PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 27, 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, and Carol Moen.
Absent: Bill Schradle.
Others Present: County Forester Bygd, Finance Director Drury, County Administrator French, Land Services Conversation Technician Gruetzmacher, Building & Maintenance Director Mickelson, Corporation Counsel Muench 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: None at this time

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

Approve Minutes of August 3, 2026: Motion: (Moen/Krug) to approve. Carried.

Public Comment: Larry Loverude, 509 29 ½ Ave, Barronett owns property 1200 feet from the Maple Plain rifle range. Loverude explained his usage of his land and strongly encourages the Committee to close the range on Sunday and possibly reduce hours during the week.

2027 Budgets - Finance Director Drury reviewed the submitted budgets. **Motion: (Fowler/Eby) to accept all budgets as presented.** Carried.

a. **Maintenance**
b. **Parks, Forestry & Recreation Trails** - The Parks and Recreation Trails and Forestry budgets will be budgeted separately.
c. **Dams** - Conservation Technician Gruetzmacher has recommended an increase for the Rice Lake Protection District assessment from $5 to $8/parcel. Gruetzmacher answered questions from the Committee.
d. **Fleet Vehicles** - Administrator French reviewed the fleet vehicle rotation schedule.
e. **Capital Improvements / Capital Outlay Plan (CICOP)** - The Capital Improvement budget is showing a large increase mostly due to large technology projects. The Rifle Range improvements have also been put into the budget in case Barron County is not awarded the grant funds. Finally, Forester Bygd explained the annual inspection rotation of the County snowmobile bridges and the recent meeting pertaining to Lafayette County and their deteriorating trail bridges.

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42 - Barron County Parks and Recreation Ordinance Regarding Animals Kept or Grazing on County Property: Motion: (Bartlett/Krug) to approve. The proposed ordinance and the situation prompting the ordinance were reviewed by Counsel Muench. Carried.

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Review Proposed Rifle Range Ordinance: Motion: (Fowler/Bartlett) to temporarily close the Maple Plain Rifle Range on Sundays until such time that its use is reevaluated and some of the proposed changes are put into place to approve. Fowler explained that he has done some research feels like the two ranges are not equal to each other. He would like to see some additional signage as well. Bartlett would like to see a prioritized list of improvements, a timeline for changes and what the scope of the final project would be. Carried.

Staff Report

a. **Update on Little Learners Child Care Center - UWEC - Barron County:** Administrator French explained that UWEC-Barron County would be improving the HVAC and electrical in the student center and fixing the parking area.
b. **Dam Updates:** Technician Gruetzmacher reviewed that the parts for the Mikana dam have finally shipped from Texas. It is hoped that they will arrive at a time that the contractor will be available to replace them. Ayers Associates have looked at the Rice Lake Dam and developed a plan for the walkways.
c. **Kirby Lake Management District 2027 Budget:** Administrator French reviewed.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: No action taken.

Set Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 5, 2026, 1:00 PM, Auditorium in Barron, meeting will start at the Auditorium and tour the remodel of the Housing Authority Apartments located at Woodland Avenue in Barron.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

a. Tour of Barron County Housing Authority Apartment Remodel in Barron – Monday, October 5th, 2026 at 1:00pm
b. Prioritized list of improvements and photos of the current ranges.

Adjournment: (By unanimous consent) to adjourn at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sabrina Naglosky, Barron Deputy County Clerk

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