



Wausau & Marathon County Parks and Recreation Foundation

Tuesday February 17, 2026

Time: 4:00pm

Place: Parks Office, 518 South 7th Avenue, Rm 089, Wausau WI 54401 – Enter at door 518F on Garfield Ave.

Members – Bill Bertram (President), Dan Bowen, Kevin Crooks (Vice-President), Randy Falstad, Jamie Polley, Bill Duncanson, Jeff Frese, Nicole Fandrey, Mike Egan,

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes – December 16, 2025
3. Financial Reports
 - a. Quarter 4, 2025 Park Foundation and Great Pinery Heritage Waterway Trail
 - b. January 2026 CoVantage Account Statement
4. New Business
 - a. Fundraising, Sponsorship and Planning – Film Festival Logistics and To Do List
 - b. New Member Recruitment – 3 Openings
5. Old Business
 - b. IronBull – Agreement Status - Crooks
6. Future Agenda Topics –
7. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Date – April 21, 2026 at 4:00pm, 518 South 7th Avenue, Rm 089, Wausau WI 54401, Wausau or web-ex
8. Adjournment

Wausau and Marathon County Park Foundation Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2025 – Marathon County Parks and Forestry Office, 518 South 7th Avenue, Wausau.

Members present: Randy Falstad, Jamie Polley, Dan Bowen, Jeff Frese and Mike Egan. Absent: Bill Bertram, Kevin Crooks, Bill Duncanson, and Nicole Fandrey.

1. Secretary Randy Falstad called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.
2. Minutes: The minutes from the October 7, 2025 were reviewed. Bowen made motion to accept the minutes. Egan seconded. Motion carried by voice vote with no dissent.
3. Financial Reports: With Duncanson unable to attend the meeting, members reviewed the financial reports. Polley reported there was approximately \$116,109 in our general account and the Water Trail has approximately \$16,000 in its account. Frese made motion to accept the financial report. Bowen seconded and motion carried by voice vote with no dissent.
4. New Business
 - a. Reconsider Grant Request – Elderon Ballpark Fence Replacement – Rob Wyman, the Village Clerk of the Village of Elderon appeared in person for the Village. This was a reconsideration because the Board had previously turned down this request on two previous occasions as a maintenance project because the Foundation does not support maintenance. Wyman stated he wanted to report to the Board that this is not a maintenance project but rather a capital project as they are replacing the fence. He stated that the Park was originally part of the Marathon County Park System but was handed over to the Village when the County downsized their properties. Polley confirmed this stating that besides two Parks in Elderon there was a Park in Athens and one in Easton that were removed from the park system. Wyman stated the fence replacement project is costing \$55,000 and to date they have raised \$31,000 including \$5000 from the Township, \$5000 from the Village, \$1000 from a Deer Hunters group in the area and \$500 from a Park Improvement Club. Wyman stated that they used to have a requirement that a person had to be from the Village to be able to rent the facilities but that was changed many years ago and the Park is used by many others from outside the Village. He stated the baseball

diamond is used by a Badger Amateur League and is the big draw to the park with many teams from outside the area playing on the fields and drawing many fans from outside of area. After his presentation, Frese made a motion to donate \$5000 to the Elderon Fence Replacement project. Bowen seconded and motion carried with no dissent.

- a. At the conclusion of the presentation and after Wyman left, the Board discussed proper procedure in bringing forward the vote. It was the general consensus that we should wait until after the presenter leaves before calling the vote.
- b. Fundraising, Sponsorship and Planning – Film Festival
 - a. The date of the event was changed from April 16, 2026 to April 22nd because the Healthy Communities Summit is going to be held in Wausau beginning on April 23rd and it was thought some of these people may want to attend the Fest
 - b. Bertram had floated the name Park Palooza for the event. That name was not in general liked by the majority of the Board. After a long discussion on a name and some input from AI, the idea of “**A Film Festival for our Parks, our Future**” was brought to the forefront. Bowen made a motion to use that name. Egan seconded and the motion carried with no dissent. It was also thought a tag line of “**Celebrating Nature, Supporting Parks**” could be used along with the title.
 - c. Films were discussed and whether we should go with Wild and Scenics’ 2025 or 2026 lineups and a curated or custom program. We need to let Wild and Scenic know by March 9th what our film lineup will be. It was felt that the Board needs to start watching the 2025 films. If we don’t like what we see we can watch the 2026 films and chose from them and we can decide in February. A special meeting will be held February 12th at 3:00.
 - d. Fundraising for the event: Polley suggested that we as a Foundation, should seek money from other Foundations to finance the film festival.
- c. New Member Recruitment: Bowen has one person in mind that he would like to ask to join the Board. It was also felt we should make a pitch at our

Film Festival to recruit new Board members, maybe by using one of our five slides to recruit.

- a. Frese brought up the film festival as an example of his problem with the Board and that as Board, members should be able to get more involved. He said it sometimes it feels like one person is doing everything and all we do is come to the meeting to get updated on that.
 - i. Falstad explained that this really has never been a “working Board” like another Board he is on where he can work on trails or stain decks. This Board just doesn’t have opportunities like this. Polley stated that the Fundraising Film Fest may create opportunities for board members to be involved with actual tasks. She stated that if the Film Fest is successful, and our mission is better established, we may not need as many meetings. We would just need to put together our film festival each year and then distribute the funds raised when there are requests.
- d. 2026 Meeting Dates - February 17, April 21, June 16, August 18, October 20, December 15

4. Old Business

- a. Ironbull – Agreement Status. Because Crooks was unable to attend, this discussion was put off until the next meeting. There was a general discussion when the question was asked, how we got to where we got, with the IronBull being created as a fundraiser for our group, yet Ironbull wase able to dump us with no ramifications, beyond that they may owe us money generated prior to their breaking the contract.

7. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Date – February 17, 2026 at 4:00pm, 518 South 7th Avenue, Rm 089

8. Bown made motion to adjourn at 5:37 p.m. Egan seconded and motion carried with no dissent.



FUND STATEMENT

**Wausau & Marathon County Parks and Recreation Fund
Current Period October 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025**

FUND SUMMARY

Fund Activity	Current Period	Year to Date
Beginning Balances	\$116,109.28	\$141,331.58
Additions to the fund		
Donations to the fund	0.00	3,805.44
Investment gains/(losses)	2,343.51	16,577.27
Total additions to the fund	\$2,343.51	\$20,382.71
Subtractions from the fund		
Charitable Support Fee	413.38	1,885.69
Fund Expenses	0	2,719.00
Grants awarded	6,500.00	45,570.19
Total subtractions from the fund	\$6,913.38	\$50,174.88
Pending transactions		
No pending transactions for this period.		
Ending Fund Balance	TOTAL	\$111,539.41

FUND DETAILS

Contributions

No donations were received this period.

Grants or Scholarships Awarded

Date	Grantee or Student Name	Description	Amount
11/13/25	Wausau Marathon County Parks Foundation	For Deposit Only	1,500.00
12/01/25	DC Everest Area Youth Baseball	Kennedy Park Renovation	5,000.00
Total Grants or Scholarships awarded this period			\$ 6,500.00

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Vouchers

No vouchers paid this period.

Support Fee Calculation

12/31/25	Quarterly AGENCY (1.00% of 40,350.38; 1.50% of 50,000.00; 2.00% of 25,000.00) divided by 4 quarters	\$413.38
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FUND STATEMENT
Great Pinery Heritage Waterway Fund
Current Period October 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025

FUND SUMMARY

Fund Activity	Current Period	Year to Date
Beginning Balances	\$16,223.46	\$24,356.26
Additions to the fund		
Donations to the fund	250.00	700.00
Total additions to the fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 700.00
Subtractions from the fund		
Charitable Support Fee	12.50	35.00
Credit card fee expense	0	5.80
Fund Expenses	3,300.00	11,854.50
Total subtractions from the fund	\$3,312.50	\$11,895.30
Pending transactions		
No pending transactions for this period.		
Ending Fund Balance	TOTAL	\$13,160.96



FUND DETAILS

Contributions

Date	Donor Name	Description	Amount
10/14/25	Church Mutual Insurance Co Foundation (CM Cares)		250.00
Total Contributions this period			\$ 250.00

Grants or Scholarships Awarded

No grants or scholarships were awarded this period.

Vouchers

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
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10/13/25	Wausau Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.	Marketing Video Content Creation	3,300.00
			Total vouchers paid this period
			\$ 3,300.00

Support Fee Calculation

n/a	No calculated fee.	n/a
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Member Number: XXXXXX4260

Statement For: 01/01/2026 - 01/31/2026

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Your Account Balances as of 01/31

Membership Share ID 0000	\$10.00
Business Checking ID 0073	843.52
Account Balance Total	\$853.52
Total Dividends Year-To-Date	\$0.06

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MEMBERSHIP SHARE ID 0000	Beginning Balance	\$10.00
Dividends Year-To-Date \$0.00	Ending Balance	\$10.00

BUSINESS CHECKING ID 0073	Beginning Balance	\$843.46
Dividends Year-To-Date \$0.06	Ending Balance	\$843.52

Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
01/31	Withdrawal Adjustment Bus Sd Earning	\$0.06	\$843.52

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Date	Amount	Description	Date	Amount	Description
01/31	\$0.06	Withdrawal Adjustment Fee			

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