



# PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 1, 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. Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items)
4. Approve Agenda
5. Approve Minutes of May 4, 2026
6. Public Comment
7. Elections of Officers
  - a. Chair
  - b. Vice Chair
  - c. Executive Representative
8. Discuss/Approve Virtual Attendance at Meetings
9. County Owned Rifle Ranges in Arland & Maple Plain
  - a. Public Use & Restrictions
  - b. Signage
  - c. Work Completed
  - d. DNR Grant Application
10. Resolution – DNR Grant for Kayak Launch
11. Request to Locate a Food Cabinet at the Government Center by Nora's Cupboard
12. UWEC-Barron County Parking Lot Expansion (Requested by Rice Lake School District)
13. Staff Reports
  - a. Dam Updates – Chetek, Little Sand Lake & Rice Lake
  - b. Pleasant Plains Update
  - c. UWEC-Barron County Library Controls
  - d. Approval of Final Shelter Plan – Kolpack Picnic Shelter at the Lumbering Hall of Fame Located in the City of Rice Lake
14. Review Voucher Edit Lists

To ensure a quorum, please email or call the County Clerk's Office at 715-537-6200 and advise if you will be attending this meeting. Thank you.



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15. Set Next Meeting Date
16. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
  - a. Tour of Barron County Housing Authority Apartment Remodel in Barron – July 6, 2026 at 1:00pm (Are we holding the entire meeting here??)
  - b. Approval of Phase II Costs with HVAC Upgrades at UWEC-Barron County
  - c. Review Fixed Assets
17. Consideration of Purchasing Land Adjoining County Forest Land, Compartment 1, in the Town of Doyle
  - a. The Property Committee may go into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating purchase of public properties, investing public funds, other specific business, or whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.
  - b. Return to Open Session
  - c. Take Any Necessary Action
18. Adjournment

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## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Karolyn Bartlett, Dana Heller, Carol Moen, Louie Okey (alternate), Bill Schradle and Craig Turcott (alternate).

**Absent:** Craig Fowler.

**Others Present:** BCEDC Director Armstrong, County Forester Bygd, Finance Director Drury, Administrator French, County Conservationist Gruetzmacher, County Clerk Hodek, Building & Maintenance Director Mickelson, Corporation Counsel Muench, Highway Commissioner Nelson, IT Director Peterson and DNR Forester Cain.

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

**Public Meeting Notification:** County Clerk Hodek noted the meeting met WI Open Meeting Requirements.

**Special Matters and Announcements:** Administrator French noted the County Clerk distributed a letter received via email from a citizen prior to the meeting regarding the Maple Plain Shooting Range. French also suggested the Committee move the Public Comment prior to the Maple Plain Shooting Range agenda item.

**Approve Agenda: Motion: (Okey/Schradle)** to move the Public Comment prior to the Maple Plain Shooting Range agenda item and approve. Carried.

**Approve Minutes of April 6, 2026: Motion: (Bartlett/Moen)** to approve. Carried.

**Public Comment:** Mandy Straw – 558 29 ½ Avenue in Barronett spoke regarding public use of the Maple Plain Rifle Range. Straw had also distributed documentation to the Committee prior to the start of the meeting.

**Maple Plain Shooting Range – Discussion on Options Addressing Use and Operations:** Corporation Counsel Muench reviewed the history and intended purpose of the Barron County owned rifle ranges in the Townships of Arland and Maple Plain. Various concerns, options to address public concerns, as well as possibilities for implementation were reviewed. Discussion. IT Director Peterson confirmed the County recently purchased upgraded cameras and a license plate reader but installation had not yet been completed. **Motion: (Okey/Schradle)** to direct Buildings & Maintenance Director Mickelson to create signs with language to limit use of both the Arland and Maple Plain Rifle Ranges to Barron County landowners and/or Barron County residents and to close both rifle ranges on Sundays, effective July 1, 2026. The motion also requested the sign prototype be brought to the June Property Committee meeting for approval and Forester Bygd to begin spraying weeds and start planting trees utilizing \$4,500 from the Forestry fund. Discussion. Carried.



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## Staff Reports

- a. **Dam Updates:** Gruetzmacher noted a Walkway Survey was completed on the Rice Lake Dam this morning with County Surveyor Phelps. Information regarding issues on the walkway above Gate 2 was sent to Ayres and a future meeting will be held to discuss options. A tour of the Little Sand Lake Dam with the DNR and Ayres was recently completed to look at options for rebuilding the dam in a manner that would reclassify it as a small dam.
- b. **Service Animal Signage at County Owned Buildings:** Administrator French noted information included in the packet with similar signage that will be put up at all County owned buildings.

**Review Voucher Edit Lists:** Reviewed.

**Set Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, June 1, 2026 at 1:00PM at the Government Center located in Barron.

## Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

- a. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Representative - June
- b. Discussion on Virtual Meeting Attendance - June
- c. Tour of Barron County Housing Authority Apartment Remodel in Barron – July
- d. Rifle Range Signage with New Restrictions
- e. Rifle Range Use Ordinance
- f. UWEC – Barron County Parking Lot Expansion

Chair Heller complimented the Little Learners Daycare Facility at the UWEC-Barron County building.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous consent at 1:54PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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

**BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -**

**Authorizing Resolution Applying for Cost-Share Grant  
From Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**

**TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1           **WHEREAS**, Barron County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the  
2 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of locating kayak launches  
3 along the Red Cedar River at the CTH D, CTH I and CTH A/I river access points; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and  
6 representations contained in the application; and  
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8           **WHEREAS**, an agreement is required to carry out the project; and  
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10           **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Property Committee on June 1,  
11 2026 on a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ voting in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ voting in opposition.  
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13           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Barron County will meet the  
14 financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby  
15 authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following  
16 documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that  
17 may be available:  
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<b>Task</b>	<b>Title of Authorized Representative</b>	<b>Email address and phone number if alternative is used</b>
Sign and submit application	Building/Maintenance Director	<a href="mailto:aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us">aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us</a> 715-418-0234
Enter into an Agreement with the WDNR	Building/Maintenance Director	<a href="mailto:aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us">aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us</a> 715-418-0234
Submit annual and final reports to the WDNR to satisfy the Agreement, as appropriate	Building/Maintenance Director	<a href="mailto:aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us">aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us</a> 715-418-0234
Submit reimbursement request(s) to the WDNR per the Agreement	Building/Maintenance Director	<a href="mailto:aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us">aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us</a> 715-418-0234
Sign and submit other documentation as necessary to complete the project per the agreement	Building/Maintenance Director	<a href="mailto:aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us">aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us</a> 715-418-0234

19           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that applicant will comply with all local, state,  
20 and federal rules, regulations, and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share  
21 agreement.

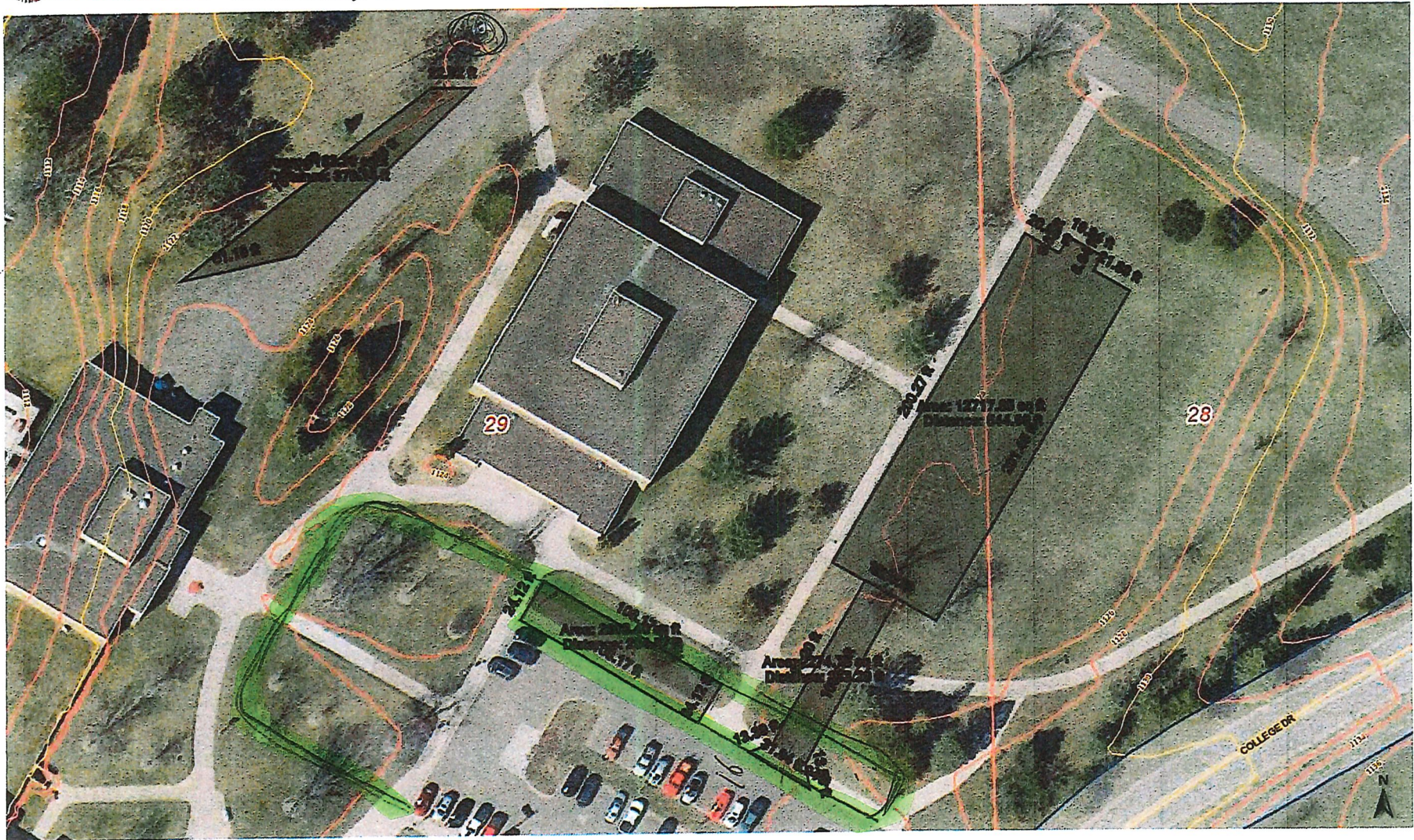
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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that publication of this resolution may occur  
23 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.  
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**OFFERED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) General Fund ( ) Grant ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Contingency ( ) Other ( ) Details _____</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - Future years total amount: \$ - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$</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, Chair Barron County Property Committee</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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- Survey Search
- Parcels
- Sections
- US Highways
- State Highways
- County Roads
- Town Roads
- City and Village Streets
- Private Roads
- Railroads
- Road Right of Way
- Lakes and Rivers
- Contours 2ft
- Index
- Index Depression
- Intermediate Depression

# Rice Lake and Chetek Dams

Walkway and Concrete repair



## Option 1

replace  
with precast  
concrete  
of similar  
design



## Option 2

Steel  
I-Beam  
structure  
with a  
metal  
grate  
walkway





## MEMORANDUM

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Site: Rice Lake Dam

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From: Austin Rieder, PE

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Date: May 26, 2026

Project No: 37-0215.00

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Re: Walkway Repair Alternatives

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### Pre-cast Concrete Walkway Alternative

This alternative would remove the existing concrete walkway and replace it with a pre-cast concrete walkway that would span from pier to pier.

#### Advantages:

- Long service life with minimal long-term maintenance needs.
- Matches existing concrete structures.

#### Disadvantages:

- Notches for gate operation and stoplog slots increase fabricating and construction difficulty.
- Requires large equipment and crane access for installation of the pre-cast panels.
- The solid concrete surface provides limited drainage, increasing potential for ponding and snow accumulation.
- Large point loads for gate hoist operation will complicate the design of the pre-cast panels and potentially create a thicker walkway than steel.

## **Steel Walkway Alternative**

This alternative would remove the existing concrete walkway and replace it with a fabricated walkway of steel beams and grates:

### **Advantages:**

- Easier to install and replace components as needed. The individual grating panels and components can be removed and replaced with minimal disruption.
- Open grating decking eliminates surfacing ponding and snow accumulation.
- Galvanized steel provides long-term corrosion protection with limited maintenance requirements.
- Notches in the grating for gate operation and stoplog slots are relatively easy to customize/fabricate.
- Installation will require a smaller crane due to individual component sizes.

### **Disadvantages:**

- Multiple steel components and connections increase the number of elements requiring inspection and potential repair.
- Labor intensive engineering design for structural framing, connections, and grating.

## **Projected Costs**

The total costs for the two alternatives are anticipated to be similar, given that a large portion of the work includes mobilization, existing walkway removal, and hoist removal and reinstallation, which are required regardless of the selected option.

Next Step for Rice Lake Dam

I will meet with the Engineers to evaluate the options and get an estimated cost.

The DNR Municipal Dam Grant program would be an opportunity in 2028. 50%

# Chetek Dam

Barron County has been awarded a 50% Grant for the concrete repairs on the dam. This is the project that was presented at the February 2026 meeting.

I will be meeting with DNR and Ayres on June 11 to discuss options going forward.

At this time, I don't know if we will be able to do this in 2026 or 2027.





Payment Request Verification - Online Voucher

Batch Year: 26 Department: PROPERTY

Payment Request Date: 05/28/2026

Vendor	Vendor Name	Line	Voucher	Account Description	Date	Description	Amount
109193	MENARDS - RICE LAKE STORE	1	C0095723	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	PARKS - ACCT# 31520346 / INV#	22.65
109193	MENARDS - RICE LAKE STORE	1	C0095724	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	MAINT - ACCT# 31520307 / INV#	63.96
109193	MENARDS - RICE LAKE STORE	2	C0095724	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	MAINT - ACCT# 31520307 / INV#	771.60
109193	MENARDS - RICE LAKE STORE	3	C0095724	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	MAINT - ACCT# 31520307 / INV#	402.59
109193	MENARDS - RICE LAKE STORE	4	C0095724	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	MAINT - ACCT# 31520307 / INV#	-79.99
109193	MENARDS - RICE LAKE STORE	5	C0095724	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	MAINT - ACCT# 31520307 / INV#	-87.71
306576	NCP COATINGS LLC	1	C0095725	REPAIR & EXPENSE	05/14/2026	FOR - INV# 188167 FOREST	1,774.66
5932	RICE LAKE GLASS & DOOR CO INC	1	C0095726	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	MAINT - INV# 57494 HARDWARE	63.00
92258	UP NORTH RECYCLING LLC	1	C0095727	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	MAINT - PAPER RECYCLING	120.00
167	AYRES ASSOCIATES INC	1	C0095728	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE - CHETEK DAM	05/14/2026	DAMS - INV# 229782 CHETEK DAM	209.00
167	AYRES ASSOCIATES INC	2	C0095728	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE - RL DAM	05/14/2026	DAMS - INV# 229782 RICE LAKE	1,904.28
91324	BENEDICT REFRIGERATION SERVI	1	C0095730	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	05/14/2026	MAINT - INV# 163330 JC EQUIP	1,395.45
317578	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	1	C0095731	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - INV#3009382672	933.49
317578	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	2	C0095731	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - INV#3009384937	906.27
317578	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	3	C0095731	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - INV#3009384713	1,235.80
317578	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	4	C0095731	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - INV#4800011267	100.00
5916	BARRON PLUMBING & HEATING	1	C0095732	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	05/14/2026	MAINT - JC DUCT FITTING	119.90
83089	SCHWAB VOLLHABER LUBRATT IN	1	C0095733	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT-MAINTENANCE	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - INV# 257590	5,580.00
3409	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	1	C0095735	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - CUST# 71945619	51.36
280801	J & F FACILITY SERVICES INC	1	C0095736	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	MAINT - GOV CTR CLEANING	14,847.49
280801	J & F FACILITY SERVICES INC	2	C0095736	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	MAINT - JUSTICE CTR CLEANING	10,061.58
280801	J & F FACILITY SERVICES INC	3	C0095736	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	MAINT - MOW KITCHEN CLEANING	795.67
286079	SUMMIT COMPANIES	1	C0095737	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	MAINT - CUST# 40578340 /INV#	1,198.15
286079	SUMMIT COMPANIES	2	C0095737	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	MAINT - CUST# 40578340 /INV#	1,068.25
286079	SUMMIT COMPANIES	3	C0095737	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	MAINT - CUST# 40578340 /INV#	995.15
286079	SUMMIT COMPANIES	4	C0095737	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	05/14/2026	MAINT - CUST# 40578340 /INV#	569.00
230146	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	1	C0095738	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - ACCT# 11113-59965	129.31
101125	KEN-WAY SERVICES OF RICE LAKE	1	C0095739	SEPTAGE HAULING	05/14/2026	PARKS - UWECBC RESTROOM	100.00
252190	HEY EVERYTHING OF BARRON LLC	1	C0095740	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - CUST# COU002	758.32
252190	HEY EVERYTHING OF BARRON LLC	2	C0095740	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - CUST# COU002	21.86
88277	GRAINGER	1	C0095741	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - ACCT# 837559392	649.39
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88277	GRAINGER	3	C0095741	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - ACCT# 837559392	4.12
132136	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO	1	C0095742	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - CUST# 2733-3629-7	83.39
44423	AUTO VALUE BARRON	1	C0095743	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - ACCT# 14101890	24.95
208094	DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	1	C0095744	OPERATING SUPPLIES - TREE PURCHASES	05/14/2026	ENC/FOR - ORDER# 3550 TREES	351.75
203203	ACORN ENGINEERING CO	1	C0095745	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT-MAINTENANCE	05/14/2026	ENC/MAINT - INV#92818116 JAIL	5,059.02
109193	MENARDS - RICE LAKE STORE	1	C0095746	OPERATING SUPPLIES - TRAILS(NON-GRANT)	05/14/2026	TRAILS - ACCT# 31520489 / INV#	185.56
<b>Totals:</b>							<b>\$52,990.79</b>

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Department Approval

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Admin Approval