BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING MINUTES

Monday August 24, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
Barron County Government Center | Room 2106
335 E. Monroe Avenue - Barron, Wisconsin

Present: Dan North, Keith Hardie, Gary Nelson, Carol Moen and Karolyn Bartlett
Absent: Amy Kelsey
Zoning Office staff: Ben Cole, Becky Melton and John Muench.

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: (Hardie/North) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (North/Moen)** to approve the minutes of August 10, 2026; carried.

Public Comment: None.

9:00 a.m. | Appeal #3981: Nelnordic Trust, property owner; Todd Smith, agent: This is a remanded hearing from Circuit Court for the purpose of reviewing the request for a variance to allow retaining walls constructed within the 75' setback to the OHWM of Beaver Dam Lake, in a Residential-1 district.

Nelson opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the agent. **Motion: (Bartlett/Moen)** to include Appeal 3959; carried. Cole presented a staff report. No public testimony or written correspondence was received. Letter from Cooper Engineering read and entered into testimony. After Board questions and discussion, **Motion: (Hardie/North)** to close testimony; carried. **Motion: (Bartlett/North)** to approve the variance as presented with the following conditions:

1. All licenses and permits are obtained prior to construction, and all testimony, oral and written, including previous hearings, is part of the decision.
2. Findings from Cooper Engineering state that walls #2 and #3 are required for foundation stability and erosion control.

Motion carried 5-0

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

Next Board of Adjustment Meeting: Undetermined at the time of the meeting.

Motion: (Hardie/Nelson) to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m.; carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Melton, Administrative Assistant

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