

Langlade County Public Property Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: November 28, 2011; 7:00 p.m.

Place: Clover Room, Multi-purpose Building, Fairgrounds

Members Present: Chairman Douglas Nonnenmacher, Robert Benishek, Vernon Cahak, David Solin, and Jeffrey Zalewski

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robin Stowe, Nate Heuss, Don Schroeder, Chad and Holly Luerssen, Keith Wilson, George Shinnors, Alex Crockford, Judy Theilman, Mary Schmoll, Dan Zupon, Adeline Hess, Jason Nagel, Rhonda Klement, Rusty Mehlberg, Steve Menting, Lee Parsons, Becky Gleich, Ann Boshan, Roseann Hoffman, Darlene Eckerman, Cathy Bowman, Rick Schuessel, Terry Poltrock, and other interested spectators

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nonnenmacher at 7:05 p.m., in the Clover Room, Multi-purpose Building, Fairgrounds.

Update on Cattle Barn Design and Cost Estimate: Heuss reviewed with the committee and others present the updated cattle barn floor plan and conceptual elevation. The proposed cattle barn would be 14,400 sq. ft. with a center show area having a raised 16' sidewall. There would be two wings of 60' x 80' with a 12' sidewall, overhead doors, and a decorative cupola. This structure would be 2,000 sq. ft. larger than the current cattle barn. State Code limits fire areas to 12,000 square feet and required a firewall between fire areas. State code states that for Assembly use, occupancy cannot exceed 300 people per fire area if the building is not sprinkled. The building would be submitted to the State as a storage building as that is what it would be used for the majority of the time. The building inspector and fire chief would need to authorize a special use permit for the fair and have agreed to do so. A decision on the direction for the cattle barn must be made at the December county board meeting in order for there to be any opportunity for a new barn to be completed by the 2012 fair.

Other options would be to restore the existing cattle barn and keep the center pavilion and east/west wings; demolish and replace the north and south wings with new wood or pole barn construction and replace the roof or keep the center pavilion and demolish and replace all four wings with new wood or pole barn construction. Jason Nagel stated that there would still be ongoing maintenance, health, and ventilation issues with the barn if it were restored. Prevention of E coli is also a concern whichever option is decided upon.

Dave Solin was excused at 7:10 p.m.

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Dan Zupon suggested bidding the project out in stages. Zupon stated Menards would be willing to offer their design service. Zupon suggested breaking down the project into four stages: tear down, concrete, materials, and labor.

It was suggested that the project wait until 2013 so that there would be ample time for fundraising and there would be the time for everyone to analyze the plan for the cattle barn to be sure it would meet the needs of the 4-H now and in the future.

Also suggested was making the building multi-purpose and adding restrooms and a meeting area and to make sure that any future expansion was included in the plans.

If construction was to be completed in time for the 2012 fair, a tentative project schedule is as follows:

December 20, 2011 – Approval given by county board to proceed with the project

January 30, 2012 – Approved schematic floor plan

March 1, 2012 – State Plan approval/out for bids

April meeting, 2012 – Accept bids

April 15, 2012 – Begin construction

July 15, 2012 – Substantial completion

Several people expressed concerns that this was not enough time.

Discuss Funds Needed to Proceed with Project and Fundraising Options: Currently funding available for the project is \$160,000 budgeted for the capital improvement project plus \$85,000 from insurance for the wind damage to the roof for a total of \$245,000. The updated cost estimate for the cattle barn is \$370,000, requiring that funds of \$125,000 be found for building construction. If the project is to include milkhouse relocation and a new manure transfer facility, add an allowance of \$20,000. Stowe stated that Chris Berry investigated a USDA Rural Development grant, but these grants are weighted toward multi-use structures. Lumberjack RC&D funding would not be available until sometime in 2012 and not for the dollar figure needed for this project.

Alex Crockford informed the committee that the Dairy Promotion Committee has expressed interest in participating and would be willing to donate \$1,000/year for three years. The FFA Alumni has a meeting tonight and were going to discuss the project. Jason Nagel of Nagel Farms stated that they would be willing to up their donation to \$5,000 for the project. George Shinnors stated that he would be willing to make a donation, and would provide equipment and labor for removal of unsuitable soils/raising the site at the building location, if Langlade County would do the trucking. The question was asked if anyone had contacted the City of Antigo to partner with them and to also see if they were aware of any grants that may be available. It was also suggested to contact Ag people in Langlade County and financial institutions to see if they were be willing to financially support this project.

It was suggested to form a fundraising committee. Mary Schmoll suggested having a kick-off for the fundraising after January 1. The fundraising committee members are: Cathy Bowman, Mary Schmoll, Alex Crockford, George Shinnors, Don Schroeder, and Rick Schuessel.

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Motion by Benishek, seconded by Zalewski to forward a resolution to county board to proceed with plans for a new cattle barn using the existing funds of \$245,000 and to fundraise the additional \$125,000-\$140,000 by April, 2012. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Zalewski, seconded by Cahak to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Poltrock
Recording Secretary