Minutes

Laird Fine Arts Building Renovation Advisory Committee

DATE	October 7, 2026
TIME	2:00 pm
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Wood County Board Supervisor and Chair Donna Rozar

IN ATTENDANCE

Wood County Board Supervisor and Chair Donna Rozar, Assistant Chancellor for UWSP at Marshfield Dr. Anthony Andrews, Marshfield City Planner James Lieven, UWSP Director of Economic Development Jenny Resch, Wood County Director of Facilities Reuben Van Tassel, and Project Manager Tom Zink. Wood County Director of Zoning and Economic Development Jason Grueneberg, and Theater Manager for Marshfield and Wausau Kris Berge were present online via Zoom. Others present included Wood County Administrative Coordinator Lance Pliml (via Zoom), Staff Support Matt Polum, Somerville Project Lead Duane Grove, and Somerville President and Director of Design Matt Schachtner.

Dean of the UWSP College of Fine Arts and Communication Dr. Stuart Benkert was absent.

INTRODUCTION

Chair Rozar called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Quorum was declared at 2:01 pm.

MEETING DISCUSSION

Grueneberg was voted in as Committee Vice-Chair. Rozar motioned and Van Tassel seconded. The potion passed unanimously.

Corrections were noted for the September 17th meeting. Resch motioned to approve the corrections and Dr. Andrews seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Grueneberg and Van Tassel are working on getting the project contract finalized. Grueneberg will send initial cost estimates to Polum to share with the Committee meetings.

NEXT STEPS

Chair Rozar and Grueneberg are working on creating groups of “experts in the room” to be more involved with specific project steps based upon expertise.

Grueneberg and Van Tassel will select an environmental tester to assess the project area.

Chair Rozar will begin reaching out to stakeholders to ask for input on the theater space.

Grueneberg will send out info to the Committee members on project priorities. Committee members will send their priorities to Grueneberg before the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 at 2 pm. Meetings will be held weekly starting then. The Committee will discuss project priorities on Wednesday, October 28.