

**BARRON COUNTY ZONING  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING MINUTES  
June 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.**

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Present: Board of Adjustment: Amy Kelsey, Dan North, Keith Hardie, Carol Moen and Gary Nelson  
County Personnel: Jeff French, Jeff Martino and Becky Melton

**Call to order:** Administrator French called the Board of Adjustment to order at 9:00 a.m. and called roll. Melton confirmed that proper posting of the notice was done in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Election of Officers:

- a. Chair: **Motion:** (Kelsey/North to nominate by unanimous white ballot for Gary Nelson to remain as Chair and Keith Hardie to remain as Vice Chair. Discussion. Carried.
- b. Vice Chair: Motion: No motion needed due to previous action.

**Motion:** (North/Moen) to approve the agenda; carried.

**Motion:** (Hardie/Kelsey) to approve the minutes of May 11, 2026; carried.

No public comment.

**9:00 a.m. Appeal #4015: Gail Campbell & Marla Okerglicki, property owners,** request a variance to allow an addition to a dwelling structure located within the right-of-way setback of a town road and to allow construction of a roof over existing deck within the ordinary high water mark, in a Recreational Residential district.

Nelson opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the applicant. **Motion:** (Kelsey/Hardie) to include Appeal 2683; carried. Martino presented a staff report. No correspondence or public testimony received. Town Consideration Form entered into testimony. After Board questions and discussion, **Motion:** (Moen/Kelsey) to close testimony; carried.

**Motion:** (Kelsey/Moen) to approve the variance request as presented with the following conditions:

1. All licenses and permits are obtained prior to operation, and all testimony, oral and written, is part of the decision.
2. The addition will be no closer than 25 feet from the road edge, including overhangs.
3. Size of the addition will be no larger than 623 square feet.
4. The deck roof will not exceed the size of the existing deck and will be a roof only with no sides of any type.

Motion carried 5-0.

**9:37 a.m. Appeal #4014: Thomas B. & Victoria West, property owners,** Requests a special exception to allow mulch bunker in current location for safer traffic movement in a Recreational Residential district.

Nelson opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the applicant. Applicant provided 2 maps and these were read into the record and provided to each board member for review. **Motion:** (Kelsey/North) to include Appeals 1464, 1529, 1672, 1827, 1937, 2416 & 3980; carried. Martino provided a staff report. Public testimony was received. Town of Almena board minutes item #10, in regards to Growing Wishes from April 13, 2026, was read into the record and presented to the board. Correspondence was read into the hearing and presented to the board. Town

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Consideration Form entered into testimony. After Board questions, **Motion:** (Moen/Hardie) to close testimony; carried. **Motion:** (Hardie/Moen) to approve the special exception as presented with the following conditions:

1. All licenses and permits are obtained prior to operation, and all testimony, oral and written, is part of the decision.
2. Hour of operation at the mulch bunker will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
3. The bunker will be painted to improve appearance before closing for the 2026 season.
4. Other proposed improvement including roof and gates will be completed within 5 years of the date of this hearing.

Motion carried 4-1.

Report from L.S. Director: N/A.

**Motion:** (Kelsey/North) to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.; carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Melton  
Administrative Assistant