

School District of Black River Falls
Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615
Board of Education Meeting Agenda
September 15, 2025
6:00 p.m.
District Office
301 North 4th Street

The Board will convene in Open Session at approximately 6:00 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting. The Board operates under Robert’s Rules of Order for Small Assembly.

Our VISION: In the School District of Black River Falls we create an individualized path to future success for every student through the consistent practices of dedicated educators and meaningful partnerships with families and our community.

The meeting will be livestreamed via the School District YouTube channel. You may click this link to view it: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SDofBRF/live>, or you may go to www.brf.org and open the tab labeled Live Streaming/Live Stream Board Meetings. The live stream will begin immediately following the Public Comment portion of the meeting. The timing will depend on how many individuals sign up to address the Board.

- 01. Call to Order
 - 02. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 03. Roll Call: Alexander Woods __, Micaela Conlon-Bue __ Casey Wyss __ Jenette Simonson __, Nick Helstad ____, Iffikhar Memon ____, Kaitlyn Cunningham __
 - 04. Verification of Public Notice
 - 05. Public Comment
 - 06. Community Engagement:
Parents, students and the community are effectively engaged in the educational process and feel connected and proud to be a part of the School District of Black River Falls.
 - 6.1 Gifts/Grants
 - 6.2 Tiger Boys Soccer Team
 - 6.3 Annual Meeting Agenda
 - 6.4 Annual Operating Resolutions Updated
 - 6.5 Listening Sessions Regarding Operational Referendum
 - 07. Our People:
We have a reputation of excellence that helps attract and retain highly qualified staff. We value and appreciate employees who apply their skills and experience to meeting our high expectations and fulfilling our district’s vision.
 - 7.1 Focus on Purpose
 - 7.2 Employment Recommendations
 - 7.3 Summary of Exit Interviews from 24-25
 - 08. Student Success:
All students will increase their achievement and attain annual personal growth goals in order to reach their highest potential.
 - 8.1 Student Success Report-MOU with Ho-Chunk Nation Professional Development
 - 8.2 Seclusion & Restraint Report from 24-25
 - 09. Finance & Facilities
We ensure efficient, innovative, and effective use of District resources to promote collaboration and inspire excellence in teaching and learning.
 - 9.1 Monthly Expenditures
 - 9.2 Facility Update-Forrest Street Flooring
 - 10. Reports
 - 10.1 Meeting Minutes
 - 10.2 District Administrators Report
 - 10.3 WASB/Other
 - 10.4 Conference/Workshop Attendance
 - 10.5 School Board Connection Opportunities
 - 11. Future Agenda Item Identification
 - 12. Adjournment
- “This is the initial draft of the agenda sent to the media 10 days prior to the board meeting. Changes may occur to this draft. Please review the most up-to-date copy of the agenda on the District’s web-site at www.brf.org.”**

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WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
JACKSON COUNTY
GITSIT Solutions, LLC,
not in its individual capac-
ity but solely in its capac-
ity as Separate Trustee of
GITSIT Mortgage Loan
Trust BBPLC1
Plaintiff,

vs.
The Estate of Ralph
Emerson, Deceased
Defendant.

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 25-CV-000020
PLEASE TAKE NO-
TICE that by virtue of a
judgment of foreclosure
entered on June 20,
2025 in the amount of
\$122,055.16 the Sher-
iff will sell the described
premises at public auction
as follows:

TIME: October 14,
2025 at 10:00 a.m.

TERMS: Pursuant to
said judgment, 10% of
the successful bid must
be paid to the sheriff at
the sale in cash, cashier's
check or certified funds,
payable to the clerk of
courts (personal checks
cannot and will not be ac-
cepted). The balance of
the successful bid must
be paid to the clerk of
courts in cash, cashier's
check or certified funds
no later than ten days af-
ter the court's confirma-
tion of the sale or else the
10% down payment is for-
feited to the plaintiff. The
property is sold 'as is' and
subject to all liens and en-
cumbrances.

PLACE: On the Court-
house steps, Jackson
County

DESCRIPTION: A
PART OF THE SOUTH-
WEST QUARTER (SW
1/4) OF THE NORTH-
WEST QUARTER (NW
1/4) OF SECTION TWEN-
TY-TWO (22), TOWN-
SHIP TWENTY-TWO (22)
NORTH, RANGE ONE
(1) EAST, TOWN OF
CITY POINT, JACKSON
COUNTY, WISCONSIN,
DESCRIBED AS FOL-
LOWS: COMMENCING
AT THE WEST ONE
QUARTER CORNER
OF SAID SECTION 22,
RUN THENCE NORTH
ALONG THE WEST LINE
OF SAID SECTION 22,
100.00 FEET; THENCE
RUN EAST AT A RIGHT
ANGLE TO THE WEST
LINE OF SAID SECTION
22, 33.00 FEET TO THE
POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE CONTINUING
EAST AT A RIGHT AN-
GLE TO THE WEST LINE
OF SAID SECTION 22,
330.00 FEET; THENCE
NORTH PARALLEL
WITH THE WEST LINE
OF SAID SECTION 22,
660.00 FEET; THENCE
WEST 330.00 FEET;
THENCE SOUTH 660.00
FEET TO THE POINT OF
BEGINNING.

PROPERTY AD-
DRESS: N8312 Knutes
Rd Pittsville, WI 54466-
9131

DATED: July 22, 2025
/s/ Duane M. Waldera
Jackson County Sheriff
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale
Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-
2841
(414) 224-8404

Please go to www.
gray-law.com to obtain
the bid for this sale.

Gray & Associates,
L.L.P. is attempting to col-
lect a debt and any infor-

mation obtained will be
used for that purpose. If
you have previously re-
ceived a discharge in a
chapter 7 bankruptcy
case, this communication
should not be construed
as an attempt to hold you
personally liable for the
debt.

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ner Journal Sept. 3, 10
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MEETING NOTICE

Please take notice
that a public hearing will
be held before the Plan
Commission of the City
of Black River Falls on
**Wednesday, September
24, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.**
at City Hall located at 101
S. Second Street in the
City of Black River Falls
to hear the petition of the
State of Wisconsin De-
partment of Military Af-
fairs to rezone the prop-
erty listed below from R-1
Single-Family Residential
District to B-3 Highway
Business District:

Tax Parcel
No. 206-2577.0010.
This is a 9.92 acre parcel
located at
441 State Highway 54.
A map is available
at City Hall.

The rezoning would
allow the State of Wiscon-
sin Department of Military
Affairs to reconstruct a
DMA Readiness Center
building, and provide per-
sonal vehicle parking, mil-
itary vehicle storage, side-
walks, open space, and
fencing on the property.

All interested persons
are urged to attend.
Alex B. Chown
City Clerk
City of Black River Falls
Posted: August 22,
2025

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ner Journal Sept. 3 and
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
JACKSON COUNTY**
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
Darlene Diane Lighthizer
DOD: 02/20/2025

**Order Setting Time to
Hear Petition for
Administration and
Deadline for Filing
Claims
(Formal Administration)**
Case No. 2025PR35
A Petition for Formal
Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent with date
of birth 09/01/1942, and
date of death 02/20/2025,
was domiciled in Jackson
County, State of Wiscon-
sin, with a mailing ad-
dress of W13436 County
Road C, Black River Falls,
WI 54615.

**THE COURT OR-
DERS:**

1. The petition be
heard at the Jackson
County Courthouse,
Black River Falls Wiscon-
sin, Branch II, before Cir-
cuit Court Judge/Circuit
Court Commissioner Dan-
iel Diehn on 10/07/2025 at
1:30 p.m.

**You need not appear
unless you object. The
petition may be granted
if no objection is made.**

2. The deadline for fil-
ing a claim against the
decedent's estate is
12/8/2025.

3. A claim may be filed
at the Jackson County

Courthouse, Black River
Falls, Wisconsin, Probate
Office.

4. Heirship will be de-
termined at the hearing on
petition for final judgment.

5. Publication of this
notice is notice to any per-
sons whose names or ad-
dresses are unknown.

If you require reason-
able accommodations due
to a disability to partici-
pate in the court process,
please call 715-284-2086
prior to the scheduled
court date. Please note
that the court does not
provide transportation.

/s/ Daniel S. Diehn
Circuit Court Judge
Aug. 25, 2025
Attorney Nicholas R. Abts
ABTS, GRUBOSFSKIE,
VRUWINK, LLC
PO Box 1386
Wisconsin Rapids, WI
54495
715-544-3050
Bar No. 1061332

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ner Journal Sept. 3, 10
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The Common Council
met at City Hall in the City
of Black River Falls on
September 2, 2025 at 6:00
P.M. Alderpersons Am-
mann, Peloquin, M. Rave,
Busse, Gearing-Lancaster,
and Wussow were present.
Alderpersons E. Rave and
Dougherty attended re-
motely via Zoom meetings.
Mayor J. Eddy presided.

It was moved by Al-
derperson M. Rave, sec-
onded by Alderperson
Gearing-Lancaster, to dis-
pense with the reading of
the minutes of the August
5, 2025 Common Council
meeting and approve as
presented. Motion car-
ried.

**CITIZENS IN
ATTENDANCE**

There were two citi-
zens in attendance for an
agenda item.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

It was moved by Al-
derperson Ammann, sec-
onded by Alderperson
Wusso,w to place on file
the minutes of the August
4, 2025 Ad Hoc Branding
Committee meeting. Mo-
tion carried.

It was moved by Al-
derperson Peloquin, sec-
onded by Alderperson
Dougherty, to place on file
the minutes of the August
14, 2025 Business Im-
provement District (BID)
Board meeting. Motion
carried.

It was moved by Alder-
person Wussow, second-
ed by Alderperson Busse,
to approve the minutes of
the August 20, 2025 Com-
mittee of the Whole meet-
ing. Motion carried.

The Committee of the
Whole met at City Hall
in the City of Black River
Falls on August 20, 2025
at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons
Peloquin, Dougherty,
Busse, Gearing-Lancaster,
and Wussow were present.
Alderperson E. Rave at-
tended remotely via Zoom
meetings. Alderpersons
Ammann and M. Rave
were excused. Mayor Jay
Eddy presided.

1. There were no citi-
zens in attendance.

2. Nick Goeman
with Baker Tilly presented
on the 2024 audit.

3. The Department
Head monthly reports
were reviewed. Depart-
ment heads present were

Mark Nordahl, Darryl Nel-
son, Jarod Meyer, Travis
Brown, Cara Hart, and
Brad Chown.

4. It was moved by
Alderperson Dougherty,
seconded by Alderperson
Wussow, to approve the
Fire Chief's appointment
of Tyler Rush to the posi-
tion of 2nd Assistant Chief
and Mathew Brauner to
the position of 3rd Cap-
tain. Motion carried.

5. It was moved by
Alderperson Busse, sec-
onded by Alderperson
Peloqui,n to approve the
request from EMS to pur-
chase two (2) Lucas com-
pression devices from
Stryker with Pro Care plan
at a cost of \$41,240.60
using FAP funds. Motion
carried.

6. It was moved by
Alderperson Dougherty,
seconded by Alderperson
Peloquin, to approve the
request from EMS to or-
der a Demers Model EX
Type II ambulance with a
Stryker Power Load Cot
System for a total cost of
\$229,588.00. Motion car-
ried.

7. The Street Superin-
tendent advised that the
recently purchased 2017
garbage truck is working
great, and the older 2015
garbage truck will need
work done to repair rust
and paint after repairs are
made.

8. It was moved by
Alderperson Busse, sec-
onded by Alderperson
Wussow, to award the
bid for a 2026 Chevrolet
Silverado crew cab truck
for the Police Department
to Gross Motors of Black
River Falls at a cost of
\$40,784.50. Motion car-
ried.

9. It was moved by
Alderperson Wussow,
seconded by Alderper-
son Gearing-Lancaster,
to approve the vouch-
ers for July 2025 Check
#75782 - #75940 Totaling
\$440,029.34. Motion car-
ried.

10. It was moved by
Alderperson Peloquin,
seconded by Alderperson
Gearing-Lancaster, to ap-
prove the City Treasurer's
Report for July 2025. Mo-
tion carried.

11. It was moved by
Alderperson Wussow,
seconded by Alderperson
Dougherty, to approve the
Revenue & Expense Re-
ports for July 2025. Mo-
tion carried.

12. It was moved by
Alderperson Wussow,
seconded by Alderperson
Dougherty, to adjourn.
Motion carried at 6:41pm.

It was moved by Al-
derperson Dougherty,
seconded by Alderperson
Peloquin, to place on file
the minutes of the August
25, 2025 Ad Hoc Branding
Committee meeting. Mo-
tion carried.

It was moved by Alder-
person Wussow, second-
ed by Alderperson Gear-
ing-Lancaster, to place on
file the minutes of the Au-
gust 25, 2025 Utility Com-
mission meeting. Motion
carried.

Mayor Eddy opened
the public hearing for
ORDINANCE 897 – an
ordinance related to sex
offender residency.

Mayor Eddy provided
an overview of the steps
taken to date and opened
the floor to anyone wish-
ing to speak in favor or
in opposition to the pro-
posed sex offender resi-
dency ordinance.

There were no citi-
zens in attendance for
this public hearing. The
City Administrator recom-
mended Section 21.12(b)
be updated to remove the
language "The City shall
provide the appropriate
form." Alderperson Gear-
ing-Lancaster recom-
mended Section 21.09 be
updated to add "spouse"
to the list of individuals
defined as the sex offend-
er's family. There was no
opposition to these rec-
ommendations.

It was moved by Al-
derperson Wussow, sec-
onded by Alderperson M.
Rave to close the public
hearing on **ORDINANCE
897** – an ordinance relat-
ed to sex offender resi-
dency. Motion carried.

The recommended
changes to **ORDINANCE
897** will be made and it will
be placed on the October
7, 2025 Common Council
agenda for final reading
and possible approval.

Mollie Olson from
Jackson County Health &
Human Services present-
ed Together for Jackson
County Kids' proposal for
changes to Section 1.07
of the Code of Ordinanc-
es related to smoking re-
strictions.

It was moved by Alder-
person M. Rave, second-
ed by Alderperson Wus-
sow to authorize the City
Administrator to address
the recommended chang-
es to Section 1.07 of the
Code of Ordinances. Mo-
tion carried.

It was moved by Al-
derperson Busse, sec-
onded by Alderperson
Gearing-Lancaster to ap-
prove the application for
a Temporary Alcohol Bev-
erage (Picnic) License for
Black River Youth Hockey
for the veterans hockey
game fundraiser October
18, 2025 at 388 Melrose
Street (Milt Lunda Memo-
rial Arena). Motion car-
ried.

It was moved by Alder-
person Peloquin, second-
ed by Alderperson Wus-
sow to adjourn. Motion
carried at 6:21pm

A. Brad Chown, City
Administrator

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**APPLICATION FOR
RETAIL B AND B
LICENSES**

Application for Retail B
and B licenses to sell Fer-
mented Malt Beverages
and Intoxicating Liquors

The undersigned has
made application for Re-
tail Class B and B licens-
es to sell fermented Malt
Beverage and Intoxicating
Liquors at the premises
described below in the Vil-
lage of Taylor, County of
Jackson and State of Wis-
consin from September
19, 2025 to June 30, 2026
unless sooner revoked

David Schrandt
131 Second Street
Taylor, W

d/b/a Squirrelz Nest
Location: 131 Second
Street, Taylor Wisconsin

The Village Board will
act upon the above peti-
tion on September 18,
2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the
Municipal Building

Dated September 3,
2025

Tammy Weisman/
Clerk, Treasurer

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ner Journal Sept. 10 and
17, 2025.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, JACK-
SON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE NAME CHANGE
OF:
Alexis Elizabeth Lynn
Odeen

**Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing**
Case No 25CV88
NOTICE IS GIVEN:

APetition was filed ask-
ing to change the name of
the person listed above:

From: Alexis Elizabeth
Lynn Odeen

To: Alexis Elizabeth
Lynn Bontje

Birth Certificate: Alexis
Elizabeth Lynn McCreary
IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be
heard in the Circuit Court
of Jackson Coun-ty, State
of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Anna
L. Becker

Place: Br. `, Jackson Co.
Courthouse, 307 Main
Street, Black River Falls,
WI 54615

Date: October 2, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.

If you require reason-
able accommodations due
to a disability to partici-
pate in the court process,
please call 715-284-0250
prior to the scheduled
court date. Please note
that the court does not
provide transportation.

**NOTICE TO NEWSPA-
PER AND PETITIONER:**

Notice of this hearing shall
be given by publication as
a Class 3 notice for three

(3) weeks in a row prior to
the date of the hearing in
the following newspaper:
Banner Journal.
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Journal Sept. 10, 17, and
24, 2025.

WNAXLP

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT,
JACKSON COUNTY**
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF BEATRICE
JANE SPRULING
MAY 31,1937

**Amended Order
Setting Time to Hear
Petition for Special
Administration
(Formal
Administration)**
Case No. 25PR034

A Petition for Appoint-
ment of a Special Admin-
istrator was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

The decedent, with
date of birth MAY 31,1937
and date of death MAY 21,
2025, was domiciled in
JACKSON County, State
of WISCONSIN , with
a mailing address of
N11358 South Alma Cen-
ter Rd., Alma Center,WI
54611.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The petition be
heard at the JACKSON

County Courthouse, 307
MAIN STREET BLACK
RIVER FALLS , Wiscon-
sin, before Hon. Daniel S.
Diehn, Court Official, on
October 8, 2025 at 09:00
am.

**You do not need to
appear unless you ob-
ject. The petition may
be granted if there is no
objection.**

2. Notice by publica-
tion is required.

Publication of this no-
tice is notice to any in-
terested persons whose
names or addresses are
unknown.

If you require reason-
able accommodations due
to a disability to partici-
pate in the court process,
please call 715-284-0250
prior to the scheduled
court date. Please note
that the court does not
provide transportation.

Please check with per-
son named below for ex-
act time and date.

Delton J. Thorson
PO Box 31
Augusta, WI 54722
715-286-2425

Bar Number: 1014844

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and 24, 2025.

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Notice of Rate Increase Water Customers of the Merrillan Municipal Electric and Water Utility

This is to give you notice that the Merrillan Municipal Electric and Water Utility will file an application on September 15, 2025, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), for authority to increase water rates. Rates for general service will increase 3.0 percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. Rate increases granted under this statute do not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates (if applicable) will also increase 3.0 percent. Merrillan Municipal Electric and Water Utility anticipates that this rate increase will go into effect on November 20, 2025.

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Gallons	Existing Monthly Rate	Revised Monthly Rate
Average Residential	3/4	4,000	\$59.48	\$61.26
Public Authority	1 1/2	51,700	\$487.01	\$501.77
Large Residential	3/4	6,200	\$83.04	\$85.53
Multifamily	2	30,500	\$337.42	\$347.61
Commercial	1	19,300	\$201.47	\$207.54

If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Merrillan Municipal Electric and Water Utility at (715) 333-2332.

Black River Falls Fire Department Request for Bids

Concrete Apron/Sidewalk Replacement

The City of Black River Falls is accepting sealed bids for replacing the concrete apron/sidewalk at the Black River Falls Fire Department located at 30 South Water Street. All bids can be mailed to or dropped off at City Hall, 101 S 2nd St., Black River Falls, WI 54615. Bids must be received by 10:00 am Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Sealed bids shall be labeled "Fire Dept. Apron Replacement". Bid specifications and bid requirements for this project will be available at City Hall, 101 S 2nd St, Black River Falls, WI 54615, or emailed upon request.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Black River Falls.

Mark Nordahl
Fire Chief