



MARATHON COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: Assembly Room, Marathon County Courthouse, 500 Forest St, Wausau, WI

Task Force Members Present: Chair David Oberbeck, Allen Drabek, Gerry Fitzgerald, Jacob Langenhahn, Gayle Marshall, Lisa Rasmussen, Tom Rosenberg, Jean Schult.

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard and Toshia Ranallo

Also in Attendance: Supervisor John Robinson, Supervisor Ann Lemmer, and Peter Weinschchenk.

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Oberbeck called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **Public Comments (15 Minute limit)**

HR Finance and Property Chair John Robinson gave background on the development of the Marathon County TIF Task Force. The purpose of the taskforce will be to review the current TID law, purpose, procedure, and protocol and identify the benefits and issues related to the use of TIDs within Marathon County.

In addition, understand how various taxing entities are treated after a TID is created, identify the role of the County and the Joint Review Board, and evaluate the status of existing TIDs in Marathon County.

The taskforce will then make recommendations to the County Board relative to representation of the County on the Joint Review Board, the role of the County in extensions of TID timelines, exceedances of TID valuation limits, and use of donor TIDs, and recommendations for changes to TIF and TID laws.

3. **Introduction of the Task Force Members**

Members took a moment to introduce themselves, provided insight on their professional backgrounds, and expressed their motivations for joining this taskforce.

4. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**

A. **Review TIF Manual:** http://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR_publications/tif-manual.pdf

Oberbeck proceeded to offer further insights into the initial establishment of TIF districts, supplementing the discussion with an evaluation document. This document incorporates topics for discussion that have been identified by several county board members. The Tax Increment Financing Evaluation document is available within the packet, accessible through the following link.

<https://www.marathoncounty.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/780/17>

The Task Force timelines and expectations are identified below.

1. By December 31, 2023, report to the County Board of Supervisors in the form of an educational presentation regarding current TIF and TID law and policies.
2. By March 31, 2024, present proposed policy changes to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Discussion:

Committee members engaged in a comprehensive discussion regarding the advantages and challenges associated with the development of TIF Districts. They were encouraged to thoroughly review the provided information.

B. **WEDA Academy TIF Training on Wednesday, September 27 from 9:15 am to 1:15 pm**

Committee members Allen Drabek, Gerry Fitzgerald, Gayle Marshall, Tom Rosenberg and Jean Schult have elected to attend the training.

5. **Policy Discussion and Possible Action:** N/A

6. **Next Steps**

- Committee members are urged to review materials included in the packet.
- Extend an invitation to the Department of Revenue (DOR) for a forthcoming meeting, with the purpose of facilitating a presentation on understanding TIF Districts.
- Invite representatives from the Joint Review Board to provide insights and presentations regarding TIF Districts during an upcoming meeting.

7. **Future Meeting Dates and Times**

The next meeting will be on September 25th, 2023, at 5pm, located at the Public Library Community room pending its availability, including a virtual option via WebEx.

8. **Adjournment**

Drabek made a motion second by Langenhahn to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes provided by Toshia Ranallo, County Administration.