

MINUTES
February 5, 2026

Members Present: Jean Abreu (C), Christine Daniels, Jesse Kearns, Lauren Leitner, Britnie Remer, and Dan Zinsmeister

Others Present: Carrie Edmondson

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Call to order by the presiding officer.

Chair Abreu called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Public comment.

No public comment was received.

3. Consideration of the January 7, 2026, meeting minutes.

Britnie/Jesse motion/second to approve the minutes – approved 6-0

4. Discussion.

The group reviewed the results of the January Work Plan. It was decided that each member bring their one or two top priorities to the March meeting to further narrow down the list.

5. Discussion and possible action.

a. Sustainability plan

Carrie reviewed the staff memo outlining the City of Wausau Climate Action plan process and the first five pages for review. The group noted that there had been some difficulty accessing the packet due to the new agenda management software. Dan expressed concern about the template being used. The item was postponed to the next meeting.

b. Engagement

Wausau Sustainability Award – an application from Kolbe and Kolbe was received. The committee reviewed the award and Christine and Britnie agreed to develop a scoring criteria and bring to the next meeting.

Future radio spots

On hold

Newsletter deadlines

3/6/26 spring newsletter – UW Extension Backyard Gardening class

6/5/26 – summer newsletter

9/11/26 – fall newsletter

c. Community Initiatives

UW Extension spring backyard gardening class – will be at Marathon County Public Library in April. Britnie will create half sheets for attendees to learn more about SEEC. Carrie will create a press release.

6. Items for future agendas.

Each member will bring their top two priority work plan items.

7. Next meeting date Thursday March 5, 5:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment.

Jesse/Britnie motion/second to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. – approved 6-0