



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 6, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Karolyn Bartlett, Mark Eby, Craig Fowler, Dana Heller, Kathy Krug, Carol Moen, and Bill Schradle.

Absent: None at this time.

Others Present: County Forester Bygd, City of Chetek Parks and Beach Committee Austin Chamberlain, Finance Director Drury, Land Services Conversation Technician Gruetzmacher, Administrator French, Building & Maintenance Director Mickelson, Corporation Counsel Muench, County Board Chair Okey, and IT Director Peterson.

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

Public Meeting Notification: Deputy County Clerk Naglosky noted the meeting met WI Open Meeting Requirements.

Special Matters and Announcements: Administrator French introduced of Ben Cole, current Land Services Compliance Technician who will be appointed to the Land Services Director at the next County Board meeting later this month. Compliance Technician Cole addressed the committee and expressed his excitement to be a part of the Land Services Department and looked forward to the new position.

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

Approve Minutes of June 1, 2026: Motion: (Eby/Krug) to approve. Carried.

Public Comment: Mandy Straw, 558 29 ½ Ave, Barronett, WI - Addressed the committee with concerns in reference to the Maple Plain (Straw Pit) Gun Range and asked that the committee consider the DNR constraints and extended timeframes that come with grant funding and the possibility of adding the range upgrades to the 2027 budget in case the grant is denied.

Resolution - Authorizing Applying for Cost Sharing Grant from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Owned Rifle Ranges: Motion: (Schradle/Eby) to approve. Maintenance/Parks and Rec Director Mickelson reviewed the upgrades listed in the resolution. Discussion was held on how utilizing grant funds would extend any guideline restrictions from the DNR, dollar amounts of grant/county portions and current restrictions. Carried.

Ordinance - County Owned Rifle Ranges - Discussion (No Action): Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Barron County General Code Entitled Parks and Recreation was submitted to the committee by Corporation Counsel Muench. Muench reviewed key points; introduction of permits, age restrictions, hunter safety certifications, fees, caliber and action restrictions, Identification/permit requirements for being on the range, hours of operation and forfeitures for violations. Corporation Counsel Muench encouraged the committee to review the submitted changes and bring the ordinance to the August committee meeting for further discussion and action.



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Approve Request for Proposal for Engineering Study at UWEC-Barron County Campus: Motion: (Fowler/Schradle) to approve. Director Mickelson explained his request allowing one study to be done now instead of several at different times. He feels that having the entire space engineered will give a better understanding of what the County will be working with moving forward and help in decision making for utilization of the UWEC-Barron County campus. Discussion. Carried.

Approve Request from the City of Chetek Request to Install a New Dock North of the Chetek Dam: Motion: (Bartlett/Krug) contingent on final plan review to be brought to the committee for final approval. Chetek Beach and Parks Committee Representative Chamberlain reviewed City of Chetek's request for the addition of docks to north of the Chetek Dam with no cost to the County. Discussion. Carried.

Approve \$36,300 for Ayres for the Proposal of Design a New Walkway at Rice Lake Dam: Motion: (Schradle/Eby) to approve. Conservation Technician Gruetzmacher explained the request is for an additional \$36,300 to the previously approved \$140,000. The scope of services in the Walkway Design Phase were changed. Discussion. Carried.

Staff Report

- a. **Review Fixed Assets:** Finance Director Drury compiled the report and there were no questions at this time of the annual review of fixed assets.
- b. **Dam Updates - Chetek Dam:** Technician Gruetzmacher reviewed the options outlined by the DNR and Ayers and his suggestions to changes to their plans. The request for bids will go out fall/winter of 2026 for spring work.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: Reviewed. No questions at this time

Set Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 3, 2026 at 1:00PM at the Barron County Government Center - Veterans Memorial Auditorium. The Barron County Housing Authority tour has been postponed to October 5th.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

- a. Tour of Barron County Housing Authority Apartment Remodel in Barron – October 5th, 2026
- b. Rifle Range Ordinance
- c. 2027 Budget

Adjournment: Motion: (Fowler/Schradle) to adjourn at 1:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sabrina Naglosky, Barron Deputy County Clerk

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