



Wausau & Marathon County Parks and Recreation Foundation

Tuesday June 16, 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, Randy Falstad, Jamie Polley, Bill Duncanson, Jeff Frese, Nicole Fandrey, Mike Egan,

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes – February 17, 2026 and April 7, 2026
3. Financial Reports
 - a. Quarter 1, 2025 Park Foundation and Great Pinery Heritage Waterway Trail (if available)
 - b. April and May 2026 CoVantage Account Statement
4. New Business
 - a. Buska Park Playground Renovation Grant Request
 - b. Building A Better Mountain Biking Community Grant Request
 - c. New Member Recruitment – 3 Openings
5. Old Business
 - a. Fundraising, Sponsorship and Planning – Film Festival Recap
6. Future Agenda Topics –
7. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Date – August 18, 2026 at 4:00pm, 518 South 7th Avenue, Rm 089, Wausau WI 54401, Wausau or web-ex
8. Adjournment

Parks and Recreation Foundation Minutes

February 17, 2026 - 4:00pm

Parks Office, 518 South 7th Avenue, Rm 089, Wausau WI 54401

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

- President Bill Bertram called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- The Minutes from December 16, 2025 were reviewed. Polley made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Duncanson seconded and motion carried by voice vote with no dissent.
- Treasurer Duncanson presented the Financial Reports stating there has not much that happened in the fourth quarter. He stated the Foundation had 111,539.40 in savings. Duncanson also reported that Joe and Kathy Rolling had made a \$100 donation to the Foundation in the current quarter. Bertram reported the Pinery had \$13,160.96 in funds. Frese asked how funds came into the Pinery. Bertrem listed the ways money comes into the Pinery. Duncanson did discuss the Keber Rose's fees for filing taxes. He reported the bill was only \$20 this year although the bill was \$1920 this year. The reason was that the Community Foundation had inadvertently paid the taxes twice, both in January and in April of 2025 so this year there was only a \$20 increase in fees to be paid this year. It was felt we should be getting better reports from the Community Foundation in order to catch errors of that nature. Frese made the motion to pay the \$20 to Kerber Rose, Bertram seconded and the motion carried by voice vote with no dissent. Falstad made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Polley seconded and motion carried by voice vote with no dissent. Polley reported the she had received an IRS had approval for the extension to pay income taxes. Duncanson reported that is no longer necessary as the taxes have been paid.
- New Business a. Fundraising, Sponsorship and Planning – Film Festival Logistics and To Do List
 - Remainder of the meeting consisted of planning for the Film Fest Fun raiser to be held on April 22nd.
 - Bertram showed a draft press release for the event and asked for and received approval to get it out to the press.
 - Bertram also showed slides on ideas to fund raise at the event through donations of trips such pontoon and kayak excursions.
 - Falstad agreed to contact the Green Bay Packers and get one of their footballs for our silent auction.
 - It was agreed there should be another planning meeting for the event. It was set March 10th at 4:00 p.m. Falstad will not be able to attend that meeting.
 - Falstad reminded the group that our 5 slides to place in our program are due 5 weeks prior to ?? Date may be around March 9th. Not sure

- Falstad brought to the attention of the group that Wild and Scenic felt we should move one of our films to after the intermission to even out the program. After some discussion, it was decided to move the Film “River Cowboys” to the second half of the program.

The program now looks like this:

Portrait of a Ranger	4 minutes
Polar Bear County	16 minutes
Super Clams	16 minutes
Return to Spur Lake	11 minutes

Total Act 1 47 minutes

Intermission approximately 30 minutes

Friends of Frog Pool Lane	7 minutes
River Cowboys	11 minutes
The Bird in my Backyard	20 minutes
Mother River	7 minutes

Total Act 2 45 minutes

7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date – April 7, 2026 at 4:00pm, 518 South 7th Avenue, Rm 089, Wausau WI 54401 (Special Film Fest meeting on March 10th)

8. Motion to Adjourn was made by Falstad, seconded by Egan. Motion carried by voice vote with no dissent.

Parks and Recreation Foundation
Minutes

April 7, 2026 - 4:00pm

Parks Office, 518 South 7th Avenue, Rm 089, Wausau WI 54401

Members Present – Bill Bertram (President), Randy Falstad, Bill Duncanson, Jeff Frese and Mike Egan.

Absent: Jamie Polley, Kevin Crooks (Vice-President), Dan Bowen and Nicole Fandrey

- President Bill Bertram called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- No minutes or financial reports were reviewed from past meetings. Meeting was held strictly to plan for upcoming Wild and Scenic Film Fest Fund-raiser.
- Media contacts and posting were discussed.
- Appetizers were discussed and amounts were voted on and approved.
- Discussion was held on making sure we tested equipment prior to event.
- Day of event sales were discussed and approved.

Meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.



FUND STATEMENT

Wausau & Marathon County Parks and Recreation Fund Current Period January 01, 2026 to March 31, 2026

FUND SUMMARY

Fund Activity	Current Period	Year to Date
Beginning Balances	\$111,539.41	\$111,539.41
Additions to the fund		
Donations to the fund	100.00	100.00
Investment gains/(losses)	(856.86)	(856.86)
Total additions to the fund	\$(756.86)	\$(756.86)
Subtractions from the fund		
Charitable Support Fee	401.39	401.39
Grants awarded	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total subtractions from the fund	\$5,401.39	\$5,401.39
Pending transactions		
No pending transactions for this period.		
Ending Fund Balance	TOTAL	\$105,381.16

FUND DETAILS

Contributions

Date	Donor Name	Description	Amount
03/20/26	Rohling, Joseph	Earth Day Fundraiser	100.00
Total Contributions this period			\$ 100.00

Grants or Scholarships Awarded

Date	Grantee or Student Name	Description	Amount
02/09/26	Town of Elderon	Elderon Ballpark Fence	5,000.00
Total Grants or Scholarships awarded this period			\$ 5,000.00

Vouchers

For questions regarding this statement contact pam@cfoncw.org. You can also find your statements in the online portal at cfoncw.org.

No vouchers paid this period.

Support Fee Calculation

03/31/26	Quarterly AGENCY (1.00% of 35,556.94; 1.50% of 50,000.00; 2.00% of 25,000.00) divided by 4 quarters	\$401.39
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FUND STATEMENT
Great Pinery Heritage Waterway Fund
Current Period January 01, 2026 to March 31, 2026

FUND SUMMARY

Fund Activity	Current Period	Year to Date
Beginning Balances	\$13,160.96	\$13,160.96
Additions to the fund		
No additions this period.		
Subtractions from the fund		
Fund Expenses	775.00	775.00
<hr/> Total subtractions from the fund	<hr/> \$ 775.00	<hr/> \$ 775.00
Pending transactions		
No pending transactions for this period.		
Ending Fund Balance	TOTAL	\$12,385.96

FUND DETAILS

Contributions

No donations were received this period.

Grants or Scholarships Awarded

No grants or scholarships were awarded this period.

Vouchers

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
02/16/26	Canoecopia	Trade show	775.00
03/02/26	BMO Spend Dynamics	Feb credit card payment	775.00
Total vouchers paid this period			\$ 1,550.00

Support Fee Calculation

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n/a

No calculated fee.

n/a



PO Box 107, Antigo, WI 54409-0107

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WAUSAU AND MARATHON COUNTY PARKS FOUNDA
518 S 7TH AVE
WAUSAU WI 54401-5362

Account Statement

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Member Number: XXXXXX4260

Statement For: 04/01/2026 - 04/30/2026

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Your Account Balances as of 04/30

Membership Share ID 0000	\$10.00
Business Checking ID 0073	2,603.74
Account Balance Total	\$2,613.74
Total Dividends Year-To-Date	\$0.28

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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	\$823.64
Dividends Year-To-Date \$0.28	Ending Balance	\$2,603.74

Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
04/23	Deposit	\$1,780.00	\$2,603.64
04/30	Withdrawal Adjustment Bus Sd Earning	0.10	2,603.74

Deposits and Other Credits 2 Deposits and other Credits for \$1,780.10

Date	Amount	Description	Date	Amount	Description
04/23	\$1,780.00	Deposit	04/30	\$0.10	Withdrawal Adjustment Fee

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Your Account Balances as of 05/31

Membership Share ID 0000	\$10.00
Business Checking ID 0073	1,919.16
Account Balance Total	\$1,929.16
Total Dividends Year-To-Date	\$0.45

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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	\$2,603.74
Dividends Year-To-Date \$0.45	Ending Balance	\$1,919.16

Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
05/13	Withdrawal Debit Card TST*SUNDANCE CHALET 715-845-2846 WI 613200447205 5812	\$684.75-	\$1,918.99
05/31	Withdrawal Adjustment Bus Sd Earning	0.17	1,919.16

Withdrawals and Other Charges 1 Withdrawals and other Charges for \$684.75

Date	Amount	Description	Date	Amount	Description
05/13	\$684.75	Withdrawal Debit Card			

Deposits and Other Credits 1 Deposits and other Credits for \$0.17

Date	Amount	Description	Date	Amount	Description
05/31	\$0.17	Withdrawal Adjustment Fee			

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Buska Park Playground Renovation

*Wausau & Marathon County Parks &
Recreation Foundation Fund Grants 2026*

Village of Kronenwetter

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Application Form

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ELIGIBILITY*

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Greater Wausau Area

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME*

Buska Park Playground Renovation

AMOUNT REQUESTED*

How much are you requesting from the Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation Fund?

\$5,000.00

TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES*

This amount must equal the total expenses you will submit in the project budget below.

\$200,000.00

PROJECT START DATE*

10/01/2026

PROJECT END DATE*

06/01/2027

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED*

The project must serve a community within Marathon County or the county as a whole. Please specify the community(ies) or geographic area this project will serve.

Village of Kronenwetter

PROJECT NARRATIVE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION*

Describe the project for which you are seeking funds. Include project goals and objectives. Also explain the community need for the project and how our funding will provide impact on that need.

We are seeking your support for an important community improvement project at Buska Park in the Village of Kronenwetter.

Located in a populated neighborhood, Buska Park serves local families, children, and residents who rely on public parks for recreation, exercise, and community connection. Unfortunately, the park has not received significant improvements in many years and is now in need of critical updates.

Our goal is to renovate and modernize the park while making it fully ADA accessible, ensuring that residents of all ages and abilities can safely enjoy its amenities. These enhancements will create a more welcoming, inclusive, and healthy outdoor space that promotes physical activity and strengthens community engagement. The current playground is over 30 years old and is a wooden structure that isn't the best for little hands anymore. This grant will help us reach our goal of \$200,000 to make it a safe place for children to play. Currently our Village's funding source is very limited, which is why we started this fundraising campaign. Any donation towards our park is a step towards our goal of making Buska Park a fun, inclusive, safe, and welcoming place to play.

DUPLICATION OF SERVICES*

Are there any similar projects currently operating in the community? If so, why is yours different and also needed?

The Village of Kronenwetter has not upgraded a playground in 20 years, and it's time to give our community a great place to play.

OTHER PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS*

Are you collaborating with other organizations to meet this particular need? If so, name the other organizations participating in the project and describe their roles.

We are at the very early stages of our fundraising and have not yet collaborated with any other organization.

LONG TERM STRATEGIES*

What are the long term strategies for continuation and funding of this project?

We are going to continue our fundraising campaign by reaching out to local businesses and residents to achieve our goal.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT MATERIALS (OPTIONAL)

This is an opportunity for you to provide any additional materials that will support the project you are proposing.

Buska Park Playground.pdf

PROJECT BUDGET

PROJECT BUDGET*

You **MUST** use the following fillable budget template to complete your project budget, then upload below. *Total project expenses must equal total project revenue.* Save the file with a new name.

Grant Budget Outline.pdf

BUDGET NARRATIVE (OPTIONAL)

Provide a narrative explanation of budget items, if necessary.

We just kicked off our fundraising campaign at the end of May and have secured \$3,000 already.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES*

Provide an outline of foundations, corporations, individuals, and any other funding sources that have been approached for support including the requested amount. Please put an asterisk (*) by any funding that has been awarded/secured.

We are installing a banner at Buska Park where the weekly farmers market is held with a QR code for donations on it, as well as advertising on our website, Village Hall, and word of mouth. We are hopeful of the community support through individual donations as well as corporations to help us secure the funding needed for this project. This is the first grant we have applied for and are researching other grant opportunities for this project.

Money Secured:
Individuals - \$3,000*

Money Anticipated:
Individuals - \$42,000
Corporations - \$150,000

Grants - \$5,000

ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

MISSION*

What is the mission of your organization?

To support a growing community with a diverse economy and quality infrastructure, championed by the people of the Village. By promoting economic growth and strategically positioning Kronenwetter for the future. By investing in infrastructure to support a growing community. By building an inclusive and informed citizenry, and; meeting service demands through high quality customer service, innovation, a positive work environment, and a commitment to excellence.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

Provide an overview of your organization’s current programs, activities, and notable accomplishments.

We are in the construction phase of adding roughly one mile of walking and biking trails in the heart of Kronenwetter.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY*

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin seeks to promote respect for all people and foster a welcoming and inclusive community for all. The Foundation will not knowingly support organizations whose programs or services are not open to everyone without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, physical and mental ability, military service, veteran status, lawful sources of income, or any other discriminatory practice prohibited by state or federal law.

Please confirm your organization's nondiscrimination policy prohibits discrimination, **at the organization's hiring level**, based on the following list. Please check all that apply.

- Race
- Color
- Age
- Religion
- Ethnicity
- National origin
- Gender
- Sexual Orientation
- Marital Status
- Physical & Mental Ability
- Military Service
- Veteran Status
- Lawful Sources of Income
- Any other discriminatory practice prohibited by state or federal law.

ORGANIZATION'S NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY*

List your organization's nondiscrimination policy here. This policy should be voted on and approved by the organization's board of directors.

Employee Handbook Policy 2.1-

We are an equal opportunity employer. All employment decisions are based on merit, qualifications, and competence. Our employment practices are not influenced or affected by an applicant's or employee's race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law. This policy governs all aspects of employment, promotion, assignment, discharge, and other terms and conditions of employment. It is also our policy to comply with applicable laws providing for nondiscrimination in employment against qualified individuals with disabilities. An employee who believes he or she may require an accommodation should contact the Village Administrator.

NONDISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE*

Is your organization's programming, services, and other activities in compliance with your nondiscrimination policy?

Yes

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES & CONFIRMATION

AGENCY AUTHORIZATION*

Has this project been authorized by your agency's governing board or personnel? Application for school-related project require the authorization of the District Superintendent.

Yes

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORIZATION

For school-related projects, upload the district superintendent authorization here.

RECOGNITION OF GRANT AWARD*

If a grant is awarded, the Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation requires recognition of the grant. How will the foundation be recognized for this grant if your application is successful? For example: press release, website, social media, printed materials, etc.

If awarded any amount of money the Village of Kronenwetter would recognize the Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation by issuing a press release, as well as recognizing them on social media and during our open meetings.

CONFIRMATION*

By entering your signature information above and clicking "I Agree" below, you certify that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You also agree that, if selected, you will use the funds granted for the purpose as proposed and approved by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. You also agree to allow the Community Foundation to use information provided in this request for press releases, reports, and other public information.

I Agree

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT*

Enter your full name and title below.

Greg Ulman - Director of Public Works and Utilities Superintendent

SIGNATURE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT/CEO, OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIRPERSON*

Type in the name and title of the person authorized to sign this agreement and represents your organization's signature.

Dan Joling - Village President

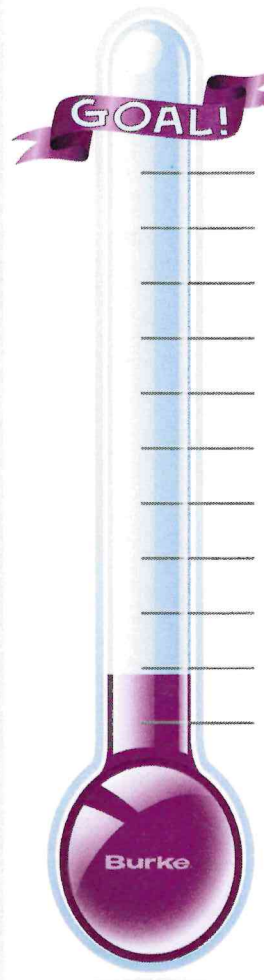
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Applicant File Uploads

- Buska Park Playground.pdf
- Grant Budget Outline.pdf

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- REDWOOD
- OLIVE
- TAN
- GREEN
- TAN/GREEN
- GREEN/TAN



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**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN
PROJECT BUDGET**

EXPENSES	Amount	% of Total Expenses		Total
Personnel	\$10,000	5		\$10,000
Facilities/Occupancy				
Equipment/Supplies	\$190,000	95		\$190,000
Printing/Promotion				
Meeting/Travel				
Administrative Expenses				
Other Project Expenses (<i>specify</i>):				
-				
-				
-				
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$200,000
REVENUE	Secured Funding	Funding Applied For		Total
Community Foundation		\$5,000	=	\$5,000
Other Foundations			=	
Corporations		\$150,000	=	\$150,000
Individuals	\$3,000	\$42,000	=	\$45,000
Government Grants			=	
Umbrella Organization			=	
Contracts			=	
Other Project Revenue (<i>specify</i>):				
-			=	
-			=	
-			=	
Earned Income				
Events or Ticket Sales			=	
Publications & Products			=	
Membership Income			=	
In-Kind Support			=	
Other Earned Income (<i>specify</i>):				
-			=	
-			=	
-			=	
TOTAL REVENUE				\$200,000

**Total expenses MUST equal total revenue*

Building A Better Mountain Biking Community - Evergreen Elementary Bike Park

*Wausau & Marathon County Parks &
Recreation Foundation Fund Grants 2026*

Central Wisconsin Offroad Cycling Coalition

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Greater Wausau Area
Marathon County

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME*

Building A Better Mountain Biking Community - Evergreen Elementary Bike Park

AMOUNT REQUESTED*

How much are you requesting from the Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation Fund?

\$7,500.00

TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES*

This amount must equal the total expenses you will submit in the project budget below.

\$60,818.00

PROJECT START DATE*

05/01/2024

PROJECT END DATE*

09/30/2027

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED*

The project must serve a community within Marathon County or the county as a whole. Please specify the community(ies) or geographic area this project will serve.

Marathon County

PROJECT NARRATIVE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION*

Describe the project for which you are seeking funds. Include project goals and objectives. Also explain the community need for the project and how our funding will provide impact on that need.

CWOCC is seeking funding to help support mountain bike trail development at the Evergreen Elementary Bike Park located at Evergreen Elementary School in Kronenwetter.

The Central Wisconsin Offroad Cycling Coalition (CWOCC) was formed in 2012 as a chapter of the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) and is recognized as a subordinate 501©(3) of IMBA's 501©(3). CWOCC's mission is to educate through trail advocacy and promote fitness, group activities, as well as exploring nature. CWOCC is dedicated to maintaining, designing and building sustainable, environmentally sound, offroad bicycling trails.

In 2023, two dedicated members of CWOCC, civil and safety engineers, and fathers of Evergreen Elementary students, Dan Borchardt and Rick Jarek, initiated a visionary project to develop mountain bike trails adjacent to Evergreen Elementary School. They approached both CWOCC and the D.C. Everest Area School District with a comprehensive proposal for what would become the Evergreen Elementary Bike Park.

Dan and Rick developed a detailed project plan and vision, which they presented to the D.C. Everest School Board. Their initiative quickly gained strong support from D.C. Everest Area School District Superintendent Casey Nye and Evergreen Elementary Principal Rick Koepke. With this backing, Dan and Rick took on leadership roles in planning, coordinating, and developing the Evergreen Elementary Bike Park.

The vision for the Evergreen Elementary Bike Park is to create a dynamic, four-season mountain biking and skills area that encourages riders of all ages and abilities to build confidence and improve their skills. The completed park will feature 2–3 miles of professionally built flow trails encircling the school property. These trails are designed with progressive features and optional skill lines to accommodate varying levels of experience and ability.

Since its inception, CWOCC has provided ongoing support for the project, working closely with Dan and Rick to help ensure its success. Their leadership, commitment, and tireless work ethic have been nothing short of extraordinary. Over the past 18 months, they have taken the lead in every phase of project design and construction, achieving remarkable progress through volunteer effort and community collaboration.

In 2024 alone, Dan, Rick, and a team of volunteers constructed about 4,853 feet of machine-built flow trail, along with an additional quarter-mile of skill-focused alternate lines and features. Impressively, they secured nearly \$200,000 of in-kind support, which included equipment use (excavator and skid steer), tree removal services, and donations of materials such as rock, fill, and lumber. Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of dirt and fill were donated to the project. A detailed spreadsheet of all donated materials and services is included in the attached budget document.

The construction effort in 2024 also included over 611.6 equipment hours, consuming 1,260 gallons of diesel fuel, all in service of bringing this vision to life—an extraordinary demonstration of dedication and volunteerism.

What Dan, Rick, and their team of volunteers achieved in 2024 is truly remarkable—they laid the literal groundwork for and built some incredible mountain bike trail at Evergreen Elementary. In April 2025, Dan and Rick, along with fathers, Doug and Roger were nominated by Dr. Casey Nye and received the Evergreen Excellence Award from the D.C. Everest Area School District. Dr. Nye's nomination letter is included below under the "District Superintendent Authorization".

With continued support from the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, Sonnentag Foundation, CWOCC and the D.C. Everest Area School District, Dan, Rick, and their team remain dedicated to expanding the trail system at Evergreen Elementary Bike Park throughout 2025, adding an additional 4,046 feet of mountain bike trail. Photos of 2024-2025 mountain bike trail construction is in the additional material section.

Funding from the Marathon County Parks Foundation will help sustain their efforts by covering the cost of fuel, tools and equipment, fill materials, and lumber—critical resources to ensure the successful completion of the trail system. A detailed map of the project is attached below under the additional support materials.

Evergreen Elementary Bike Park has quickly become a vibrant and well-used outdoor recreation asset, introducing hundreds of children and families to a neighborhood bike park experience for the first time. Its convenient location adjacent to the school makes it a natural extension of daily routines, supporting active play during recess, after school, and on weekends. The park is not only helping youth build confidence and biking skills, but also serving as a gathering space that strengthens community connections and encourages more time spent outdoors. Both CWOCC and Dan Borchardt have received an outpouring of positive feedback, highlighting the park's quality, accessibility, and the strong demand for similar recreation opportunities across the community.

We are looking forward to continuing to support the buildout of Evergreen Elementary Bike Park in 2026 and 2027.

DUPLICATION OF SERVICES*

Are there any similar projects currently operating in the community? If so, why is yours different and also needed?

CWOCC is proudly leading the charge in building a stronger, more connected mountain biking community in Central Wisconsin. The organization is deeply grateful for the valuable partnerships it has established and sustained with local businesses, land managers, school districts, and dedicated volunteers—collaborations that make it possible to develop and maintain high-quality mountain bike trails throughout the region.

OTHER PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS*

Are you collaborating with other organizations to meet this particular need? If so, name the other organizations participating in the project and describe their roles.

CWOCC is collaborating closely with lead project coordinators and volunteer Dan Borchardt, D.C. Everest Area School District Superintendent Casey Nye, and Director of Buildings & Grounds, Jason Jablonski. The Evergreen Elementary Bike Park is located on property owned by the D.C. Everest Area School District, which also serves as the official land manager for the project.

LONG TERM STRATEGIES*

What are the long term strategies for continuation and funding of this project?

CWOCC will continue to partner with local volunteers and the D.C. Everest Area School District to maintain and enhance the Evergreen Elementary Bike Park for many years to come. CWOCC continues to pursue grant funding while also allocating resources from its general fund to support ongoing trail construction and maintenance at Evergreen Elementary Bike Park. In 2026, CWOCC plans to submit additional grant applications to foundations to further advance mountain bike trail development at the site as outlined in the budget.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT MATERIALS (OPTIONAL)

This is an opportunity for you to provide any additional materials that will support the project you are proposing.

Evergreen Bike Park Presentation.pdf

PROJECT BUDGET

PROJECT BUDGET*

You **MUST** use the following fillable budget template to complete your project budget, then upload below. *Total project expenses must equal total project revenue.* Save the file with a new name.

CWOCC - Evergreen Elementary Bike Park 2026-2027 Project Budget.pdf

BUDGET NARRATIVE (OPTIONAL)

Provide a narrative explanation of budget items, if necessary.

The attached budget reflects only the direct financial expenditures associated with the project and does not include the significant in-kind support and donations received.

In 2024, a total of 4,853 linear feet of mountain bike trail was constructed, with costs reflecting necessary expenditures such as fuel, tools and equipment, and the transport of fill materials. In 2025, an additional 4,046 linear feet was completed through a combination of volunteer labor and contracted services provided by a professional trail builder. Based on this construction history, the proposed budget estimates future trail development costs at an average rate of \$1.75 - \$2.00 per linear foot, accounting for rising fuel and material expenses.

Marathon County Parks Foundation grant funding would contribute directly to future mountain bike trail construction in 2026 as outlined in the budget.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES*

Provide an outline of foundations, corporations, individuals, and any other funding sources that have been approached for support including the requested amount. Please put an asterisk (*) by any funding that has been awarded/secured.

Sonntag Foundation - April 2025 - The Evergreen Elementary PTO received a grant award of up to \$1,400 for boulders and 1,890 for a concrete pad for a future shelter.

Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin - June 2025 - \$5,000 for mountain bike trail development.

CWOCC General Fund - In 2024, CWOCC contributed \$9,205 from our general fund to help support project expenses at the Evergreen Elementary Bike Park, including fill hauling, fuel costs, equipment costs, and trailhead signage. In 2025, CWOCC contributed \$11,153 from our general fund to help support project expenses including the hiring of Mainline Trail Construction, a professional mountain bike trail builder to construct a portion of the new mountain bike trail development. In 2026, CWOCC contributed \$5,667 to support equipment costs, lumber for bridges and feature decking, and fuel costs.

Please note that this project has benefited from substantial in-kind support and donations, which are detailed in the attached budget document under the "In-Kind Support & Donations" tab. Dan Borchardt, project lead has been able to secure a significant amount of in-kind support for the project.

ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

MISSION*

What is the mission of your organization?

Central Wisconsin Offroad Cycling Coalition (CWOCC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate through trail advocacy and promote fitness, group activities as well as exploring nature. We are dedicated to maintaining, designing and building sustainable, environmentally sound, offroad bicycling trails.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

Provide an overview of your organization's current programs, activities, and notable accomplishments.

CWOCC is leading the way towards the vision of creating the greater Wausau, WI area into an IMBA Ride Center. With the support of Marathon County government, investment from local foundations, numerous business sponsorships, club memberships, and thousands of volunteer hours, CWOCC's efforts have generated over \$900,000 into creating better mountain biking in Central Wisconsin. CWOCC maintains nearly 65 miles of singletrack mountain bike trails on six trail systems and grooms 35 miles for winter fat biking in the greater Wausau area.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY*

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin seeks to promote respect for all people and foster a welcoming and inclusive community for all. The Foundation will not knowingly support organizations whose programs or services are not open to everyone without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, physical and mental ability, military service, veteran status, lawful sources of income, or any other discriminatory practice prohibited by state or federal law.

Please confirm your organization's nondiscrimination policy prohibits discrimination, **at the organization's hiring level**, based on the following list. Please check all that apply.

- Race
- Color
- Age
- Religion
- Ethnicity
- National origin
- Gender
- Sexual Orientation
- Marital Status
- Physical & Mental Ability
- Military Service
- Veteran Status
- Lawful Sources of Income
- Any other discriminatory practice prohibited by state or federal law.

ORGANIZATION'S NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY*

List your organization's nondiscrimination policy here. This policy should be voted on and approved by the organization's board of directors.

CWOCC abides by the International Mountain Bicycling Association's (IMBA) Community Code of Conduct: <https://www.imba.com/code-of-conduct>

NONDISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE*

Is your organization's programming, services, and other activities in compliance with your nondiscrimination policy?

Yes

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES & CONFIRMATION

AGENCY AUTHORIZATION*

Has this project been authorized by your agency's governing board or personnel? Application for school-related project require the authorization of the District Superintendent.

Yes

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORIZATION

For school-related projects, upload the district superintendent authorization here.

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RECOGNITION OF GRANT AWARD*

If a grant is awarded, the Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation requires recognition of the grant. How will the foundation be recognized for this grant if your application is successful? For example: press release, website, social media, printed materials, etc.

A Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation logo and/or name will be added to Evergreen Elementary Bike Park trailhead signage once the project is complete.

CONFIRMATION*

By entering your signature information above and clicking "I Agree" below, you certify that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You also agree that, if selected, you will use the funds granted for the purpose as proposed and approved by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. You also agree to allow the Community Foundation to use information provided in this request for press releases, reports, and other public information.

I Agree

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT*

Enter your full name and title below.

Aaron Ruff, Vice President, CWOCC

SIGNATURE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT/CEO, OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIRPERSON*

Type in the name and title of the person authorized to sign this agreement and represents your organization's signature.

Jahn Martin, President, CWOCC

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Evergreen Bike Park Presentation.pdf
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Evergreen Bike Park



TTC Project Overview

Two members of the Central Wisconsin Offroad Cycling Coalition (CWOCC) and fathers of Evergreen Elementary students, Dan Borchardt and Rick Jarek, initiated the project to develop mountain bike trails adjacent to DC Everest Evergreen Elementary School.

These hard-working individuals became Wausau United Ride coaches in 2024.

Wausau United Ride has adopted the Evergreen Elementary Bike Park for volunteer opportunities in trail building and maintenance.



PROJECT SPONSORS

Funding, equipment and materials were provided by a large number of local business, organizations and local municipalities.



PHASE 1 GRAND OPENING

On August 21, 2025, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of the first phase of this project.













EVERGREEN MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Providing kids and families with a safe, accessible, and challenging off-road trail system right in their community.



**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN
COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDS
PROJECT BUDGET**

Organization: Central Wisconsin Offroad Cycling Coalition (CWOCC)			
Project Name: Evergreen Elementary Bike Park			
PROJECT EXPENSES	Amount	% of Total Expense	Total
2024 Trail Construction (4,853 ft)	\$6,290.00	10.34% =	\$6,290.00
2024 Clay Hauling by Switlick	\$2,415.00	3.97% =	\$2,415.00
2024 Evergreen Elementary Trailhead Signage	\$500.00	0.82% =	\$500.00
2025 Trail Construction (4,046 ft)	\$6,153.00	10.12% =	\$6,153.00
2025 Trail Construction (Mainline Trail Construction)	\$10,000.00	16.44% =	\$10,000.00
2026 Trail Construction (3,560 ft)	\$8,000.00	13.15% =	\$8,000.00
2027 Trail Construction (4,200 ft)	\$8,400.00	13.81% =	\$8,400.00
Materials:			
Aggregate Boulders (2025)	\$1,400.00	2.30% =	\$1,400.00
Concrete Pad (2025)	\$1,890.00	3.11% =	\$1,890.00
Bridge & Feature Decking (2025)	\$2,770.00	4.55% =	\$2,770.00
Bridge & Feature Decking (2026)	\$13,000.00	21.38% =	\$13,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES			\$60,818.00
SOURCES OF PROJECT REVENUE	Secured Funding	Funding Applied For	Total
Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin (2025)	\$ 5,000.00	=	\$5,000.00
Sonnentag Foundaton (2025)	\$ 3,290.00	=	\$3,290.00
Marathon County Parks Foundation		\$ 7,500.00 =	\$7,500.00
Bike Parks for Kids Foundaton		\$ 19,000.00 =	\$ 19,000.00
Earned Income			
CWOCC General Fund in 2024	\$9,205.00	=	\$9,205.00
CWOCC General Fund in 2025	\$11,153.00	=	\$11,153.00
CWOCC General Fund in 2026	\$5,670.00	=	\$5,670.00
Additional CWOCC General Fund (if needed)			
TOTAL PROJECT REVENUE			\$60,818.00

***Total Project Expenses must equal Total Project Revenue**

Evergreen Elementary Bike Park - Donations & In-Kind Support

Donation	Contact	Estimated Value	Description
Equipment (Truck, Trailer, Excavator, Skid Steer, Tools)	Borchardt Family	\$50,000.00	\$2,500 per month for excavator CAT 305E x 8 months = \$20,000 + CAT Track Skid Steer 289D \$4,300/Month x 6 months = \$25,800 + Truck and trailer use \$5,000
Tools	Rick Jarek	\$200.00	Chain saw gas, power tool
GPS use, Marking Ribbon, paint, flags, misc printing, computer software use	Dan Borchardt	\$500.00	Stakes and flags, marking paint, ribbon, GPS equipment use \$25/hr x 8hrs, CAD software.
Removal of Trees and Logs (about a \$7,000 value)	Todd and Lori Butler	\$7,000.00	Two weeks of clearing trees for fill material
Sandstone Rock	Ron Doine	\$500.00	1 dump trailer full of sandstone rock
Power Poles	Don Bohlin	\$300.00	Scrap power poles they would have had to pay for to dispose of
Driveway (material and loader)	Bobby Smith	\$600.00	1 load of base \$300 and time to spread base
Clay Fill and Driveway Material	Dan Raczkowski	\$10,600.00	2 loads of milled material at about \$300 per load and about 2,000 CY of clay fill x\$5/CY
Loader Use 5/11 (about 5,000 yards of fill)	Brian Widmark	\$25,400.00	4hr of loader use at \$100/hr + fill material at \$5/CY x 5,000
Dump Truck 5/11 use and Load of Boulders	Mush Switlick	\$3,100.00	Load of boulders \$1,500 + 2 days of dump truck use 16 hours x\$100/hr = \$1,600
Hauling of Fill Material 5/11	Edward Benson	\$400.00	4hr of Hauling at \$100/hr = \$400
Hauling of Fill Material 5/11	Kurt Seubert	\$2,000.00	4hr of Hauling at \$100/hr = \$400 + Weekend of loader time 16hr x \$100/hr = \$1,600
Hauling of Fill Material 5/11	Randy Worden	\$400.00	4hr of Hauling at \$100/hr = \$400
Fill Material about 1,200 yards of milled material	Matt Eslinger	\$15,000.00	1,500CY Crushed base x \$10/CY = \$15,000
9 Old Tires for Skill features	Pomps Tire	\$300.00	8 Used large tires Pomps would have had to pay to dispose of
Building supplies wood and retaining wall block	Steve Janke	\$10,000.00	Large load of treaded lumber and some salvaged lumber
Signage	Gary Barden	\$1,000.00	Donated company time to prepare signage
About 15,000 yards of fill hauled and bulldoze equipment use	Craig Haas	\$75,400.00	15,000 CY fill x\$5/CY and 4hr of dozer time x \$100/hr =
Old Bike rims for entry art	Randy Lackman	\$100.00	Rims that would need to be disposed of
		\$202,800.00	



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Dr. Casey Nye
Superintendent

MISSION STATEMENT

D.C. Everest Area School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to being an innovative educational leader in developing knowledgeable, productive, caring, creative, responsible individuals prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.

March 14, 2025

Daniel Borchardt
2265 Meadowood Dr.
Kronenwetter, WI 54455

Dear Daniel,

On behalf of the D.C. Everest Area School District, we would like to present you with the Everest Excellence Award. This award is presented once a year to employees, students, or community members. Community members (business partners/family members) must make a significant contribution to further the mission of the District and display continued loyalty and collaboration.

Your nominations from Rick Koepke and myself read:

"Dan, Doug, Roger, and Rick, both Evergreen Elementary parents, envisioned a project that would go beyond the usual scope of community recreational facilities and approached the district in the summer of 2024 to propose the project. They recognized the importance of providing children with a safe and engaging environment where they could develop essential life skills such as confidence, resilience, and perseverance. Along with their fathers, Doug and Roger, they are constructing bike paths that include various features such as jumps, hills, valleys, bermed corners, and skills challenges, designed to cater to different skill levels and promote continuous learning and growth and we are looking forward to our Grand Opening in May of 2025.

The construction of these bike paths is a testament to their innovative leadership. They have meticulously planned and are carefully executing the project, ensuring that each element of the paths is thoughtfully designed to maximize both fun and educational value. The jumps and hills offer thrilling challenges that encourage children to push their limits and overcome fears, fostering a sense of accomplishment and self-belief. The bermed corners and skills features require focus and coordination, teaching kids the importance of practice and determination.

Dan and Rick have actively engaged with the community to access resources to create these bike paths. They worked with the Village of Weston to obtain fill and clay material needed for the construction of the hills, valleys, and bermed corners. They also collaborated with local power management leaders to obtain discarded telephone poles for use in constructing various features and skills elements.

Their commitment to the project in collaboration with CWOC extends to maintenance and improvement, ensuring that the bike paths will remain safe and enjoyable for years to come. Their work with local signage contractors promotes the safe usage of the trail system by reminding riders of universal safety precautions at the entrance to the course.

Through their unwavering dedication, Dan, Doug, Rick, and Roger are creating an invaluable resource that aligns perfectly with the school district's mission. They have provided a platform for children to develop confidence and resilience, skills that will serve them well in all areas of life. Their work exemplifies what it means to be innovative leaders and caring community members.

In recognition of their outstanding contributions, I wholeheartedly nominate Dan Borchardt, Doug Borchardt, Rick Jarek, and Roger Jarek for the Everest Excellence Award. Their efforts will have a profound impact on our community, and they embody the values we strive to instill in our students. They are not only building bike paths; they are paving the way for our children to become confident, capable, and compassionate individuals."

"For those that haven't seen the Evergreen trails, I want to convey the incredible scope of this work. The contributions of the Jarek and Borchardt families are far beyond the scope of what one could expect and transformed a nice, wooded lot into an exploratory play space for our community. These trails open a new kind of opportunity for our students and neighbors to be introduced to a growing activity sector in our community- mountain biking- without ever having to get in a car or put a bike on a rack. This neighborhood access dovetails nicely with DCE's efforts to provide a variety of ways to engage young people in active, healthy lifestyles that may also continue into adulthood. Dan and Rick leveraged their professional expertise, skill and enlisted creative partnerships to create this new opportunity. When I heard about their extended families' involvement I was even more taken aback by their commitment to this labor of love. DCE is grateful for the 1,000's of hours that were dedicated to creating this new venue for kids and community members."

We would like to present you with the award at our Recognition Celebration event on April 28, 2025, at the D.C. Everest Senior High in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP directly to Ellen Suckow at esuckow@dce.k12.wi.us or 715.359.4221, ext. 1220. Your family is welcome to attend with you.

Thank you for your commitment to our students, district, and community.

Sincerely,



Casey Nye, Ed.D.
Superintendent

From: [Jamie Polley](#)
To: [Jamie Polley](#)
Subject: Fw: Re: Wild and Scenic Film Festival Revenues
Date: Monday, June 15, 2026 5:11:50 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-0trvvv3r](#)

Jamie Polley
Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director



Wausau & Marathon County
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From: randyf@mtc.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 11:20 AM
To: william c bertram
Cc: Mike Egan; Dan Bowen; Jamie Polley; WILLIAM DUNCANSON; Jeff Frese
Subject: Re: Wild and Scenic Film Festival Revenues

Bill,

Good and better than I thought. Thanks so much for your donations to help our bottom line.

If you are looking for a voice vote, I am in for making the reservation for next year but it probably can wait till we have a full discussion with the Board at our next meeting. I am happy your daughter is willing to help next year ... Excellent. Please ask Tim if he is willing to help next year, otherwise we will need someone to take over those responsibilities. I agree that the film fest should be a discussion item at our next meeting. I am still hoping we might have a couple new Board members soon.

It looks like Wild and Scenic wants to do a debriefing call. Please let me know if you would like to be on that call (or not) and I will schedule it. I will send in the debriefing document and schedule a call when I hear back for all of you.

Thanks Randy

From: "william c bertram" <william.c.bertram@gmail.com>

To: "randyf mtc. net "<randyf@mtc.net >, "Mike Egan "<am912t@gmail.com >, "Dan Bowen " <drbowen1@charter.net >, "Jamie Polley "<jamie.polley@marathoncounty.gov >, "WILLIAM DUNCANSON "<wduncanson@aol.com >, "Kevin Crooks "<kpcrooks13@gmail.com >, "Jeff Frese " <jlffre@charter.net >
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 7:23:36 AM
Subject: Wild and Scenic Film Festival Revenues

Item	Vendor	Cost	Comments
Sundance Chalet	Granite Peak Ski Resort	\$0.00	\$495.00 Donation
Catering	Granite Peak Ski Resort	\$684.75	
Wild & Scenic Film Festival	Wild & Scenic Film Festival	\$1,850.00	
Class B Raffle License	Department of Revenue	\$0.00	\$50.00 Donation
Marketing & Advertising	CVB	\$0.00	\$16,500 In-kind
Event Cost		\$2,534.75	

Revenues

Ticket Sells	\$2,945.00	Net deposit to CVB, People State Bank
Revenue - Raffles	\$1,820.00	
Donations	\$210.00	
Total Revenues	\$4,975.00	
Net Revenues	\$2,440.25	

Board,

Not what we had hoped for but not a stick in the eye. I agree with Randy and Jamie that we should give this another try. I did a debrief with my daughter and she is up to do another year of solicitations for basket raffle which is plus. I will coordinate how the films ranked, lessons learned, and maybe suggestions for next year. Possibly at our next Park Foundation meeting we can take some time to discuss. My thought would be to lock in Earth Day for next year with Granite Peak if you all approve. My daughter will write out the Thank You cards this week to the basket sponsors.

Bill