

**AGENDA**  
Eau Claire County  
• **Committee on Parks & Forest** •  
Monday, June 13, 2022  
**5:00 pm**  
**Room AG 103 and 104**

For those wishing to make public written comment, you must e-mail Winnie Parker at [Winnie.Parker@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Winnie.Parker@co.eau-claire.wi.us) at least 60 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
  - a. 05-09-2022 P&F Minutes
3. Public Comment
4. Approve Tract 11-22 Wilson Salvage Sale - **Discussion/Action**
5. Resolution 22-23/024 Adopting the Eau Claire County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2022-2027 (resolution 22-23-024 attached, link to plan here: <http://www.wcwrpc.org/Documents.html> ) - **Discussion/Action**
6. Presentation on Carbon Credits - **Discussion/Action**
7. Parks and Forest Advisory Committee Applications - **Discussion/Action**
8. Resolution 22-23/029 Authorizing the Parks and Forest Director to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to apply for a Cost-Sharing Recreational Boating Grant - **Discussion/Action**
9. Consideration of “No-wake” zone from Highlines Landing to Big Falls Park - **Discussion/Action**
10. Appointment of Parks and Forest Committee member to Land Stewardship Subcommittee - **Discussion/Action**
11. Annual Vehicle Park Pass for employees at no cost (please see attached email) - **Discussion/Action**
12. Request from vendor to sell ice cream at Coon Fork County Park - **Discussion/Action**
13. Policy on waiving of fees to other government entities for use of park facilities (see attached email from Michele Skinner) - **Discussion/Action**
14. 2023 Parks and Forest Budget update - **Discussion/Action**
15. Review of Free Park Entrance Weekend - **Discussion/Action**
16. Director’s Report
17. Future committee meeting July 11, 2022.
17. Adjourn

Prepared by Winnie Parker, Parks & Forest

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## **MINUTES**

Eau Claire County

### **• Committee on Parks & Forest •**

Monday, May 9, 2022

**5:00 pm**

Room AG 203

Members: Joe Knight, Missy Christopherson, Tami Schraufnagel, Jodi Lepsch, Dane Zook

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Jody Gindt – Supervisor, Winnie Parker – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Kathryn Schauf – County Administrator, Jacob Tumm – EC County Forester, Tom Fech – Parks and Forest Advisory Committee Member, Michele Skinner – Lake Altoona District Chair

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Chair Pro Tempore Tami Schraufnagel called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public posting confirmed.

Verbal roll call was taken by the committee clerk and is noted above.

Nominations for Committee Chair - Joe Knight spoke to those present addressing why he would like to be chair. Dane Zook moved to approve Joe Knight as Committee Chair. All in favor, none opposed.

Nominations for Committee Vice Chair – Missy Christopherson told why she would like to serve as Vice Chair. Jodi Lepsch moved to approve Missy Christopherson as Committee Vice Chair. All in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Tami Schraufnagel requested Winnie Parker be appointed as clerk and to close unanimously.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 14, 2022, meeting. Supervisor Christopherson moved to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes passed unanimously.

No members of the public were present.

Lake Altoona District Chair, Michele Skinner addressed the group outlining the Health Department closures of the Lake Altoona Park (LAP) Beach. Over the course of 2021 summer, the LAP Beach was closed nearly 1 ½ months of the available three (3) months in the summer. A pilot project with the Health Department to address the source of the closure problem is scheduled in 2023 after testing for the various contaminations have been developed. In the meantime, volunteers from those living on the lake have agreed to collect data as to numbers and proximity to the lake of the different species of birds found in the area. In addition, trail cameras have been set up along the shoreline to collect data. Deterrent projects have been suggested to keep the various birds from the beach area.

Director Josh Pedersen outlined the benefits and drawbacks of carbon credits to the Committee. The County has the goal to be carbon neutral by 2050. It was determined that the Committee should invite Blue Source and other interested parties to the next Committee meeting to further discuss carbon credits.

Timber Sale Approval – Jimmy Tumm of Flannel Fleet Logging requested his bid for #2-22 be released. Tumm made an error on his bid by not converting one species bid from cords to tons which made his overall bid exorbitantly high for the sale and for the market. This error is Tumm's first one in the 20+ years he has been placing bids throughout the state. The county's Parks and Forest Department has a good working relationship with Flannel Fleet Logging and would like to continue to do so in the future. Missy Christopherson moved to accept the timber sales as presented except for 2-22 and accept Tlusty's bid instead. All in favor, none opposed.

The Heartland Property Land Acquisition is approximately 1,500 acres of land dispersed within Eau Claire County and includes over two (2) miles along the Eau Claire River corridor. Much of the land in question is surrounded by already owned county land. The seller wants \$3,800/acre and Steigerwaldt appraised the land at \$3,100/acre. After significant discussion about the pros and cons of purchasing these parcels and about various approaches to gathering funds, the committee decided it would be best to get Board approval to enter negotiations. It is important the board understands the importance of such an acquisition and why the Committee on Parks and Forest recommends the purchase. The Committee decided to have a work meeting, inviting needed parties to gather research and background information as well as determine the steps needed to see this acquisition to fruition. This meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

Five (5) Timber Sales Extensions were brought before the Committee for approval. Each of these sales have taken a hiatus for the past two (2) years due to the unstable markets. It is recommended that all five (5) Timber Sales Extensions be approved with an increase of 5%. Contract #1709 is the oldest sale (2013) that is still open. It is recommended that this sale not be extended. The access to this sale has been made impossible due to a change in land ownership and beaver activity. Dane Zook moved to extend the timber sales as presented with a 5% increase and to close out sale #1790 and return the performance bond/LOC. All in favor, none opposed.

Senior Citizen Discount was brought up for discussion. Of the 5,400 Annual Vehicle Park Passes sold in 2021, roughly 25-35% of all passes sold went to senior citizens. After discussion on the fiscal impact, it was decided to have the ordinance change to include a senior citizen discount of \$10 off for those 65 or older. To receive the benefit of this discount, individuals must come to the office to purchase their Annual Vehicle Park Pass. Signs will be added to the information boards of all Eau Claire County parks and at the office indicating the discount. Missy Christopherson moved to approve the writing of an Ordinance 22-23.014 change. All in favor, none opposed.

Eau Claire Energy Coop (ECEC) is working on burying overhead powerlines around Lake Eau Claire. Access has been granted in the past for similar purposes. ECEC is seeking permission to access all of them to bury power, removing the existence of overhead powerlines. Dane Zook moved to approve Resolution 22-23/003. All in favor, none opposed.

Dairyland Power is working on a request to modify existing easements with Eau Claire County. Their project will involve installation of a fiber optic line to their poles and also allow permission to branch off the fiber lines to supply customers. Dairyland offered \$5,000 to the county and the Committee would like these funds to be deposited in the non-lapsing forest land acquisition account. Tami Schraufnagel moved to approve the easement resolution 22-23.015 as written.

Dane Zook moved to approve the Robert Manz (Rhonda Gappa) family donation of funds for a memorial bench placed in Lake Altoona Park in his honor. Robert Manz made a trade for the property located at

4907 N Shore Drive in exchange for an automobile in 1951. Robert's and his family owned their home on Lake Altoona near the park from 1951 -2018. All in favor, none opposed.

Director's Report - The Habitat Project in conjunction with the Ruffed Grouse Society is happening this coming weekend by planting Forest Road 1. Native plant seeding is scheduled to be seeded later this summer. Parks and Forest Department was made aware of the city's request to rezone a strip of land at Lowes Creek Park from Township of Washington to the City for purposes of water and sewer lines. CORBA presented many questions that this committee was not able to address. This issue is on the City's agenda meeting tomorrow. We expect the Lowes Creek Park to continue as usual. The Expo Center utilities create a precedent for sewer and water lines in that area as the Center is on the city's water utilities.

Future Committee meetings will be moved to the main floor in the Agriculture Building to room AG 103 and 104.

The next meeting date was set for June 13, 2022, at 5:00 pm AG 103 and 104.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

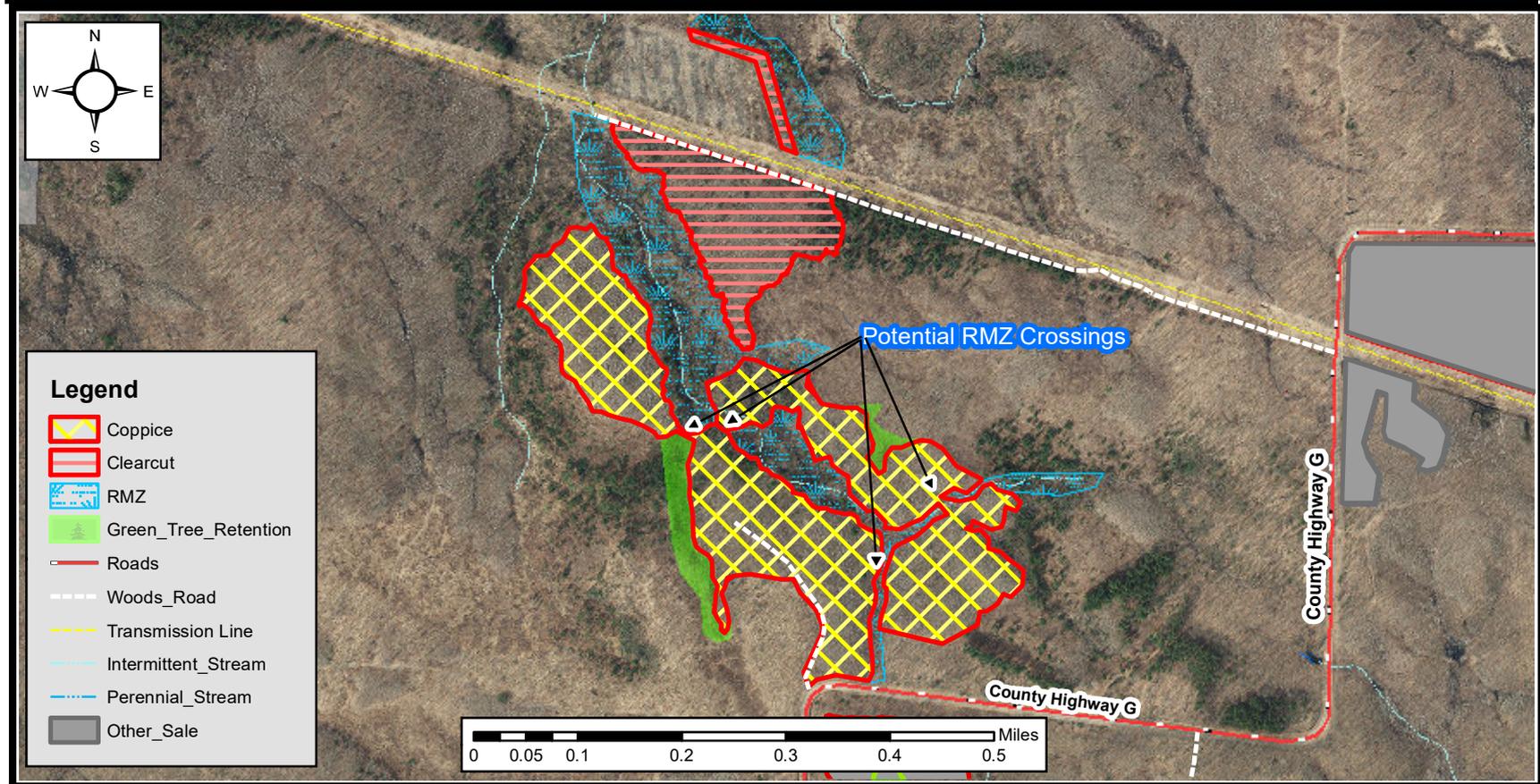
Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Winnie Parker".

Winnie Parker  
Committee Clerk  
Administrative Specialist III – Parks & Forest

# Eau Claire County Forest

<b>Sale Name:</b> Wilson Salvage			<b>Tract Number:</b> 11-22		<b>Estimated Volumes</b>			
<b>Twp:</b> 27N	<b>Range:</b> 5W & 6W	<b>Section:</b> 31, 36	<b>Township:</b> Wilson		<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>Pulp (tons)</b>	<b>Bolts (tons)</b>	<b>Logs (MBF)</b>
<b>Compartment:</b> 43		<b>Stand:</b> 9 and 23			Aspen	925	300	-
<b>Soil:</b> Sandy Loam		<b>Topography:</b> Rolling			MX Hwd	450	25	-
<b>Acres:</b> 56		<b>Timber Sale #:</b>			Oak	260	30	4
<b>Notes:</b>	-Sale will be limited to a 1-year contract with no extensions. -Clearcut area is all Blowdown (~13 acres) -Coppice area (~43 acres) is mostly standing timber with pockets of Blowdown. **approximately 5 MBF in White Pine tons *If prices for Blowdown wood differ, the wood must be decked separately				**White Pine	50	-	-
					*Blowdown Aspen	280	95	0
					*Blowdown MX Hwd	140	8	1
					*Blowdown Oak	70	10	1
					*Blowdown PW	8	-	-
					<b>Sale Minimum Bid:</b>		\$19,723.64	



### Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale is delineated by red lines and obvious roads
2.	No equipment or slash is allowed within the RMZ's except in designated crossing areas
3.	<b>Clearcut: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger EXCEPT leave all Red Pine</b>
4.	<b>Coppice: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger EXCEPT leave all Red Pine and undamaged Oak Greater than 8" DBH</b>
4.	<b>All roads, landings, and RMZ crossings must be approved by the sale administrator</b>
5.	<b>ROW for transmission line may be used for access. No log decking is allowed within the ROW.</b>
6.	No equipment or slash within the Green Tree Retention areas
7.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground
8.	All cut Pine and Spruce products must be removed from the sale area within 2 weeks during the period of May 15 <sup>th</sup> to August 15 <sup>th</sup>

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3 ADOPTING THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN 2022-2027 AS  
4 THE OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN FOR EAU CLAIRE  
5 COUNTY

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7 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County, through the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest  
8 Department and an ad hoc plan update steering committee representing various stakeholder groups,  
9 in cooperation with West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, has developed and  
10 updated a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan for the County; and

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12 WHEREAS, this plan identifies available outdoor recreation facilities and foreseeable  
13 outdoor recreation demand for Eau Claire County; and

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15 WHEREAS, municipalities are required to have a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan  
16 on file with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in order to be eligible for certain State  
17 and Federal cost-sharing financial aids for the development or improvement of outdoor recreation  
18 facilities; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Village of Fairchild and the towns of Fairchild, Pleasant Valley,  
21 Seymour, and Washington participated in the plan update and the final plan will include a section  
22 specific to the outdoor recreational supply, demand, recommendations, and action plans of each  
23 participating community; and

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25 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors  
26 that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Eau Claire County Outdoor  
27 Recreation Plan 2022-2027 as the official local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan for Eau  
28 Claire County.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors  
31 recognizes that each village and town participating in this plan update may make changes to their  
32 respective community-specific section of the plan without County Board approval if such changes  
33 are specific to their community and do not impact or conflict with the remaining plan sections.

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4 AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND FOREST DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION  
5 TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) TO APPLY  
6 FOR A COST-SHARING RECREATIONAL BOATING GRANT  
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8 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the  
9 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the purpose of improving recreational  
10 boating opportunities and facilities on the Eau Claire River and Lake Eau Claire; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the Parks and Forest Director attests to the validity and veracity of the  
13 statements and representations contained in the application; and  
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15 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Eau Claire County will meet the financial  
16 obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and  
17 empowers the Parks and Forest Director to sign and submit the following documents to the DNR  
18 for financial assistance that may be available:

- 19 • Application
- 20 • Agreement/Contract with the DNR (if any)
- 21 • Required Reports to satisfy Agreement/Contract (if any)
- 22 • Reimbursement requests to the DNR
- 23 • Other required documentation that may be required for specific project.

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Parks and Forest Department will comply with all  
26 local, state, and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share  
27 Agreement/Contract.  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors that  
30 the Parks and Forest Director of the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department has the  
31 authority to act on behalf of Eau Claire County to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin  
32 Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; sign documents; and  
33 take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.  
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 Committee on Parks and Forest

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2022

**From:** [Kathryn Schauf](#)  
**To:** [Josh Pedersen](#)  
**Cc:** [Norb Kirk](#); [Jessica McDonald](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Orientation Recommendation  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:36:52 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Josh – please agendize this

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**From:** Jessica McDonald <[jessica.mcdonald@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:jessica.mcdonald@co.eau-claire.wi.us)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:31 AM  
**To:** Kathryn Schauf <[Kathryn.Schauf@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Kathryn.Schauf@co.eau-claire.wi.us)>; Josh Pedersen <[Josh.Pedersen@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Josh.Pedersen@co.eau-claire.wi.us)>  
**Subject:** FW: Orientation Recommendation

Thoughts? - JM

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**From:** Dawn Edlin <[Dawn.Edlin@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Dawn.Edlin@co.eau-claire.wi.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 7:58:51 AM  
**To:** Jessica McDonald <[jessica.mcdonald@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:jessica.mcdonald@co.eau-claire.wi.us)>  
**Cc:** Brittany Buhrow <[Brittany.Buhrow@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Brittany.Buhrow@co.eau-claire.wi.us)>; Jaime Parker <[jaimed.parker@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:jaimed.parker@co.eau-claire.wi.us)>  
**Subject:** Orientation Recommendation

Hi Jessica,

Yesterday during the benefit's presentation, a new employee recommended we consider a benefit which their previous County employer offered:

Annual County park pass for employees (at no cost)

During this discussion many in the full orientation room were nodding their heads in agreement.

I thought it was a good idea. It comes at little to no expense to produce. Although, depending upon park parking lot space, this may displace other paying park visitors when employee's vehicles are present. We could allow employees that separate during the year to continue to use the benefit throughout the year since it is an annual pass and probably stuck on their windshield.

Your thoughts?



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**Dawn Edlin**

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**From:** [michele skinner](#)  
**To:** [Josh Pedersen](#)  
**Cc:** [Joe Knight](#); [Dane Zook](#); [Missy Christopherson](#); [Tami Schraufnagel](#); [Jodi Lepsch](#)  
**Subject:** Re: using lake altoona park for meetings  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:23:41 AM

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Hello Josh and Members of the Parks and Forests Committee:

Thank you for your quick response, Josh. I understand the need to be fair when charging park fees to all your user groups.

However, the Lake Altoona Rehabilitation and Protection District is not a charitable, non-profit organization, such as the Lake Eau Claire Association. The District is a state approved, multi-jurisdictional, governing body to which are appointed two Board of Commissioners, one from the Eau Claire County Board, and one from the Town of Seymour.

See Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 33.38 (2) (a) and

(b). <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/33.pdf>

I request that the issue of charging a sanctioned governing body for use of a county facility to conduct county-related business should be put on the agenda at the next Parks and Forests Committee hearing.

I will be glad to attend and respond in person.

On Tue, May 17, 2022 at 3:09 PM Josh Pedersen <[Josh.Pedersen@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Josh.Pedersen@co.eau-claire.wi.us)> wrote:

Hi Michele,

I got your voicemail, and I am in meetings the rest of the afternoon, so I thought I would email you back. After doing a little more checking, it does appear that we do charge a rental fee for the Lake Eau Claire clubhouse for the lake eau claire district. I do feel that if we were to host your meetings at lake Altoona, we would need to charge a fee. I want to be consistent with our user groups. To get the fee waived for a non-county department for usage of the facility, I would need to have our committee and/or county board approve this waiving of fees.

I know when I had talked to you earlier, I did indicate that the fee would be waived. But after check further on this, I want to be consistent and thought I should let you know this.

Thanks,

Josh

**Josh Pedersen, CPRP**

Parks and Forest Director

Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Dept.

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Sincerely,  
Michele Skinner  
Lake Altoona District Board Chair  
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