

The Board of Review met at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls, WI on May 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. Board members present were Mayor Jay Eddy, Alderperson Mike Rave, and City Administrator A. Brad Chown.

1. Administrator Chown called the Board of Review to order at 10:00 AM.
2. Administrator Chown verified a recording device was present and recording.
3. Administrator Chown confirmed the May 28, 2026 Board of Review meeting notice was posted April 16, 2026 and published in the Banner Journal on April 29, 2025.
4. Mayor Eddy nominated himself for Chairperson of the Board of Review. There were no other nominations.
5. It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Administrator Chown to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mayor Eddy for Chairperson of the Board of Review. Motion carried.
6. Alderperson M. Rave nominated Brad Chown for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Review. There were no other nominations.
7. It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Mayor Eddy to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Brad Chown for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Review. Motion carried.
8. The Board verified that Administrator Chown attended Board of Review Training on May 11, 2026.
9. Administrator Chown verified City of BRF Ordinance 717 – an ordinance relating to the confidentiality of information about income and expenses requested by the Assessor in property assessment matters in the City.
10. Administrator Chown verified City of BRF Resolution 2023-04 – a resolution establishing Board of Review policy and procedure for sworn telephone or sworn written testimony requests.
11. Administrator Chown verified City of BRF Resolution 2023-05 – a resolution establishing Board of Review policy and procedure for waiver of Board of Review hearing requests.
12. Administrator Chown confirmed receipt of the assessment roll from the Assessor.
13. Attorney Bill Wentzel was in attendance representing Wal-Mart Real Estate Trust for the Request for Waiver of Board of Review Hearing from Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust for parcel 206-2210.0000. Administrator Chown confirmed timely receipt of the Objection to Real Property Assessment brought by Wal-Mart Real Estate Trust for Parcel 206-2210.0000 for property located at 611 East State Hwy 54 that is assessed at \$13,139,300 and a stated opinion of value of \$6,910,000 and the Request for Waiver of Board of Review.
14. It was moved by Administrator Chown, seconded by Alderperson M. Rave to grant the Request for a Waiver of a Board of Review Hearing from Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust for Parcel 206-2210.0000 located at 611 State Highway 54 to allow them to take the matter directly to circuit court. Motion carried.
15. The Board reviewed the assessment roll and performed their statutory duties.
16. Property owner Jeff McDonald appeared before the Board of Review, but had not filed a written objection. Mr. McDonald was advised of the requirement to file an objection with the Board of Review at least 48 hours before the first meeting and that this option was available every year.
17. The assessor confirmed there were no Open Book changes to include in the assessment roll.
18. The Board found no need to schedule additional Board of Review dates.
19. It was moved by Administrator Chown, seconded by Alderperson M. Rave to adjourn the Board of Review. Motion carried at 12:01 PM.

A. Brad Chown  
City Administrator