Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 24, 2026-10:00 a.m.
Barron County Government Center | Auditorium
335 E. Monroe Avenue- Barron, Wisconsin

Present: Randy Cook, Audrey Kusilek, Dennis Jenkins, Karolyn Bartlett, Dennis Sandmann and Louie Okey.
Absent: None at this time.
County Personnel: Land Services Director Ben Cole, Administrative Assistant Rachel Perry and County Administrator Jeff French

Chair Kusilek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Perry confirmed that proper posting of the notice was done in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Motion: (Cook/Bartlett) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion:** (Bartlett/Cook) to approve the minutes of September 2, 2026; carried.

Public Comment: None.

Data Center-Discussion

Cole distributed materials regarding Data Centers and strongly encouraged committee members to review the document and share any suggestions or insights. At Kuslik's suggestion, the committee and Cole briefly reviewed the rough draft of a Data Center Ordinance. Discussion was held on each section. Administrator French suggested all Data Centers go through the Board of Adjustment for approval.

Louie Okey left at 11:36 am

Shoreland Protection Ordinance-Discussion

Cole presented the proposed Shoreland Protection Ordinance, explaining that he used the DNR model ordinance as a starting point and made revisions to the mitigation and setback averaging provisions. He stated that the proposal does not change the shoreland provisions in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, but places them in a standalone ordinance. Cole recommended that the Shoreland Protection Ordinance be forwarded to the County Board for adoption.

Report from Land Services Director: Nothing at this time.

Future Agenda items:

1. Ordinance – Shoreland Protection
2. Resolution – 2026 Farmland Preservation Amendments

Next Zoning Committee Meeting: October 7, 2026 at 10 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Perry, Administrative Assistant

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