ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday November 4, 2026-10:00 a.m.
Barron County Government Center | Room 2106
335 E. Monroe Avenue- Barron, Wisconsin

MINUTES

Present: Randy Cook, Audrey Kusilek, Dennis Jenkins, Karolyn Bartlett and Dennis Sandmann.
County Personnel: Ben Cole and Becky Melton

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

Motion: (Cook/Jenkins) to approve the agenda; carried.

Public Hearing: Floodplain Ordinance Chapter 19: Kusilek opened the hearing and read the public notice regarding the Floodplain Ordinance, Chapter 19. Land Services Director Cole presented the proposed ordinance and opened the public hearing for comments.

Public Comments: No questions or comments were received.

Close the public hearing: Motion: (Cook/Sandmann) to close the hearing; carried 5-0.

Motion: (Jenkins/Bartlett) to approve the minutes of October 7, 2026; carried.

Edit List- No questions or comments

Johnson Acres Subdivision Plat Review: Matt Shilts, requestor. Shilts presented the subdivision plat review and answered committee's questions. After board question and discussion, **Motion:** (Bartlett/Cook) to approve the amendment to the plat; carried 5-0.

Public Hearings

Chair Kusilek turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Bartlett, and recused herself at 10:17 a.m.

10:10 a.m. | 2026-16: Four Mile Creek Dairy LLC, property owner; Jim & Audrey Kusilek, applicants; request a rezoning of 6.459 acres from **Agricultural-1 to Agricultural-2 District**. Vice Chair Bartlett opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the applicant. Cole presented a staff report. Public testimony was received. No written correspondence was received. Town Consideration Form entered into testimony. After Board question and discussion, **Motion:** (Cook/Jenkins) to close testimony; carried. **Motion:** (Cook/Jenkins) to recommend approval of the request; carried 4-0 (Kusilek abstained): **Motion:** (Jenkins/Cook) to close the hearing; carried 4-0 (Kusilek abstained).

Chair Kusilek returned and resumed as chair at 10:36 a.m.

10:20 a.m. | 2026-17: Stewart D & Nadine M Williams, owners; request a rezoning of the entire parcel from **Business to the Recreational-1 District.**
Kusilek opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the applicant. Cole presented a staff report. No public testimony or written correspondence was received. Town Consideration Form entered into testimony. After Board question and discussion, **Motion:** (Cook/Sandmann) to close testimony; carried. **Motion:** (Cook/Bartlett) to recommend approval of the request; carried: **Motion:** (Bartlett/Jenkins) to close the hearing; carried 5-0.

10:30 a.m. | 2026-18: 1764 Ranch LLC, owner; Matt Torgerson, applicant; request a rezoning of 3 parcels totaling approximately 70 acres from **Agricultural-2 and Residential-1 to Mineral Reservation district.**
Kusilek opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the applicant. Cole presented a staff report. No public testimony or written correspondence was received. Town Consideration Form entered into testimony. After Board question and discussion, **Motion:** (Cook/Bartlett) to close testimony; carried. **Motion:** (Jenkins/Cook) to recommend approval of the request; carried: **Motion:** (Bartlett/Sandmann) to close the hearing; carried 5-0.

Chair Kusilek turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Barlett, and recused herself at 11:08 a.m.

10:40 a.m. | 2026-19: Clayton David Cecka, property owner; request a rezoning of 3 parcels totaling approximately 70 acres from **Agricultural-2 and Residential-1 to Mineral Reservation district.**
Vice Chair Bartlett opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the applicant. Cole presented a staff report. Public testimony was received. No written correspondence was received. Town Consideration Form entered into testimony. After Board question and discussion, **Motion:** (Cook/Jenkins) to close testimony; carried. **Motion:** (Cook/Sandmann) to recommend approval of the request; carried 4-0 (Kusilek abstained): **Motion:** (Cook/Jenkins) to close the hearing; carried 4-0 (Kusilek abstained).

Chair Kusilek returned and resumed as chair at 11:24 a.m.

Floodplain Ordinance Chapter 19: Motion: (Barlett/Cook) to approve; carried 5-0.

Ordinance Amendment- Data Center Draft: Director Cole provided an update on the draft ordinance. The committee discussed the impacts and considerations that continue to be of concern around Data Centers and this drafted ordinance.

Future Agenda items: Data Center Draft Ordinance

Next Zoning Committee Meeting: December 2nd, 2026

Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Melton, Administrative Assistant