



## Bayfield County Administrator

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**Minutes of the:**  
**Bayfield County Ad-Hoc Business Park Planning Committee**  
**Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Held Remotely**

**BAYFIELD COUNTY**  
**AD HOC BUSINESS PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cole Rabska, *Chair*                      Ken Disher  
Mark Abeles-Allison                      Marty Milanowski, *Vice-Chair*                      Leo Carlson  
Preston Mikula                      Jake Hipsher

**1. Call to Order:**

The Bayfield County Ad Hoc Business Park Planning County was called to order at **2:31 p.m. by Committee Chairman Rabska.**

Members Present: Cole Rabska, Marty Milanowski, Mark Abeles-Allison, Leo Carlson, Preston Mikula, Ken Disher, Jake Hipsher (arrived late)

Others Present: Paige Terry- *Bayfield County Clerk III*, Bruce Markgren- *Cooper Engineering President*, Dave Gale-*Westwood*, Jake Benson- *Bayfield County Highway Patrol Superintendent*, Jeff Saxby- *SEH*

**2. Introductions:** Introductions of committee members were made.

*2:35 p.m. – Jake Hipsher joined the meeting.*

**3. Public Comment:** None

**4. Minutes from November 16, 2022:**

*Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Mikula to adopt the minutes of the November 16, 2022 Bayfield County Ad-Hoc Business Park meeting as presented. Motion Carried.*

**5. Presentation Regarding Highway 137 Reconstruction Project, WisDOT:** Jeff Saxby, SEH, informed the committee that the environmental documents for the project are being prepared and a public comment period for the project was held earlier. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024 but the deadline may change depending on problems that may arise. Saxby informed the committee that thoughts, comments, and ideas regarding

the project are much appreciated. Dave Gale, with Westwood, explained that the project will be taking place from US HWY 2 on the west side to State HWY 112 on the east side. Gale reviewed the project's planned improvements. The committee discussed the implications of the project and how it may affect the business park.

6. **Utility Feasibility Study Report, Cooper Engineering:** Bruce Markgren, Cooper Engineering President, reported that an agreement was recently sent out to the Town of Eileen for review and to be signed. Once the agreement is signed and sent back to Cooper Engineering, they will move forward with the project and begin the analysis.
7. **Discussion Regarding Update on Site Selector Group Request for Information Regarding the Certified Site Pilot Program:** Rabska informed the committee that he is continuing to work with the site selector group and wanted to let the committee know that he has heard of establishments being asked to pay a site certification fee costing upwards of \$7,500 but has yet to be asked to pay such a fee.
8. **Reports:**
  - a. **Signage:** Rabska reported that the sign contract is close to being finished and hopes the sign will be built the following spring.
  - b. **Ribbon Cutting:** Rabska reported that KV Tech is rebranding to KV Builders, and the company is fully moved in to their site at the business park. Rabska recommended holding a ribbon cutting ceremony during the spring to celebrate multiple events that happened at the business park.
  - c. **Advertising and Promotion:** Rabska reported that the WDC website is up to date regarding information on the business park and that the BCEDC regularly mentions the park in its newsletter and on Facebook. Rabska informed the committee that most of the inquiry calls regarding the business park stem from citizens that notice the purple banners that were hung at the park. Mikula asked if it would be helpful to reach out to Bottom Line News to ask them to write an article on KV Builders. Rabska answered no as the paper does not have the staff available to write the article, only to publish a submitted article.
9. **The Committee may entertain a motion to move in and out of Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session:**

Chairman Rabska dispensed with the item as there were no items to be presented in closed session at this time.

10. **Adjournment, Next Meeting:**

Mikula asked if anyone had talked to the City of Ashland to see if the city would be okay with the Business Park hooking up to the city's line. Abeles-Allison explained that the city did not necessarily rule the option out the last he spoke with staff. Disher asked if the city was close to its line limits which would be impacted by the business park hook up. Mikula informed the committee that he had heard the city would be close to its line limits. Abeles-Allison asked Disher if he had any updates for the property being utilized at the business park but Disher said there were no new updates to report. Bayfield electric

has set mid-June 2023 as the estimated completion date at the parcel.

Next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall of the Town of Eileen.

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Ad-Hoc Business Park Planning Committee, *Committee Chairman, Rabska adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

***Paige Terry***

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