



COUNTY OF BURNETT  
**LAND USE AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE**  
**Campground Work Group**  
Burnett County Government Center

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## MINUTES

Land Use and Information Committee  
Campground Work Group  
May 7, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Jim Paden, Craig Conroy and Chuck Awe.

**OTHERS PRESENT** Jason Towne and Robert Pardun.

**CALL TO ORDER** Vice-Chair Conroy called the May 7, 2021, meeting of the Land Use and Information Committee (LUI) Campground Work Group to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 165 of the Burnett County Government Center.

### **NOTICE POSTED IN ACCORDANCE TO WIS. STAT. 19.84 OPEN MEETING LAW**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER** Motion to approve the agenda order was made by Supervisor Awe, seconded by Supervisor Paden. Motion carried, voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 30, 2021, MEETING** Motion to approve minutes of the April 30, 2021, meeting was made by Supervisor Paden, seconded by Supervisor Awe. Motion carried, voice vote.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – LOCAL ASSESSOR ROBERT PARDUN** Vice-Chair Conroy introduced Assessor Robert Pardun. Mr. Pardun was invited to the work group meeting to provide information on campground assessment law and answer questions surrounding that area of study. He began by informing the group of the variables that apply to campgrounds depending on if they have water/sewer/electric hook-up or if it is rustic tent camping. The campground owner pays an assessment value of \$1,000 per site with water/sewer/electric hook-up. Other than that, a camper or RV owner is assessed on anything over the first 50 square feet of decking they may have built and on any out-building structure like a shed or garage. Otherwise the camper/RV itself is exempt. Mr. Pardun emphasized how difficult it is to locate an RV owner who may have that \$500.00 dollars of assessed personal property value (may pay approximately \$5.00 in taxes) to even make it worth the time or efforts to hopefully track them down to bill them. Mr. Pardun answered member questions on property value. To date, there is no evidence living next to or near a campground diminishes property values. He presented evidence from a couple recent property sales next to a campground, and the value had not decreased in the least bit.

Discussion ensued on county infrastructure and the affects from increased traffic and number of people to the county using the roads, public safety services and natural resources. Discussion further ensued on the need to look at requiring a storm shelter of sorts for campground approval. The subject of a township generated room tax of sorts or possible other means of revenue

collects should be looked at to possibly help offset the lack of real estate tax dollars being collected from campgrounds. The information and discussion from today's meeting will help guide the work group with areas to further explore and make recommendations to the committee as a whole.

**DISCUSS TOPIC FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS** Potential presenters for the upcoming meetings; May 14, Economic Development; and May 21, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), public member and then other county ordinances.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Look at other county ordinances.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** May 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Paden, seconded by Supervisor Awe. Motion carried, voice vote. Vice-Chair Conroy adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.