

Price County Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 29, 2026

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Ogema Public Library; W5005 State Highway 86; Ogema, WI 54459

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Debbra Werner, Council Chairperson.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Kaye Erickson, Bill Hoffman, Clarita Wenzel, Debbra Werner, Cathy Ferrell

Members Excused: Dani Hoffman

Also Present: Kris Mabie, County Senior Services Manager; Sarah Reese-Socha, County Health and Human Services Director

Items for discussion and possible action

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.

2. Minutes from October 30, 2025:

Motion Hoffman/Ferrel to approve the meeting minutes from October 30, 2025. Motion carried.

3. Senior Services Manager

a. Updates: Peggy Kahl is the newly-hired Park Falls site manager substitute and is training. Discussion on site manager substitute training and communication. The senior dining site form has been updated and is included in the packet on file. Request soups be served with salads. Discussion on lettuce.

b. Financial Report: December 2025 Meal Site Statistics were presented and are on file. There were 1421 total meals ordered, an average of 95.3 meals served daily, and \$5.21 average donation per meal.

4. Council Member Appointments

a. Recommend to HHS Board 1 NAC Council member Cathy Ferrell (Phillips) for term: 04/30/2026–04/30/2028: Cathy Ferrell was recommended.

b. Recommend to HHS Board 1 NAC Council member (Brantwood) for term: 04/30/2026–04/30/2028: Robin Nielson from Brantwood was recommended.

c. Recommend to HHS Board 1 NAC Council member (Park Falls) for term: 04/30/2026–04/30/2028: David Schmidt from Park Falls was recommended.

Motion Ferrell/Hoffman to accept Cathy Ferrel (Phillips), for her first full term; Robin Nielson (Brantwood) for her first term; and David Schmidt (Park Falls) for his first term: 04/30/2026–04/30/2028. Motion carried.

5. Program/Site Reports

a. Brantwood: Brantwood attendees report the food is very good overall, and there are no negative things to report. Chicken tetrazzini and barbeque ribs were fabulous. Also commented that the meal site review sheets make sense and are a great improvement with the potential for better results.

b. Kennan: Diners at Kennan liked the addition of dinner rolls; barbeque ribs are excellent and so is the scalloped potatoes and ham dish; and people look forward to the cheese medley soup dish. Requests please for more soup, leaf lettuce on sandwiches, and more rice. Discussion on potato with a blackened portion at one meal; tropical fruit is not popular; please cut the cole slaw smaller so people can easily chew it; brown lettuce lately; the sodium dogs were too long for the buns, although, they were good; last month's bratwurst didn't go over well; and the potato salad and three bean casserole, and broasted pork chop without gravy was not popular. Expressed a desire to be included in the Christmas Bingo event next year.

c. Ogema: Things are going well overall. The lettuce has been phenomenal recently. Diners are happy with meals all around. One complaint regarding the meat that was substituted for the Salisbury steak had no gravy and was not popular. Requesting please more vegetables and fruits.

d. Park Falls: Overall, everyone is happy with everything. Requesting please more soy sauce for the oriental dishes, and could more packets be included. Sometimes there's not enough quantity of vegetables for a half cup per meal. Discussion on purchasing extra condiments for meal sites.

e. Phillips: Dining numbers have increased in the last few weeks, and four new members have been attending weekly according to the meal or dessert being served. The meat substituted for

the Salisbury steak was not popular, but the site purchased jar gravy for it. Discussion on the positive impact of speakers and events at meals. Briefly discussed the senior meals provider bidding process.

6. Date of Next Meeting: April 23, 2026, at the Brantwood Community Center; W1593 US Hwy 8, Brantwood, WI 54513

7. Adjourn:

Motion Werner/Erickson to adjourn at 12:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Meredith Hueckman, County Clerk

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