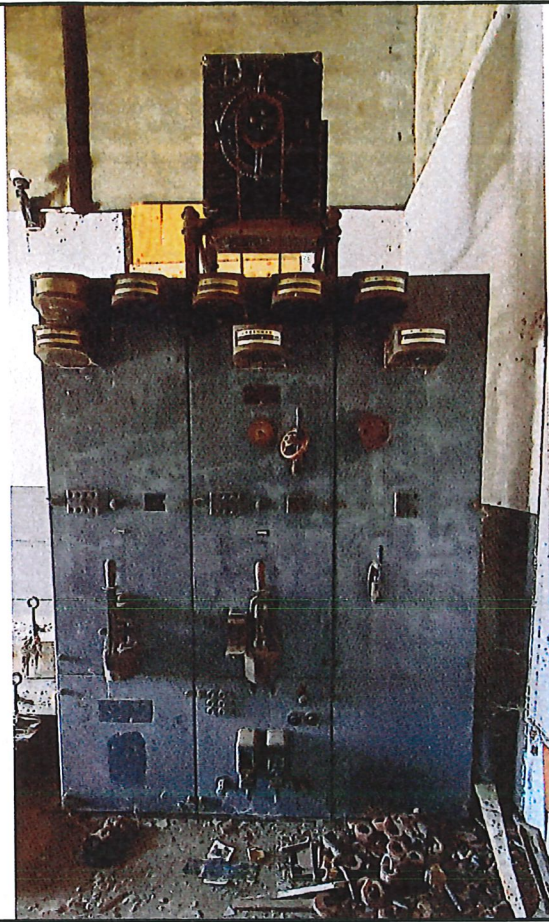


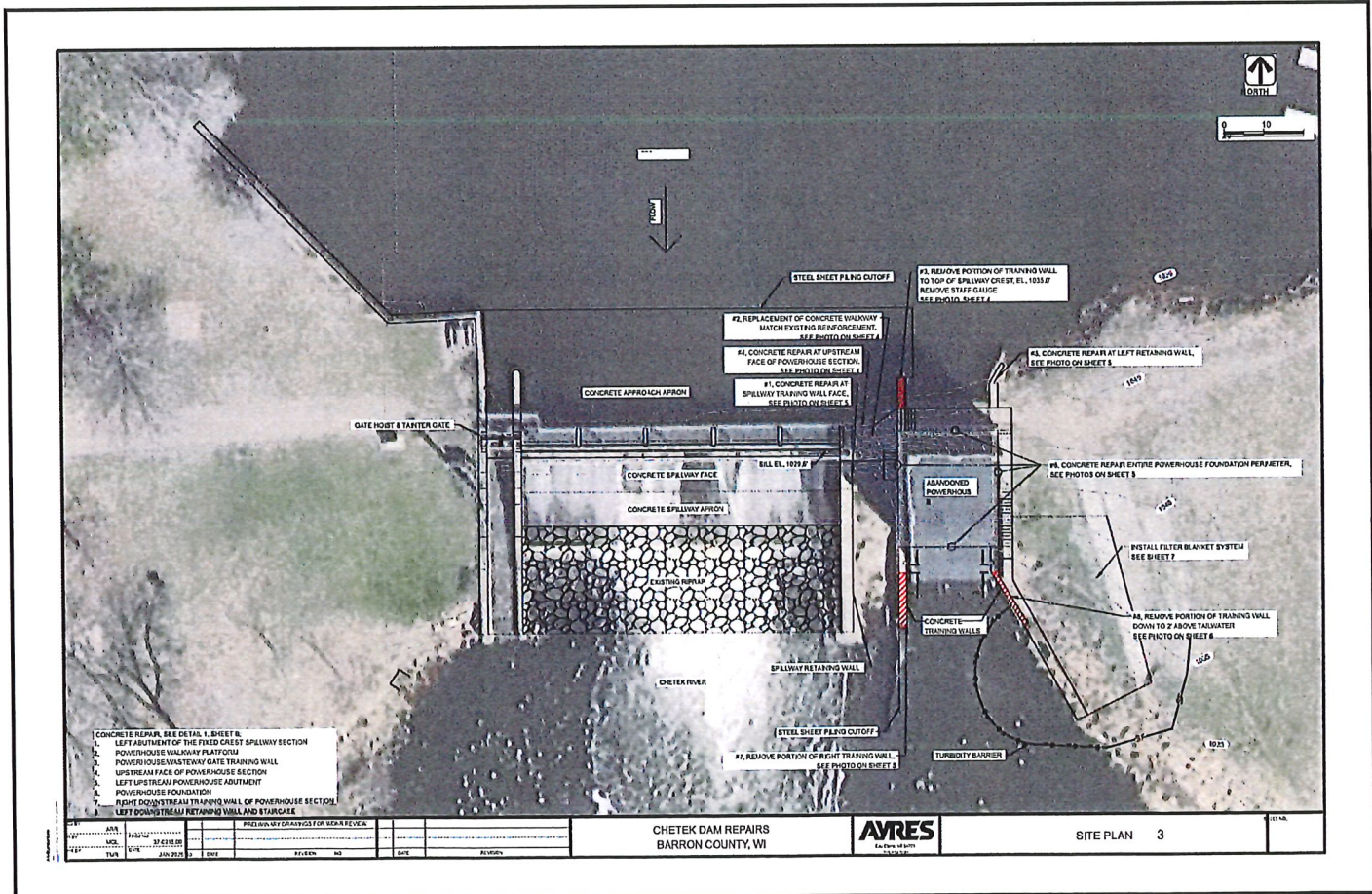
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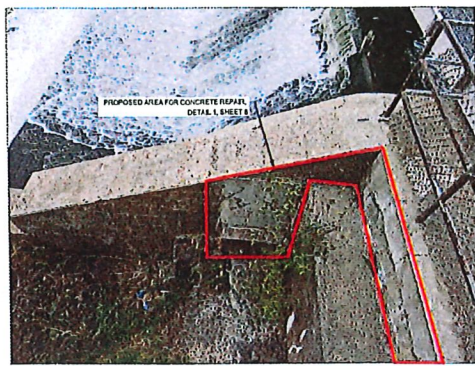
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3. POWERHOUSE WASTEWATER GATE TRAINING WALL



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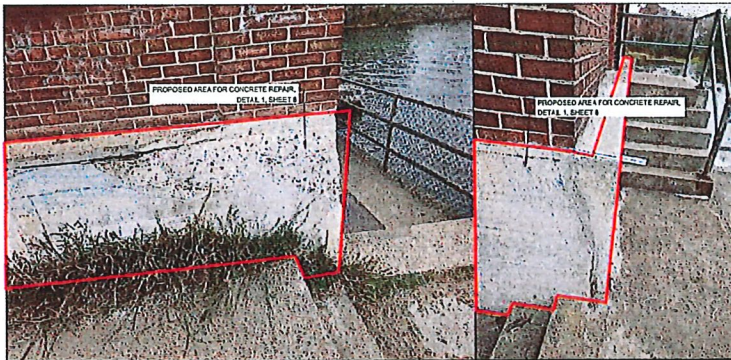
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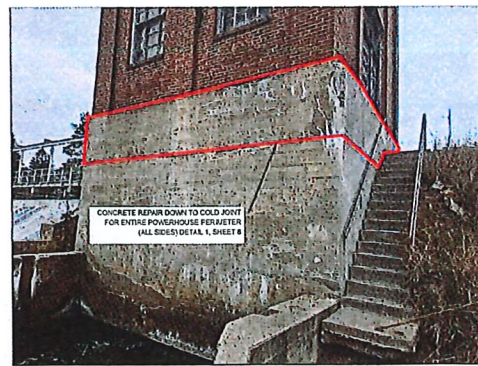
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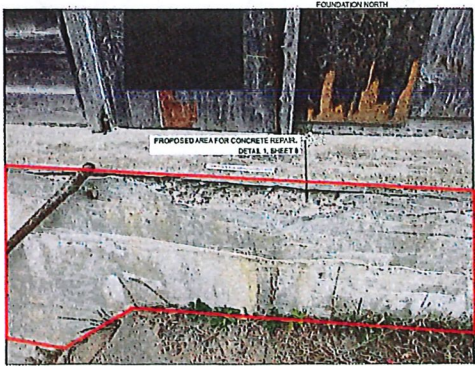
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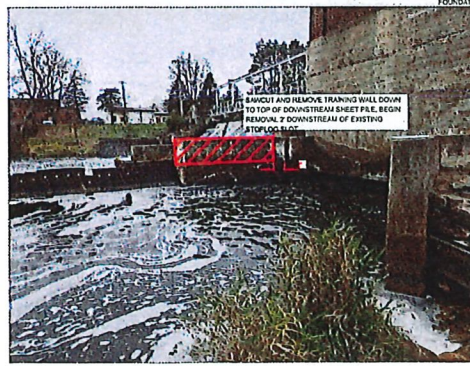
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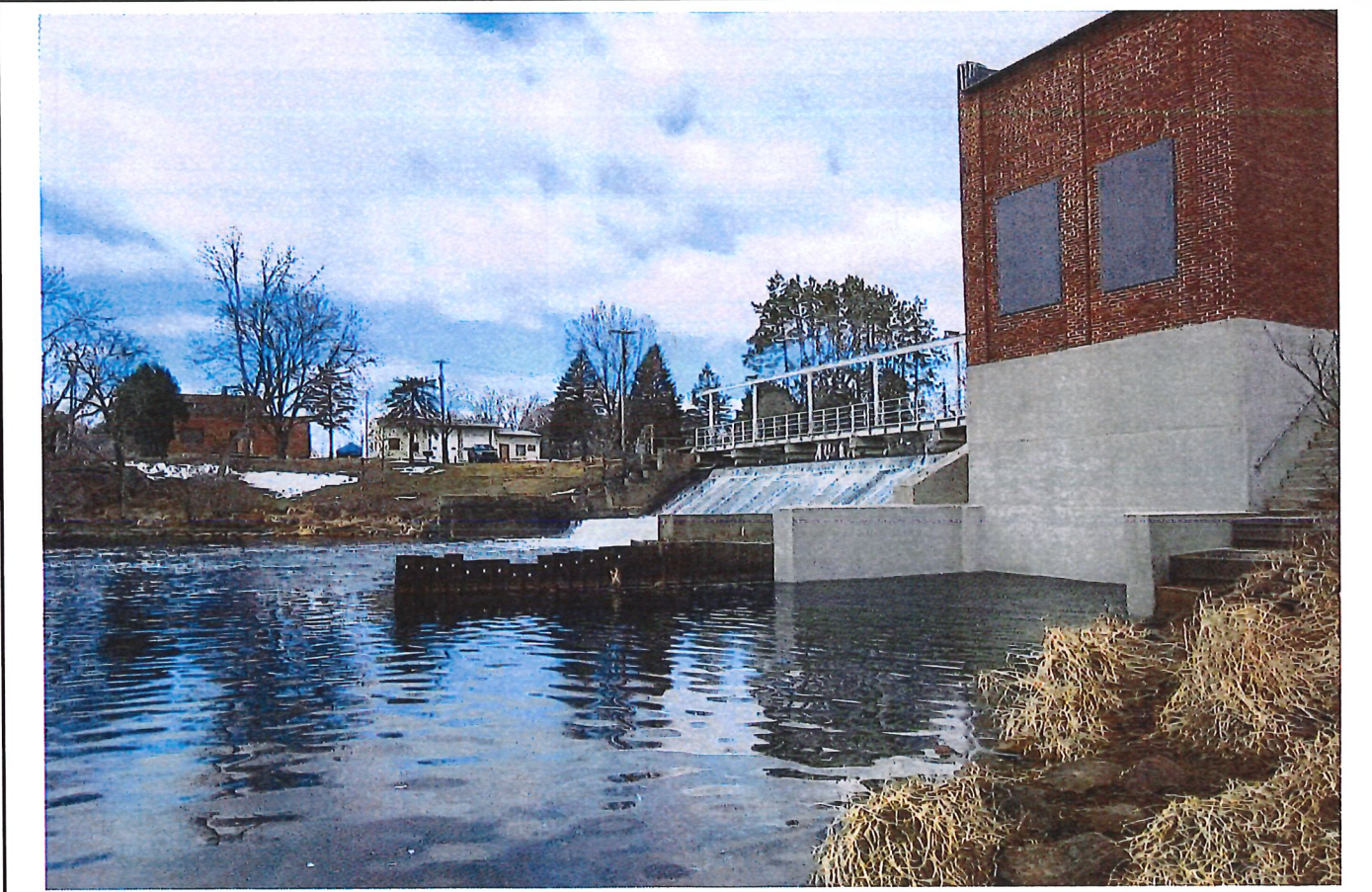
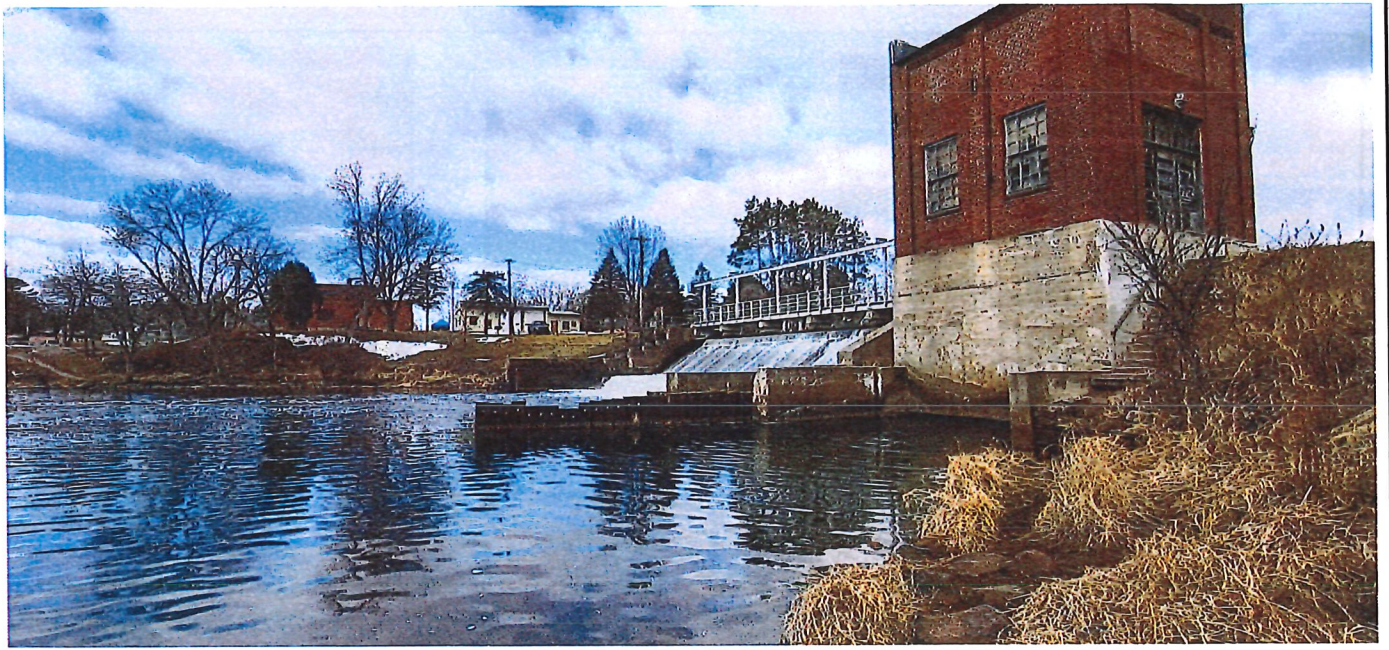
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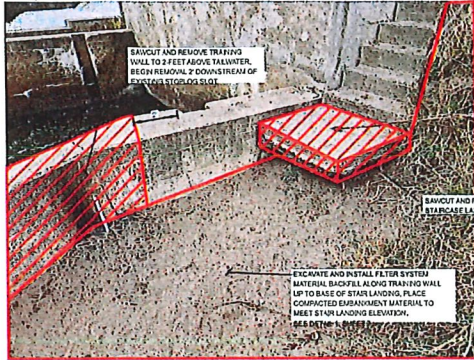


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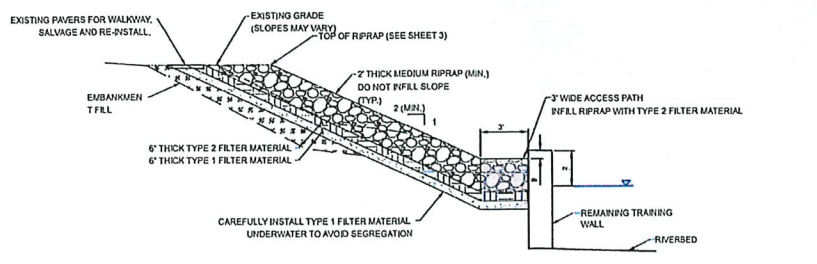
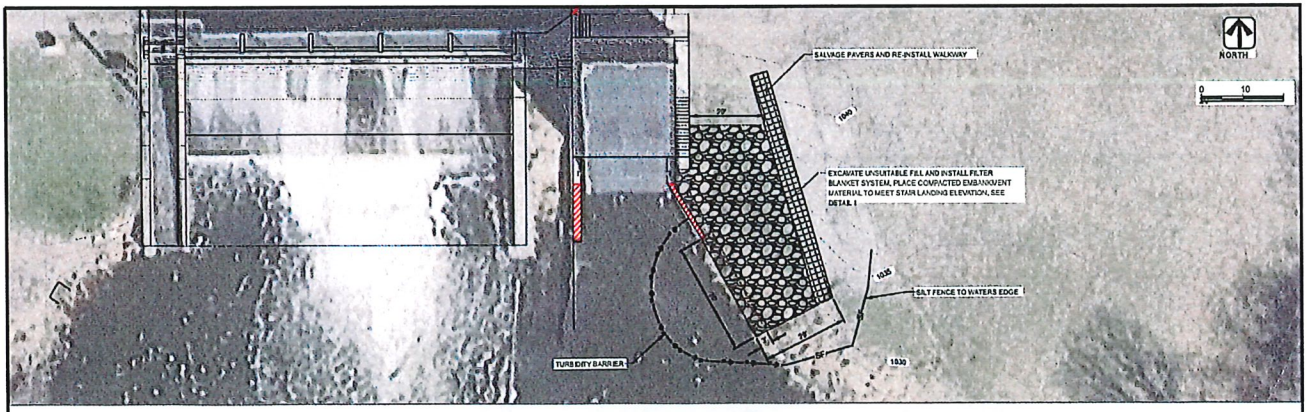
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Emergency Action Plan – Chetek Dam - Chetek WI

Facility owned by Barron County



**Barron County
330 East LaSalle
Barron, WI 54812
January 2026**

Inspection, Operation, and Maintenance Plan

**Chetek Dam
Field File No. 3.03
Key Sequence No. 99
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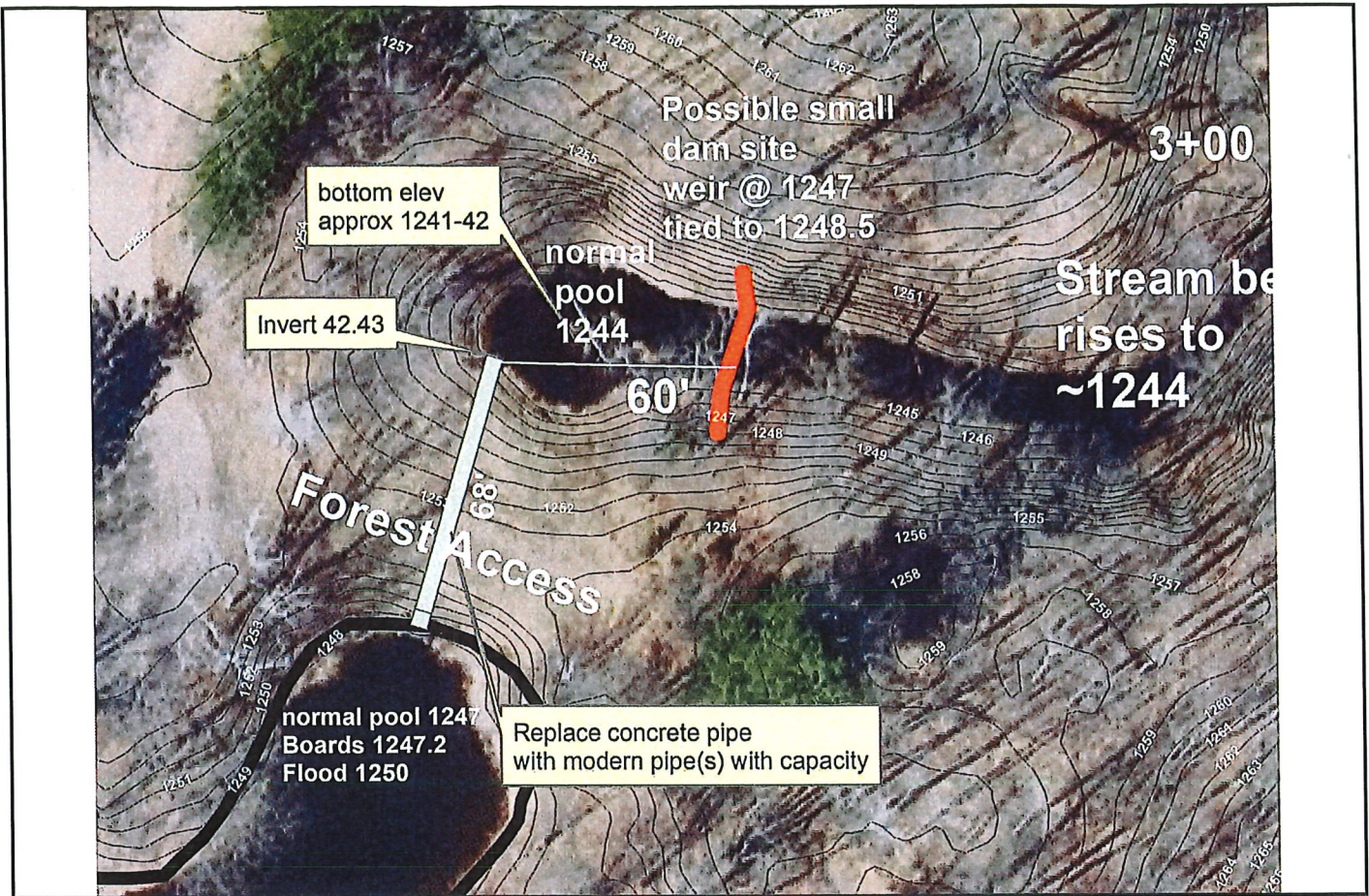


**Barron County SWCD
330 East LaSalle
Barron, WI 54812
January 2026**

Little Sand Lake Dam - Possible reconstruction 2027
Currently a "Large Dam" rebuild to "Small Dam" classification







Payment Request Verification - Online Voucher

Batch Year: 25 Department: PROPERTY 2025

Payment Request Date: 01/27/2026

Vendor	Vendor Name	Line	Voucher	Account Description	Date	Description	Amount
230146	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	1	C0094260	TRAINING & EXPENSE	01/08/2026	ENC/MAINT - ACCT# 11113-59965	2,099.97
3409	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	1	C0094261	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	01/08/2026	ENC/MAINT - ACCT# 71945619	50.65
252190	HEY EVERYTHING OF BARRON LLC	1	C0094262	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	01/08/2026	ENC/MAINT - CUST# 78 SUPPLIES	25.14
1813	JOE'S BARRON WELDING WORKS L	1	C0094263	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	01/08/2026	MAINT - INV#4248 JAIL SUPPLIES	245.70
1813	JOE'S BARRON WELDING WORKS L	2	C0094263	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	01/08/2026	MAINT - INV# 4247 SNOW	121.00
1813	JOE'S BARRON WELDING WORKS L	3	C0094263	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	01/08/2026	MAINT - INV# 4250	476.60
44423	AUTO VALUE BARRON	1	C0094264	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	01/08/2026	ENC/MAINT - CUST# 14101890	203.57
101125	KEN-WAY SERVICES OF RICE LAKE	1	C0094265	SEPTAGE HAULING	01/08/2026	ENC/PARKS - INV# 56707 UWECBC	120.00
101125	KEN-WAY SERVICES OF RICE LAKE	2	C0094265	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	01/08/2026	ENC/MAINT - INV# 56437 JC	425.00
91324	BENEDICT REFRIGERATION SERVI	1	C0094266	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	01/08/2026	MAINT - CLIENT# BAR027 COOLER	297.00
92258	UP NORTH RECYCLING LLC	1	C0094267	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	01/08/2026	MAINT - PAPER REYCLING	195.00
79758	MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMI	1	C0094268	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	01/08/2026	ENC/PARKS - CUST# 00-2814033	5,320.21
109193	MENARDS - RICE LAKE STORE	1	C0094269	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	01/08/2026	MAINT - ACCT# 31520307 / INV#	32.94
53295	CARE SANITATION	1	C0094270	SEPTAGE HAULING	01/08/2026	ENC/PARKS - KIRBY LAKE	240.00
53295	CARE SANITATION	2	C0094270	SEPTAGE HAULING	01/08/2026	ENC/PARKS - GRANT PARK	1,190.00
53295	CARE SANITATION	3	C0094270	SEPTAGE HAULING	01/08/2026	ENC/PARKS - VETERANS PARK	955.00
88277	GRAINGER	1	C0094271	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	01/08/2026	ENC/MAINT - ACCT# 837559392	302.06
88277	GRAINGER	2	C0094271	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	01/08/2026	ENC/MAINT - ACCT# 837559392	370.86
167	AYRES ASSOCIATES INC	1	C0094272	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE - CHETEK DAM	01/08/2026	DAMS - CHETEK DAM	5,420.77
167	AYRES ASSOCIATES INC	2	C0094272	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE-L SAND LAKE DAM	01/08/2026	DAMS - SAND LAKE DAM	150.00
167	AYRES ASSOCIATES INC	3	C0094272	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE - RL DAM	01/08/2026	DAMS - RICE LAKE DAM	739.00
167	AYRES ASSOCIATES INC	4	C0094272	REPAIR & MAINT - HAUGEN / BEAR LK DAM	01/08/2026	DAMS - BEAR LAKE DAM	1,300.00
Totals:							\$20,280.47

Department Approval

Admin Approval