

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-9

Resolution Authorizing Barron County, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Barron County Campus Staff to Apply for and Administer a Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation Rural Energy Startup Program Energy and Efficiency Conservation Block Grant, Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades Grant

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Barron County owns the buildings and property located at 1800
2 College Drive, Rice Lake, WI referred to as the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, Barron
3 County Campus (UWECBC); and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the UW University System is responsible for expenses related to the
6 energy and utility costs at UWECBC; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, currently there are available through the Wisconsin Public Service
9 Commission and Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation grants in an amount up to
10 \$75,000.00 for the purpose of: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, County Administrator French, UWECBC Campus Director Abbey E.
13 Fischer, along with Lillian J. Strehlow Sustainability Coordinator with the University of
14 Wisconsin, Eau Claire, met via Microsoft Teams on Thursday March 7th to discuss this
15 possible grant application; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, applications for this grant must be received no later than Friday
18 March 29, 2024; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of this grant would be to identify future potential energy
21 saving opportunities at UWECBC; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, UWECBC Campus Director Fischer is desirous to receive County
24 Board approval to apply for and administer this grant for the above stated purpose; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the UW System administration overall, is seeking all possible ways
27 to address and implement energy savings UW system wide; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, this grant would assist in this process; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, if this Resolution were to be approved by the Barron County Board
32 of Supervisors the Grant Administration, oversight and responsibility would be in the
33 following form:
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35 <u>Action:</u>	35 <u>Responsibility:</u>
36 Grant writing	36 UWEC and UWECBC
37 Grant Submission:	37 BC Administrator French
38 Grant Fund Management:	38 UWEC and Barron County

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39 Hiring of Contractor and work site
40 Management: UWEC and UWECBC
41 Receipt of Final Report: BC, UWEC, UWECBC
42 Grant Report Requirements: UWEC and UWECBC
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45 **WHEREAS**, the primary staff to oversee and manage this project are:
46 UWECBC Campus Director: Abbey E. Fischer
47 UWEC Sustainability Coordinator: Lillian J. Strehlow
48 UWEC Facilities Director: Troy A. Terhark
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51 **WHEREAS**, county staff will be required to provide only de Minimis technical
52 assistance on a limited basis; and
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54 **WHEREAS**, attached to this Resolution is the entire twenty-three (23) page grant
55 application instructions; and
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57 **WHEREAS**, due to the short time-frame involved with this process this resolution
58 is being brought forward jointly by County Board Chair Louie Okey, Supervisory District
59 #16 and Property Committee Chair Dana Paul Heller, Supervisory District #23.
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61 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this resolution
62 the Barron County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize Barron County to work
63 with the above named UWEC and UWECBC staff to apply for and administer the
64 Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation, Rural
65 Energy Startup Program Grant,
66 Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00;
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69 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if awarded these grant dollars shall be
70 expended solely at the UWECBC Rice Lake Campus and in full compliance with all grant
71 requirements and specifications and outlined in the grant application document(s); and
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73 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that County Auditor/Finance Director Busch is
74 authorized to amend either the 2024 or 2025 Budget as necessary to reflect these revenue
75 dollars when received; and
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77 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all expenditures, appropriations and
78 disbursements of funds pertaining to this resolution shall be in full compliance with Barron

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79 County Accounts Payable Policies and procedures, under the management of the BC
80 Auditor/Finance Director; and

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82 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
83 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

OFFERED THIS 18th day of March 2023

<p>Number of readings required: One (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Two (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (<input type="checkbox"/>) 2/3 Entire Board (20) (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted (<input type="checkbox"/>) General Fund (<input type="checkbox"/>) Grant (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Contingency (<input type="checkbox"/>) Other (<input type="checkbox"/>) Grant Revenue not to exceed \$75,000.00</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ NA - Future years total amount: \$ NA - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ -0- - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ -0- Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <hr/> <p>Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <hr/> <p>Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <hr/> <p>John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<hr/> <p>Dana Heller, Property Committee Chair</p> <hr/> <p>Louie Okey, Executive Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Failed (<input type="checkbox"/>) Tabled (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>UW Eau Claire Barron County Campus Director Abbey Fisher gave an update on campus statistics. Lily Strelow and Troy Terhark from the UW Eau Claire Campus discussed the grant and how it could determine cost effective improvements to the UW Eau Claire Barron County Campus. Discussion. Motion: (Turcott/Hanson) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).</p>
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