



MINUTES
Public Input Session – 2023 Budget
Hosted by the Committee on Finance & Budget

Thursday, September 8, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Augusta Senior Center

616 W Washington St, Augusta, WI 54722

Chair Zook called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and introduced the Committee on Finance & Budget members.

Chair Zook gave an overview of the county budget process.

Public Input Session

- Sue Kensmoe: benefits of Augusta Senior Center
- Barb Pritzl: additional items that did not get into budget request for Augusta Senior Center
- Karen Hurd: emphasis on infrastructure (bridges and roads), especially in rural areas of county; broadband need in eastern part of county; impounded waters need help
- Jackie Minor: benefits of LE Phillips Senior Center
- Michelle Skinner: need of funding to improve and maintain Lake Altoona; algae problem and request to county to help with sedimentation
- Mike Lea: support to improve and maintain unusable Skid Row boat landing at Lake Eau Claire (\$138k total)
- Kathy Lea: agree with need for lake district funding; highway is using herbicides to prevent spread of invasive species in a pilot area in the eastern portion of ECC, herbicides are not environmentally friendly and are dangerous for local waters, consider to support mechanical mowing in sensitive ecosystems areas
- Tom Hartel: support to improve and maintain Skid Row boat landing
- Tom Hoekstra: support river and lake improvements
- Stella Pagonis: support of Senior Centers; authority given to county to give funding senior centers, in state statutes that counties shall provide congregate dining
- Donn Dexter: support Lake Eau Claire and Lake Altoona
- Luke Hanson: economic development support to encourage growth and development in rural parts of Eau Claire County
- Evalyn Thaler: support for Augusta Senior Center
- Wayne Hanson: degradation of river and Lake Altoona, grateful for dredging monies; support of mechanical mowing
- Pamela Lovelien: 6583 North Shore Dr; support for Lake Altoona maintenance
- Janice H: support of Augusta Senior Center

The chair adjourned the public input session at 7:03 pm.

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Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk