

Richland County Campus Reconfiguration Committee

Date Posted: February 28, 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

Please be advised that the Richland County Campus Reconfiguration Committee will convene on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the Richland County Board Room of the Courthouse located at 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

Information for attending the meeting virtually (if available) can be found at the following link:

<https://administrator.co.richland.wi.us/minutes/campus-reconfiguration-committee/>

If you have any trouble accessing the meeting, please contact MIS Support at 608-649-4371 (phone) or mis@co.richland.wi.us (email)

AGENDA

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Verification Of Open Meetings Law Compliance
4. Approval Of Agenda
5. Approval Of Minutes From February 12, 2025
6. Public Comment
7. Reports
 - A. Campus Status Update
 - B. Venture Architects Updates
8. Discussion & Possible Action: Assessment Of Specialized Items In Campus Buildings
9. Discussion & Possible Action: Oversight Of County Tennis Courts, Soccer Field, And Walking Trails
10. Discussion & Possible Action: MOU Between Richland School District And Richland County For Use Of Gym At Campus
11. Discussion & Possible Action: Set Future Meeting Date(s)
12. Correspondence
13. Future Agenda Items
14. Adjourn

A quorum may be present from other Committees, Boards, or Commissions. No committee, board or commission will exercise any responsibilities, authority or duties except for the Richland County Campus Reconfiguration Committee.

Derek S. Kalish
County Clerk

Richland County

Campus Reconfiguration Standing Committee

February 12, 2025

The Richland County Campus Reconfiguration Standing Committee convened on February 12, 2025 in person and virtually at 6:00 PM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Chair Turk called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Roll Call: Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee members present: Gary Manning, Ingrid Glasbrenner, David Turk, Melvin “Bob” Frank, and Steve Williamson. Committee member(s) absent: Steve Carrow. Steve Carrow joined via WebEx at 6:04 PM.

Verification Of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Frank, second by Manning to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda was approved.

Approval Of Minutes From The November 20, 2024 Meeting: Chair Turk asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Turk declared the minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting approved as published.

Public Comment:

Mr. Tom Crofton of Rockbridge Township shared his ideas for possible reuse of the campus buildings.

Mr. Alan Lins, with the Symon’s Foundation, requested that the Symon’s Recreation Complex be allowed to use the gym on the campus property.

Mr. Richard Lowe of Richland Center expressed his concerns for the pianos left behind at the campus.

Reports:

A. Venture Architects Updates: Kyle Knop with Venture Architects joined via WebEx and gave a highly detailed report on the current status of each of the buildings and grounds at the campus site. Mr. Knop presented several sets of estimated costs for demolition including: \$214,000 to demolish Building B, \$326,000 to demolish Building C, and \$3.4 million to raze all buildings and concrete flat work on the campus property. Extensive discussion ensued with input from several citizen attendees. Mr. Knop spoke on space needs analysis that had been done for Richland County and went over a few options for use of the campus property by various county departments and reviewed the potential and issues with the reuse of the current campus buildings. Extensive discussion continued with more input from the citizen attendees.

B. UW-Redevelopment Grant: Interim County Administrator, Derek Kalish gave a brief report on the status of the UW-Redevelopment Grant and reported that part of the application process for the UW-Redevelopment Grant was to have a specific plan on how those grant dollars would be utilized. Extensive discussion ensued.

C. Campus Reconfiguration Committee Duties: Discussion ensued on the need for the clarification of the future duties of the Campus Reconfiguration Committee. The question was raised if the Campus

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Reconfiguration Committee was the audience for all Richland County Space Needs and Master Planning discussions.

Discussion & Possible Action: Priority For Future Use Of Campus Buildings: Chair Turk provided feed back he had received from the community on possible uses for the campus buildings including housing, continued use as an educational center, commercial development, and use for county operations. Various supervisors provided input including using the space for a judicial center or mixed-use commercial/residential buildings. Extensive discussion ensued.

Discussion & Possible Action: Update On Inventory Of Campus Items & Associate Costs: Supervisor Williamson reported on a recent walk through of the campus buildings with an auction representative and the suggestions made by that individual. Chair Turk mentioned that Representative Kurtz would be taking a walk through of the campus buildings on his next visit. County Maintenance Manager, Randy Nelson reported that the MIS staff has been evaluating any remaining technology items for anything that could be reused and that usable office furniture has been swapped into various county offices as needed. Discussion ensued on various specialized items and the challenges or costs involved with their disposal or sale. Extensive discussion ensued.

Discussion & Possible Action: Set Future Meeting Date(s): Consensus from the committee was to set the next meeting of the Campus Reconfiguration Committee to Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Correspondence: None.

Future Agenda Items:

Discussion & Possible Action: Assessment Of Specialized Items In Campus Buildings

Discussion & Possible Action: Oversight Of County Tennis Courts, Soccer Field, And Walking Trails

Adjourn: Chair Turk entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Manning, second by Glasbrenner to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.



Myranda H. Hege
Deputy County Clerk

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Richland School District

And

Richland County

Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a shared agreement between the Richland School District ("RSD") and Richland County ("County") regarding the use of the building known as the "Gymnasium Building" and adjoining facilities, including the field and courts, located at 1200 US Hwy 14 W, Richland Center, WI 53581, formerly part of the UW-Richland property. These facilities shall be utilized for district-sponsored events and activities to enhance educational and extracurricular opportunities for students.

Terms and Conditions

1. Use of the Gymnasium Building

RSD shall have the right to use the Gymnasium Building for district-sponsored events and events booked through the RSD Facility Use Agreement, at no cost.

2. Custodial Services and Supplies

RSD shall provide all custodial services and necessary supplies to maintain the areas used, including but not limited to restrooms, snow removal as needed, and mowing of adjacent field.

3. Locker Rooms and Weight Room

Locker rooms within the Gymnasium Building may be used for storage purposes only. The weight room may be used under proper supervision provided by RSD.

4. Access to the Property

RSD personnel authorized to access the Gymnasium Building are limited to building principal(s), the activities director, the district administrator, the business official, the director of maintenance and grounds, custodial staff responsible for maintaining the property, and any designees of the aforementioned individuals. Any such designee must be consented to in writing by the County prior to their exercise of this authority.

Authorized personnel shall be provided access via key or key fob issued by the County, subject to approval per the preceding.

5. Utilities and Equipment

The County shall provide electricity, water, sewer, heat, and other necessary utilities for the Gymnasium Building.

The County shall also ensure access to scoreboard control panels and any other accessories needed for conducting normal events within the gymnasium.

6. Access to Adjoining Facilities

RSD shall have access to the adjoining field, provided no permanent structures are erected, to be used for outdoor sports such as soccer, golf, or cross country.

RSD shall also have access to the courts for district-sponsored events and activities.

7. Effective Date and Termination

This MOU shall take effect immediately upon execution by both parties and will remain in force until terminated.

Either party may terminate this agreement by providing written notice at least thirty (30) days in advance.

8. Amendments

Any amendments to this MOU must be made in writing and signed by both parties.

9. Liability and Insurance

RSD agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Richland County from any claims, liabilities, or damages arising from the use of the Gymnasium Building and adjoining facilities under this agreement, except for claims arising from the County's negligence or misconduct.

Both parties shall maintain adequate liability insurance coverage for activities conducted under this agreement. RSD shall, upon demand of the County, add the County as an additional insured under any such coverage for activities governed by this agreement.


10. Dispute Resolution

In the event of a dispute arising under this MOU, the parties agree to engage in good-faith negotiations to resolve the matter amicably. If a resolution cannot be reached, the dispute may be submitted to mediation or another mutually agreed-upon method of resolution.

Signatures

By signing below, the parties agree to the terms outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding.

****Richland School District****

By: 

Name: Steve Board
Title: District Administrator

Date: February 28, 2025

****Richland County****

By: _____

Name: Derek Kalish
Title: County Administrator

Date: _____

Derek S. Kalish

From: David Turk
Sent: Sunday, March 2, 2025 1:27 AM
To: Derek S. Kalish
Subject: Fw: Campus gymnasium / reconfiguration committee

Derek,

Please include this in the packet for the CRC meeting as correspondence. Thanks!

David Turk,
Richland County Board Chair
Supervisor, District 13

From: Kristy Thompson
Sent: Saturday, March 1, 2025 4:28 PM
To: David Turk <david.turk@co.richland.wi.us>
Subject: Campus gymnasium / reconfiguration committee

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Dear Mr. Turk,

I am sending this email to express my views on the repurposing of the former UW Richland/Platteville gymnasium.

I was pleased to hear at the recent Community Forum that efforts are being made to "save" the gym. My preference is a plan in which the gym would be sold in partnership, or entirety, to the Symon's Recreation Complex. With SRC in need of more space, and the proposed addition connecting the current SRC complex to the gym, this would seem to be an ideal solution.

In the event that the addition were not completed, I still believe this would be the best option. SRC would be nearby providing staffing, maintenance, scheduling, and overall management. RSD usage would be prioritized, but the gym could also be utilized for SRC, and community use. Ideas include: volleyball, pickleball, and basketball. Or, rental space for events such as: birthday party's, family reunions, community dances, or a large meeting space? The possibilities are varied and numerous.

With efficient scheduling, and charging reasonable usage fees, the gym could be in nearly constant use, and producing a steady stream of revenue. All while providing recreational access to RSD, SRC, local groups, and community members.

This could be an incredible opportunity benefiting the entire community. As it would promote new partnerships, connections, and cooperation between SRC, the Richland School District, and the community at large.

Please share this letter with the members of the reconfiguration committee, and thank you to all involved in working on plans for repurposing the former UW facilities. Your efforts are appreciated.

May well considered, cost effective ideas that benefit the entire community be the end result!

Sincerely,

