



Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 7, 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.

County Personnel: Land Services Director Ben Cole, Administrative Assistant Rachel Perry, County Administrator Jeff French and Corporation Counsel John Muench.

Chair Kusilek called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and Administrative Assistant Perry confirmed that proper posting of the notice was done in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Approve Agenda: Motion: (Okey/Jenkins) to approve as presented. Carried.

Public Hearing: Shoreland Protection Chapter 16 Ordinance Changes: Chair Kuslik read the Notice of Public Hearing regarding the Barron County Shoreland Protection Ordinance, Chapter 16. Chair Kuslik then opened the public hearing for comments.

Public Comments: None at this time.

Close the Public Hearing: Motion: (Okey/Jenkins) to approve. Carried with 6 Yes and 0 No.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Approve Minutes of September 24, 2026: Motion: (Bartlett/Sandmann) to approve. Carried with 6 Yes and 0 No.

Edit List Review – September – Discussion Only: No action taken.

Shoreland Protection Chapter 16 Ordinance: Motion: (Bartlett/Jenkins) to approve. Carried with 6 Yes and 0 No.

2026 Farmland Preservation Map Amendments Resolution: Motion: (Bartlett/Jenkins) to approve. Carried with 6 Yes and 0 No.

Draft Ordinance – Data Center Moratorium: The Committee held a discussion regarding the proposed Data Center Moratorium. Members discussed the potential impacts of data center development within Barron County and the need to review possible regulations. The Committee also discussed the importance of further evaluating the matter further.

Motion (Cook) to table until next Zoning Committee meeting. Motion dies for lack of a second.
Motion: (Bartlett/Jenkins) to pass the ordinance imposing the moratorium data center development to the County Board meeting to take action by Carried with 5 Yes and 1 No (Cook).

Draft Ordinance – Amendment to Barron County Zoning Ordinances on Data Center Development - Discussion Only: Land Services Director Cole provided an update on the draft ordinance and discussed concerns related to data center development within Barron County. The Committee discussed potential impacts and considerations that may need to be addressed as the ordinance is further reviewed.

Report from Land Services Director: None at this time.

Future Agenda items: Flood Plain Ordinance

Next Zoning Committee Meeting: November 4th, 2026 at 10:00am

Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:11am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Perry, Administrative Assistant

Minutes are not official until approved by the Zoning Committee