

BARRON COUNTY ZONING

Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes July 13, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Board of Adjustment: Amy Kelsey, Dan North, Keith Hardie, Gary Nelson and Carol Moen.
County Personnel: David Gifford, Becky Melton and Ben Cole.

Chair Nelson 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.

Motion: (North/Hardie) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Kelsey/Moen)** to approve the minutes of June 22, 2026; carried.

Public Comment: None.

9:00 a.m. | Appeal #4019: Thomas M & Deborah Lynn Koch, property owners, Requests a variance to construct a dwelling located with a reduced setback to the centerline of a town road, in a Residential-1 district.

Nelson opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the applicant. Gifford presented a staff report. Public testimony was received. Written correspondence was received. Town Consideration Form entered into testimony. After Board question and discussion, **Motion: (Hardie/Kelsey)** to close testimony; carried. **Motion: (Kelsey/Moen)** to approve the variance as presented with the following conditions:

1. All permits are obtained prior to construction, and all testimony, oral and written, is part of the decision.
2. Construct a dwelling with a minimum of 42 feet from the roadway centerline.

Motion carried 5-0

Report from L.S. Director: Gifford introduced Ben Cole, the recommended candidate for Zoning Administrator. His appointment is pending review and final approval by the County Board at the upcoming meeting on July 20th, 2026.

Next Board of Adjustment Meeting: July 27, 2026.

Motion: (North/Kelsey) to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m.; carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Melton, Administrative Assistant