



**Marathon County  
Land Information Council (LIC)  
Minutes  
Wednesday November 15, 2023  
Conservation, Planning and Zoning Large Conference Room  
210 River Drive, Wausau, WI**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Not Present</u></b>	Attendance	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Not Present</u></b>
Preston Vande Voort.....X			Dean Straatz.....X		
Ryan Weber..... X			Jasper Hartinger.....X		
Robert Mayer.....X			Connie Beyersdorf.....X		
Gerry Klein .....X			Scott Williams.....X		
Dave Decker.....X					

*Others:* Diane Hanson, Dave Mack - Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vande Voort at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approve minutes of October 12, 2023, meeting

Action: Motion / second by Mayer/Decker to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023, meeting.

Motion carried on voice vote, no dissent.

3. Retained Fee Budget Report – Diane Hanson/ Preston Vande Voort

Due to other projects, CPZ staff did not have time to provide an updated budget report.

4. Review/Approval of the use of retained fees for 2023 Accent System (Land Records Module) development work – Gerry Klein

Klein described the work that TTech completed on the Ascent Program due to some updates. He is requesting the use of retained fees to pay for this work.

Action: Motion/ Second by Klein/Mayer to use \$3700 from the retained fees to pay for the TTech development work.

Motion carried on voice vote, no dissent.

5. Strategic Initiative Grant Update – Preston Vande Voort

Vande Voort explained the Strategic Initiative Grant and how these funds have been used in the past. The 2024 grant is significantly reduced from previous years. Previously, the grant was used for section corner work and parcel remapping and the grant was between \$50,000-\$70,000. For 2024, the grant amount will be \$10,000 and Vande Voort is proposing to utilize the grant to pay for a portion of the LIDAR project.

Action: Motion/Second by Decker/Klein to approve the 2024 Strategic Initiative Grant application to pay for a portion of the LIDAR project. Motion carried on voice vote, no dissent.

6. Review/Discussion on Draft 5 – Year plan for Retained Fee Expenditures (continued from October meeting) - Preston Vande Voort/ Diane Hanson

Discussion: Vande Voort and Hanson recapped the need for this discussion. Hanson stated that currently the expenses paid for by retained fees is more than the annual revenue so at some point in time, a fund balance issue will need to be addressed and decisions will need to be made as to what items should be paid for by retained fees. Staatz mentioned that there is legislation being proposed to increase the recording fee, which would increase a portion for retained fees. Klein suggested that a letter be sent to legislators supporting the increase in the fee and outlining to the legislators the costs that Marathon County is attempting to cover with these funds. Currently, the fees are not covering annual operating costs. CPZ staff will draft a letter and email to the LIC for review and approval.

Discussion then continued on the current fund balance, expenses currently paid for with the retained fees, and what items should be paid for with retained fees. The 2024 anticipated expenditures were then reviewed and discussed.

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Motion/Second by Williams/Mayer to approve the 2024 land information expenditure items as listed on the 5-year plan. Motion carried on voice vote, no dissent.

7. Next meeting date: To be determined.

8. Adjourn.

There being no further business to discuss, Motion / Second by Williams/Mayer to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m.  
Motion carries by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:  
Preston Vande Voort  
GIS Coordinator