



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Attendance:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>	
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....	X		} Via in person, Webex Or phone
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Allen Drabek.....	X		
	Rick Seefeldt ..	X		
	Dave Oberbeck.....	X		
	Andrew Venzke.....	X		
	Tony Sherfinski.....	X		
	Kim Ungerer		X(Excused)	
	Mike Ritter.....	X		
	Marilyn Bhend.....	X		
	Rodney Roskopf.....		X(Excused)	
	<u>Meeting Recording</u>			

Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins, Shad Harvey, Garrett Pagel, Diane Hanson, Nicole Delonay, Matt Repking & Kirstie Heidenreich– Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Jamie Polley & Mai Vue – Parks Department, Lance Leonard – County Administrator; Chris Holman – Deputy Administrator; Mike Puerner – Corporation Counsel, Dave Hagenbucher – Solid Waste Department;

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Public Comment** –
4. **Approval of September 5, 2023, Committee minutes**
Motion / second by Drabek/Seefeldt to approve of the September 5, 2023, Environmental Resources Committee minutes.
 Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
 - A. **Public Hearings, Review, Possible Actions, and Possible Recommendations to the County Board for its Consideration (County Zoning changes)**
 1. Tim Vreeland on the behalf of National Holding LLC – G-A General Agriculture to U-R Urban Residential -Town of Knowlton (0:06)

Discussion: Pagel was sworn in and noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Pagel reviewed the rezone request shown on the Preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) that was submitted with the petition. Pagel additionally reviewed the reasoning behind why Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ) staff are recommending approval of the rezone request, citing the rezone standards, requirements, and pertinent site characteristics. The Town Knowlton has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:13 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.



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Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt/Sherfinski to recommend approval to County Board, of the National Holding LLC rezone request. Noting the reasoning provided in the staff report and conclusions of law, the Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. Based on the proposed land division and existing land uses onsite the rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. The committee made their recommendation of approval based on the information, findings of fact, and conclusions of law as described in the CPZ staff report included in the ERC packet.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Tim Vreeland on the behalf of Andrew Borntreger - from G-A General Agriculture to N-C Neighborhood - Town of Wien (0:15)

Discussion: Pagel was sworn in and noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Pagel reviewed the rezone request shown on the Preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) that was submitted with the petition. Pagel additionally reviewed the reasoning behind why Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ) staff are recommending approval of the rezone request, citing the rezone standards, requirements, and pertinent site characteristics. The Town Wien has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:17 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Drabek/Ritter to recommend approval to County Board, of the Andrew Borntreger rezone request. Noting the reasoning provided in the staff report and conclusions of law, the Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans and is not located in the Farmland Preservation Zoning District. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. Based on the proposed land division and existing land uses onsite the rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. The committee made their recommendation of approval based on the information, findings of fact, and conclusions of law as described in the CPZ staff report included in the ERC packet.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

- B. Review and Possible Recommendation to County Board for its Consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.) – None.
- C. Review and Possible Recommendations to County Board for its Consideration



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1. Acceptance of State-Local Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Assistance (0:19)
Action: **Motion** / Second Sherfinski/Seefeldt recommend approval to the County Board of Supervisors.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2. Discussion of Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee's 2024 Proposed Budget and Possible Recommendations Regarding Modifications (0:42)

D. Review and Possible Action

1. Update to the Zoning Fee Schedule for Conservation Projects with Signed Cost-Share (CPZ) (1:41)

Action: **Motion** / Second Ritter/ Sherfinski to approve the update to the Zoning Fee Schedule for Conservation Projects with signed Cost-Share

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2. Updates to Conservation Services Fee Schedule (CPZ) (1:48)

Action: **Motion** / Second Venzke/Sherfinski to approve the updates to the Conservation Services Fee Schedule.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

3. Update to the Non-Metallic Fee Schedule effective in 2024 (CPZ) (1:51)

Action: **Motion** / Second Sherfinski/ Venzke to approve the update to the Non-Metallic Fee Schedule effective 2024.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion

A. Department Updates: Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Parks Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Solid Waste

1. Discussion on Updates to General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 15 – Private Sewage Systems and Chapter 21- Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation (CPZ) (2:00)

2. Overview of the Marathon County Assemblies Ordinance (12.04) Update Draft (CPZ) (2:01)

3. Update on Fenwood Pilot Funding (CPZ) (2:25)

7. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration

A. Initial Discussion on Digester Project Proposed in Village of Maine: Request from Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee for ERC Input (CPZ & Corporation Counsel) (2:30)

Follow up/Action: Presentation from Adam Freihoefer – WDNR at a forthcoming meeting.

8. Next meeting date, time & location, and future agenda items:

Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 3:00 p.m. Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street Wausau WI

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.



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B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

1. 2024 ERC meeting dates

9. Adjourn – Motion/ second by Sherfinski/ Venzke to **adjourn** at 6:02 p.m.

Laurie Miskimins, CPZ Director

For Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

cc: (via email/web site) ERC members; County Administrator; Corporation Counsel; County Clerk

LM/nd