



**OFFICE OF KIM TRUEBLOOD
COUNTY CLERK
MARATHON COUNTY**



Marathon County Mission Statement: Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING

THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, composed of thirty-eight (38) members, will convene at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following matters:

The meeting will also be broadcast on Public Access or at <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

A. OPENING OF SESSION:

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gibbs at 7:00 p.m., the agenda being duly signed and posted
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Followed by a Moment of Silence/Reflection
3. Reading of Notice
4. Request for silencing of cellphones and other electronic devices
5. Roll Call
6. Acknowledgment of visitors
7. 15 Minute Public Comment (*Any person who wishes to address the County Board, or one of its committees, during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk, or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting.*)

B. EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

8. Standing Committee Chairpersons or Designees

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

9. Approval of minutes from the November 2 & 9, 2023 meetings
10. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees
11. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills, and claims from the last session through this session
12. Appointments:
 - a. Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board – Kathryn Palmer (re-appointment)
 - b. Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission – Thomas Kipp
 - c. Civil Service Commission – Ann Werth
 - d. North Central Community Services Program Board – Supervisor Oberbeck
 - e. Marathon County Public Library Board – Reid Rayome and Nathan Turajski
 - f. ADRC-CW Advisory Committee – Krista Mischo
 - g. Board of Health – Kelly Sinkler
13. Ordinances:

a. Town of Guenther Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Paul and Carrie Simonis	#O-44-23
b. Town of Hull Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Mitch Gumz	#O-45-23
c. Town of Brighton Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Gladys Martin	#O-46-23
14. Resolutions:

a. Approval of Town of Texas Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment	#R-69-23
b. Approval of Town of Ringle Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment	#R-70-23

RESOLUTIONS:

D. EXTENSION, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

- | | |
|---|----------|
| 15. Marathon County Government’s Role in Providing Affordable High-Quality Child Care | #R-55-23 |
| 16. Marathon County Government’s Response to Housing | #R-66-23 |

- E. FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:
- 17. To Approve the Annual County Forest Work Plan #R-67-23
 - 18. Application for County Forest Acreage Share Loan Payment #R-68-23
 - 19. County Fish and Game Projects #R-71-23
 - 20. Amending the Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan #R-72-23
- F. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:
- 21. Cooperation Agreement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program #R-73-23
- G. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE:
- 22. Amending 2024 Budget Resolution Language Pursuant to Dep't of Revenue Request #R-74-23
- H. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, & PROPERTY COMMITTEE:
- 23. Approving Amendment to 2023 and 2024 Budgets Accepting Wisconsin Lead Safe Homes Program Grant #R-75-23
- I. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, & PROPERTY COMMITTEE:
- 24. Resolution Regarding Advancement of the Regional Forensic Science Center Project #R-76-23
 - 25. Authorizing the Sheriff's Office Participation in the Department of Natural Resources Boat Enforcement Patrol Grant Program #R-77-23
- J. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, & PROPERTY COMMITTEE, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, AND EXTENSION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:
- 26. Consideration of an Initial Resolution Regarding Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bond Financing for WIRNG VDG LLC Renewable Natural Gas Production Plant Project. (Information with respect to the job impact of the project will be available at the time of consideration of the Initial Resolution) #R-78-23
- K. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
- 27. Announcements and / or Requests
 - 28. Motion to Adjourn

WITNESS: My signature this 14th day of December, 2023

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

Following the County Board meeting, there may be a quorum of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors and/or any of its subordinate bodies for a tour of a courtroom to be determined, as well as a tour of the Lakeview Conference Center, 1000 Lakeview Drive, Wausau. The County Board of Supervisors and its subordinate bodies will not hold formal meetings at this time. No action or vote will be taken by the board or its committees. This notice is provided in accordance with *State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Bd.*, 173 Wis.2d 553,494 N.W.2d 408 (1993).

NOTE: The next meeting of the County Board will be the Educational Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse.

NOTICE PROVIDED TO: County Board Members
Marathon County Departments
News Media
Posted on County Website: www.co.marathon.wi.us

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or email countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

APPOINTMENT
Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees

I, Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County Board Chair, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, re-appoint the following individual to the Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees, for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2026:

Kathryn Palmer, 2228 Glendalen Road, Kronenwetter

Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will not be paid for meeting attendance.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023.

Kurt Gibbs, Chairperson
County Board of Supervisors

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the above appointments were confirmed by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at their Adjourned Annual meeting which was held December 14, 2023.

S E A L

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

MARATHON COUNTY

Appointment(s) to the
Board of Trustees
of the
Wisconsin Valley Library Service

Number of Appointments	Name and Address	3-Year Term
*ONE	Kathryn Palmer 2228 Glendalen Road N Kronenwetter WI 54455	January 1, 2024- December 31, 2026

This appointment replaces the unexpired term for: *** Kathryn Palmer**

Note: No person employed by a public library that is a member of a public library system may be appointed to the public library system board, *Wisconsin Statute 43.17(1)*.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Please return this form when completed to: President, Board of Trustees
Wisconsin Valley Library Service
300 North First Street
Wausau, WI 54403

****This appointment is to fill the expired term of Kathryn Palmer who may be re-appointed for another term.***



Marathon County Citizen Participation Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming involved with Marathon County Boards, Committees or Commissions. Placement based, in part, on your responses to the following questions; please provide us with some information to use when considering your appointment by completing the questions below. You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment. For additional information, visit Marathon County's Web Site at <https://www.marathoncounty.gov/>. This form will remain on file for three years. A list of existing Boards, Commissions and Committees (including general information) can also be found on our website. Please consider becoming a part of this important Community Resource Group.

Contact Information

Date

9/30/2023

First Name *

Kathryn

Last Name *

Palmer

Address: *

2228 Glendalen Road N

City: *

Kronenwetter

Zip Code: *

54455

Phone *

(715)571-1267

Email *

okay2ski@yahoo.com

Years as a Marathon County Resident *

37

Occupation/Employer, if applicable

Pharmacist Specialist

Business Information

Business Name

Aspirus Wausau Hospital

Address:

333 pine Ridge Boulevard

City:

Wausau

Zip Code:

54401

Choose Boards/Commissions and/or Committee *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Safety Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADRC-CW Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Emergency Planning Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Land Information Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Park Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Task Force | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Public Library Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Wisconsin Airport Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Metallic Mining Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central WI Economic Development Board (CWED) | <input type="checkbox"/> North Central Community Services Program Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Rib Mountain Metro Sewerage District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Action Program Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Forest Citizens' Advisory Sub-Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice Coordinating Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Coordinating Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Service Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WI Valley Library Service Board of Trustees | |

For a thorough understanding of the objectives, membership, term, and duties of these groups, kindly refer to the Marathon County Ordinances, [Chapter 2, Section 2.05 and 2.06](#).

Why are you interested in serving on these particular Committees? *

I have been a Wisconsin Valley Library Services Board Trustee this year completing a term that was vacated. It has been a rewarding experience to learn the depth of support service WVLS provides to its member libraries. I would appreciate the opportunity to expand on this year's knowledge base to be an even more vital contributor to WVLS and its member libraries by continuing to serve as a Trustee for a full term.

What qualifications can you bring to these Committees? *

Please see resume.

I can help WVLS move forward in a positive direction by using my managerial, student and resident preceptor experiences and my ability to create relationships with other respected professionals.

On what other Committee(s) are you currently serving, if any?

none

Other Community Involvement

St, Anne Parish eucharistic minister and volunteer
 Captain of multiple USTA Tennis teams
 Chairman of the PSW Long Term Care Section 1997
 PSW Board member 1997-2003

References(Please Include 3)

Reference

First Name *

Patrick

Last Name *

Snyder

Address:

129 Charles Street

City:

Schofield

Zip Code:

54403

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

Friend

First Name *

Jill

Last Name *

Michaud

Address:

333 Pine Ridge Boulevard

City:

Wausau

Zip Code:

54401

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

Director of Pharmacy

First Name *

Pat

Last Name *

McCrackin

Address:

2308 Forest Grove

City:

Kronenwetter

Zip Code:

54455

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

Friend

Additional Information

You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment.

Attachment(s)

WVLSresume.docx

77.42KB

250 MB maximum file size

Signature *

Kathryn Amy Palmer

Please sign here:

Kathryn Amy Palmer

Pharmacist Specialist, Diabetic Care and Education Specialist



Contact

2228 Glendalen Rd N
Kronenwetter WI 54455
715-571-1267
okay2ski@yahoo.com

Education

University of Iowa School of
Pharmacy

Certified Diabetes Care and
Education Specialist

Key Skills

Diabetes Educator
ASHP Preceptor
University of Wisconsin
Preceptor
University of Iowa Preceptor
Inpatient & Outpatient
Pharmacist
Geriatric Pharmacist

Objective

Continue to be a member of the Wisconsin Valley Library Services Board. I would continue to contribute to the Wisconsin Valley community by using skills gained through the past year plus decades long career in pharmacy. I can help WVLS move forward in a positive direction by using my managerial, student and resident preceptor experiences and my ability to create relationships with other respected professionals.

Experience

October 2000 to the present

Pharmacist Specialist • Staff Pharmacist • Aspirus Wausau Hospital

- Created the Hyperglycemia Learning Experience for Pharmacy Residents
- Author/editor of Hyperglycemia, Pneumonia Vaccine and Renal Dose Adjustment Policies for Aspirus Wausau Hospital
- Member of multiple committees related to hyperglycemia and geriatrics

January 1987 to September 2000

Pharmacist Manager of Long Term Care Pharmacies in Wausau, WI

- MediSave Pharmacy, Vencare Pharmacy, GeriServ Pharmacy
- Provided Consulting and Pharmaceutical Services to over 1,300 nursing home, CBRF and Assisted Living Residents
- Managed budgets over \$1,000,000, analyzed data to maximize profits

Communication

Co-Author for implementation of “Pharmacist Managed Inpatient Hyperglycemic Service in a Community Hospital” information at the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin Annual Meeting 2009

Co-author of the article “Precepting Roadblocks: How to Put the Brakes on an Overconfident Learner” PSW Journal July/August 2020 Member of 7 hospital committees

Numerous medication related in-services to nurses, pharmacists, residents, students, and community members

Leadership

Chairman of the PSW Long Term Care Section 1997

PSW Board member 1997-2003

Captain of multiple USTA Tennis teams for more than 20 years, culminating in several trips to State Championships

References [Available upon request.]



APPOINTMENT
Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint Thomas Kipp, 149271 Canvasback Ln, Wausau, to the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission to complete a five-year term to expire July 31, 2028.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023

Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the above appointment was confirmed by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at their Adjourned Annual meeting which was held December 14, 2023.

S E A L

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

MEMO

To: Marathon County Board of Supervisors
From: Lance Leonhard
Date: December 8, 2023
Re: Appointment of Thomas Kipp to the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District

This memo is offered in support of my appointment of Thomas Kipp to serve on the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District.

Following discussions with the Executive Committee of the County Board regarding the selection process for this appointment, I actively participated in the interview process alongside other members of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District to assess each of the three (3) candidates that expressed interest in the position via application.

At the conclusion of that process, it was my assessment that each candidate possessed distinct skills and experience, rendering them qualified for the appointment. After conveying this sentiment to the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District, I received unanimous support from the Commissioners to recommend Thomas J. Kipp as the replacement for Commissioner Mortensen.

My sense is that Mr. Kipp, a longstanding resident of Marathon County and a professional engineer with a background in the local paper industry would bring a significant body of experience in project management. Moreover, his 32-year tenure at Wausau Papers, followed by his presidency at the WI Valley Improvement Company, has allowed him to develop expertise in process enhancement, regulatory compliance, and project oversight. Importantly, his responsibilities involved supervising wastewater treatment facilities, engaging with regulatory bodies, and reporting to a governing board. Furthermore, his 23-year service on the City of Mosinee's council, as president for 12 years, involved overseeing vital aspects such as water distribution, wastewater treatment, street maintenance, and budget management. I concur with the assessment of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commissioners that Mr. Kipp's background and professional experience make him a qualified candidate for the Rib Mountain Sewage District appointment.

Mr. Kipp's extensive experience and expertise align with the duties and responsibilities outlined in the Marathon County Ordinance Sec. 2.06(17), and Chapter 200 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

I appreciate your consideration of Mr. Kipp's candidacy for this appointment.

Sincerely,



Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator



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Contact Information

Date

9/18/2023

First Name *

Thomas J

Last Name *

Kipp

Address: *

149271 Canvasback Ln.

City: *

Wausau

Zip Code: *

54401

Phone *

(715)297-6793

Email *

kipptj@aol.com

Years as a Marathon County Resident *

46

Occupation/Employer, if applicable

Retired from WI Valley Improvement Company

Business Information

Business Name**Address:****City:****Zip Code:****Choose Boards/Commissions and/or Committee ***

- Administrative Review Board
- ADRC-CW Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Board of Health
- Broadband Task Force
- Central Wisconsin Airport Board
- Central WI Economic Development Board (CWED)
- Civil Service Commission
- Community Action Program Board
- County Forest Citizens' Advisory Sub-Committee
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Environmental Resources Committee (ERC)
- WI Valley Library Service Board of Trustees
- Highway Safety Commission
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Marathon County Land Information Council
- Marathon County Park Commission
- Marathon County Public Library Board
- Metallic Mining Committee
- North Central Community Services Program Board
- Rib Mountain Metro Sewerage District
- Social Services Board
- Solid Waste Management Board
- Transportation Coordinating Committee
- Veterans Service Commission

For a thorough understanding of the objectives, membership, term, and duties of these groups, kindly refer to the Marathon County Ordinances, [Chapter 2, Section 2.05 and 2.06](#).

Why are you interested in serving on these particular Committees? *

My past work experience in the process industry and continued interest to assist communities.

See attached memo.

What qualifications can you bring to these Committees? *

See attached memo.

On what other Committee(s) are you currently serving, if any?

Rib Mt Planning Commission

Other Community Involvement

WIAA Soccer Official

References(Please Include 3)

Reference

First Name *

Tom

Last Name *

Helbach

Address:

1000 20th Street Apt. 18

City:

Mosinee

Zip Code:

54455

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

Business Assoc. - WI Valley Improvement Co.

First Name *

Dave

Last Name *

Langton

Address:

146201 Julie Ln

City:

Mosinee

Zip Code:

54455

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

Work Colleague - Wausau
Papers

First Name *

Kevin

Last Name *

Breit

Address:

225 Main Street

City:

Mosinee

Zip Code:

54455

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

Work Colleague - City of
Mosinee Public Works
Director

Additional Information

You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment.

Attachment(s)

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250 MB maximum file size

Signature *

Thomas J Kipp

Please sign here:



RIB MOUNTAIN
METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
151401 ASTER ROAD
WAUSAU, WI 54401
715-359-7852
Rmmsd@ribmountainmetro.com

DIRECTOR:
Eric Donaldson

SUPERINTENDENT:
Andy Heise

"Doing our part for the Wisconsin River"

November 8, 2023

Mr. Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator
500 Forest Street
Wausau, WI 54403

Dear Mr. Leonhard:

At the special meeting of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commissioner Board today, the commissioners voted unanimously to recommend Thomas J Kipp to be RMMSD's commissioner to replace Mr Craig Mortensen.

Please let us know if the Marathon County Board of Supervisors votes to appoint Mr Kipp to the RMMSD Commissioner Board. Mr Mortensen will continue to serve until a replacement is appointed.

Sincerely,

Eric Donaldson
Director

ED/seb

Cc: Rib Mountain Sanitary District
City of Mosinee
Village of Kronenwetter
Village of Rothschild
Village of Weston
RMMSD Commissioners



RIB MOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN
SEWERAGE DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: THOMAS J KIPP
Address: 149271 CANVASBACK LN. WAUSAU, WI 54401
Home Phone: (715) 297-6793 Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: KIPPTJ@AOL.COM

Current or Former Occupation:

Retired from WI Valley Improvement Co.

How Many Years Have You Resided in the area:

46 yrs, between Mosinee and Rib Mountain

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission (attach additional sheets if needed)?

(see attached)

Please briefly describe any experience and/or background (especially in wastewater) that you may have that you think would be beneficial to this Commission (attach additional sheets if needed):

(see attached)

Thuf Kipp

9-13-2023

Signature:

Date: _____ Return application to:

Eric Donaldson, Director

Rib Mountain Metro 151401

Aster Road

Wausau, WI 54403

RMMSD Commission Application

Name: Thomas J. Kipp, PE

Address: 149271 Canvasback Lane
Wausau, WI 54401

Home phone: (715) 297-6793

Email: kipptj@aol.com

Current Occupation: Retired from WI Valley Improvement Company

Years residing in area: 46 years between Mosinee and Rib Mountain

My understanding of role and responsibility of the Commission:

The RMMSD is a regional waste water treatment facility for five member communities (Villages of Weston, Rothschild, Kronenwetter and Rib Mountain, and the City of Mosinee). Its services and operations are independent of any of the member community governments, reporting to the Marathon County Board for oversight.

Its responsibilities are to provide an efficient, cost effective, compliant waste water treatment operation for their customers.

My experience and background:

As a professional engineer, I have been involved in the local paper industry as a project engineer. My work entailed all aspects of a process industry including project conception, capital estimating, budgeting to construction and start-up. Many of my project and maintenance upgrades involved the on-site waste water treatment plant for process improvement and compliance.

I retired from Wausau Papers after 32 years and took a position at the WI Valley Improvement Company, recently retiring as President. In this position, we managed the WI River flow through the use of twenty-one storage reservoirs. In addition to interacting with our Federal & State regulators for continued license compliant issues, we reported to our Board twice a year to review our monthly & capital budgeting, project review and operations. The Board is comprised of all the hydro plant owners located on the WI River.

RMMSD Commission Application

I have also served on the City of Mosinee's city council for 23 years, the last twelve years as president. As chair of the Public Works committee, our responsibilities included budget and operation oversight for the city's water distribution, waste water treatment and street maintenance.



RIB MOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN
SEWERAGE DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: Thomas J Kipp

Address: 149271 Canvasback Ln. WAUSAU, WI 54401

Home Phone: (715) 297-6793

Work Phone: ---

E-mail Address: K.PPTJ@AOL.COM

Current or Former Occupation:

Retired from WI Valley Improvement Co.

How Many Years Have You Resided in the area:

46 yrs. between Mosinee and Rib Mountain

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(see attached)

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(see attached)

Thuf Kipp

9-13-2023

Signature:

Date: 9-13-2023 Return application to:
Rib Mountain Metro 151401
Aster Road
Wausau, WI 54403

Eric Donaldson, Director

RMMSD Commission Application

Name: Thomas J. Kipp, PE

Address: 149271 Canvasback Lane
Wausau, WI 54401

Home phone: (715) 297-6793

Email: kipptj@aol.com

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RMMSD Commission Application

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APPOINTMENT
Civil Service Commission

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, re-appoint Ann Werth, 1501 Roosevelt, Wausau, to the Civil Service Commission for a five-year term to expire December 31, 2028.

Each member of the Commission receives an annual payment of \$200 according to State Statute and mileage/expense reimbursement is allowed for meeting attendance.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023

Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the above appointment was confirmed by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at their Adjourned Annual Meeting which was held on December 14, 2023.

S E A L

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

MEMO

To: Marathon County Board of Supervisors
From: Lance Leonhard
Date: December 8, 2023
Re: Re-Appointment of Ann Werth to the Civil Service Commission

This brief memo is offered in support of my reappointment of Ann Werth to the Marathon County Civil Service Commission, in accordance with Sec. 5.01(1)(a) of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances.

As outlined in the aforementioned ordinance, appointments to the Commission require a demonstrated interest in and knowledge of civil service issues. It's important to note that no individual holding an elective or appointive public office within the government of Marathon County is eligible for appointment to the Commission.

In considering this reappointment, I have spoken with Mrs. Werth and with Sheriff Billeb. Based on those conversations and Mrs. Werth's demonstrated commitment during her 20 years of service on the Commission, I am offering the re-appointment of Ann Werth to the Civil Service Commission for a five (5) year term.

I appreciate your consideration of Mrs. Werth's reappointment. Thank you for your consideration.

It should be noted that there will be an impending additional vacancy on the Civil Service Commission, as I understand that a member of the Commission will be relocating outside of the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator



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Contact Information

Date

12/6/2023

First Name *

Werth

Last Name *

Ann

Address: *

1501 Roosevelt St

City: *

Wausau

Zip Code: *

54403

Phone *

(715)574-1173

Email *

annmariewerth@gmail.com

Years as a Marathon County Resident *

47

Occupation/Employer, if applicable

Retired

Business Information

Business Name**Address:****City:****Zip Code:****Choose Boards/Commissions and/or Committee ***

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Safety Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADRC-CW Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Emergency Planning Committee |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Park Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Task Force | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Public Library Board |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Central WI Economic Development Board (CWED) | <input type="checkbox"/> North Central Community Services Program Board |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Action Program Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Forest Citizens' Advisory Sub-Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management Board |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Service Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WI Valley Library Service Board of Trustees | |

For a thorough understanding of the objectives, membership, term, and duties of these groups, kindly refer to the Marathon County Ordinances, [Chapter 2, Section 2.05 and 2.06](#).

Why are you interested in serving on these particular Committees? *

Currently, I serve on the Marathon County Civil Service Commission, as Vice-Chair. I would be honored to serve this next term, as our Chairperson is leaving at the end of this year for employment in another State. I am able to provide knowledge and experience as the Commission moves forward.

What qualifications can you bring to these Committees? *

Management, personnel and budgets
 Training and mentoring
 Negotiation and Consensus building
 Problem solving
 Team building

On what other Committee(s) are you currently serving, if any?

See next response

Other Community Involvement

Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin
 Children's Imaginarium Museum
 Homme Homes, Inc.

References(Please Include 3)

Reference

First Name *

Scott

Last Name *

Parks

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Phone *

(715)261-1200

Relationship to You *

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First Name *

Ann

Last Name *

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Address:

City:

Rib Mountain

Zip Code:

54401

Phone *

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Relationship to You *

Friend & Colleague

First Name *

Dan

Last Name *

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Wausau

Zip Code:

54403

Phone *

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Relationship to You *

Business Acquaintance

Additional Information

You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment.

Attachment(s)

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Signature *

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Please sign here:



ANN WERTH

PROFILE

Retired municipal leader with a passion to continue to serve and assist our local communities to grow and thrive. Extensive experience in and comprehensive knowledge of city, town, and county government. Track record of leadership and mentoring future leaders in our community. Proficient at negotiations, including public and private partnerships.

CONTACT

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AnnMarieWerth@gmail.com

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1501 Roosevelt Street
Wausau, WI 54403

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Board Member
Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin | 2019 to Present
Currently serving as Board Chair, member of the Grant Distribution Committee, and Executive Committee.

Interim Economic Development Manager
City of Wausau, WI | 2020
At the request of the mayor, came out of retirement to act as interim Economic Development Manager. Assisted in finding and mentoring new hire.

Immersion Project Facilitator
Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce | 2018 - 2019
Helped to lead professionals through an intensive, year-long program to build awareness and understanding of the local business world, history, culture, leaders, and influencers.

Community and Economic Development Director
City of Wausau, WI | 2009 - 2016
Managed City Planning, Economic Development, Community Development, and the Community Development Authority. Prepared and managed personnel and departmental budgets, conducted audits, and facilitated grant applications. Renovated numerous commercial and residential buildings, including the 149-unit Riverview Towers project.

SKILLS

- Management of Personnel, Budgets, and Departments
- Training & Mentoring
- Negotiations & Consensus Building
- Team Building
- Problem Solving

EDUCATION

Northcentral Technical College
Associate Degree – Architectural Residential Design

APPOINTMENT
North Central Community Services Program Board

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, re-appoint Supervisor David Oberbeck to the North Central Community Services Program Board for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2026, or until he is no longer a County Board Supervisor, whichever comes first.

Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will be paid to eligible members of the Board.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023.

Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the above appointment was confirmed by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at their Adjourned Annual meeting which was held December 14, 2023.

S E A L

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

Memo

To: Marathon County Board of Supervisors
From: Lance Leonhard
Date: December 8, 2023
Re: Re-Appointment of Supervisor David Oberbeck to the North
Central Community Services Program Board

This brief memo is offered in support of my re-appointment of Marathon County Board Supervisor David Oberbeck to serve as on the North Central Community Services Program Board. Supervisor Oberbeck is one of the three (3) Board Supervisors that are appointed to the NCCSP Board.

Pursuant to the terms of the Tri-County Agreement creating the NCCSP (dba North Central Health Care) the terms for Board member appointments are three (3) years in duration, as required by Wisconsin Statute 51.42(4)(b)2. Because this appointment is in connection with Supervisor Oberbeck's role as Board Supervisor, his appointment would automatically be deemed vacated by operation of the Tri-County Agreement should he no longer hold his position as a Board Supervisor.

I have conferred with Supervisor Oberbeck and he has expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the NCCSP Board. I understand that Supervisor Oberbeck does not intend to seek reelection to the Board of Supervisors. My thought process in offering the reappointment is that doing so will allow the formal appointment of a member of the Board of Supervisors through its formal appointment process, which has traditionally sought to provide supervisors the opportunity to express interest in certain topic areas and allow for an equitable sharing of opportunity or appointment amongst all members of the Board.

Wisconsin Statutes section 51.42(4)(b) encourages appointment of individuals with "recognized ability and demonstrated interest in the problems of the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, alcoholic or drug dependent" populations. Supervisor Oberbeck has served on the NCCSP Board since December of 2020, and I believe has demonstrated a sincere interest in the work of North Central Health Care and his role on the NCCSP Board.

Should you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lance Leonhard

**APPOINTMENT
Public Library Board**

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, re-appoint the following individual to the Marathon County Public Library Board for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2026:

Reid Rayome, 2113 Lillie Street, Wausau

Further, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, I appoint the following individual to the Marathon County Public Library Board for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2026:

Nathan Turajski, 1012 North 10th Street, Wausau

Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will be paid for meeting attendance, to be paid from library budgeted funds.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023

Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the above appointment was confirmed by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at their Adjourned Annual meeting which was held December 14, 2023.

S E A L

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

MEMO

To: Marathon County Board of Supervisors
From: Lance Leonhard
Date: December 11, 2023
Re: Re-Appointment of Reid Rayome and Appointment of Nathan Turajski to the Marathon County Public Library Board

This memo is offered in support of my reappointment of Reid Rayome and initial appointment of Nathan Turajski to serve on the Marathon County Public Library Board. The terms of each would be for three (3) years, pursuant to section 43.57(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Since Mr. Rayome's initial appointment in April 2022, he has consistently attended all Library Board meetings and actively participated in assigned committees.

Enclosed is Mr. Rayome's updated resume, as well as letters of support for his appointment from State Representative Patrick Snyder and Marla Sepnanski, the Director of the Wisconsin Valley Library Service.

I recommend the reappointment of Reid Rayome based on his consistent participation, demonstrated commitment, and engagement with the community relative to library services, which I believe will benefit the Marathon County Public Library and its patrons. Moreover, Mr. Rayome has demonstrated that he approaches issues in a very deliberative manner, seeking first to gather information to understand various perspectives surrounding issues before making a determination.

Mr. Rayome's experience aligns with the duties and responsibilities outlined in the Marathon County Ordinance Sec. 2.06 (10), Pursuant to § 43.58, Wisconsin Statutes.

My recommendation for appointment of Nathan Turajski is in response to Trustee Brent Jacobson informing me that he was unable to accept a reappointment.

Because the Library Board of Trustees has exclusive control over the expenditures of funds allocated for library operations by the County Board of Supervisors during the annual budget, it is my perspective that Mr. Turajski's considerable professional experience in library operations, support, and services management would be valuable.

Moreover, in light of the fact that Library headquarters location has been engaged by the City of Wausau in connection with the city's efforts to link the unhoused population with needed services, I believe that Mr. Turajski's role as the Wausau Regional Director of Catholic Charities, for which he was recently hired, would be similarly valuable on the Board of Trustees.

Should you require further information or clarification regarding these recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator



Marathon County Citizen Participation Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming involved with Marathon County Boards Committees or Commissions. Placement based, in part, on your responses to the following questions; please provide us with some information to use when considering your appointment by completing the questions below. You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment. For additional information, visit Marathon County's Web Site at <https://www.co.marathon.wi.us/> This form will remain on file for three years. A list of existing Boards, Commissions and Committees (including general information) can also be found on our website. Please consider becoming a part of this important Community Resource Group.

Contact Information

Date

3/21/2022

First Name *

Reid

Last Name *

Rayome

Address: *

2113 Lillie Street

City: *

Wausau, WI

Zip Code: *

54403

Phone *

(715)432-0867

Email *

rhrayome@yahoo.com

Years as a Marathon County Resident *

34

Occupation/Employer, if applicable

Attorney/Shareholder, Aplin & Ringsmuth, LLC

Business Information

Business Name

Aplin & Ringsmuth, LLC

Address:

500 North Third Street, Suite 400

City:

Wausau, WI

Zip Code:

54403

Choose Boards/Commissions and/or Committee *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Coordinating Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Service Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WI Valley Library Service Board of Trustees | |

Why are you interested in serving on these particular Committees? *

I was asked by Library Director Leah Giordano to allow my name to be put into consideration for nomination to the library board. I enthusiastically agreed, because the library is a community resource that has benefited my family, and one that I would be proud to serve. My wife and I, along with our two young daughters, make regular use of the library and its services and programs. Additionally, I note that my father, Michael Rayome, previously served on the library board.

What qualifications can you bring to these Committees? *

My background as an attorney, and the fact that I have served on many other local and state-wide boards of directors, qualifies me to serve on the library board. As an attorney, I represent employers, including the County of Marathon, and insurance carriers in worker's compensation claims, as well as parties to workplace harassment and discrimination claims. While I currently serve on the boards of directors for the Wausau Festival of Arts, and Friends of PBS Wisconsin, formerly Friends of Wisconsin Public Television, I have previously served on the boards of directors for the Wausau Conservatory of Music, Christ Lutheran Church in Wausau, and Samoset Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

On what other Committee(s) are you currently serving, if any?

I am not currently serving on any other board, commission, or committee for the County of Marathon. That said, I currently serve on the boards of directors for the Wausau Festival of Arts, and Friends of PBS Wisconsin, formerly Friends of Wisconsin Public Television.

Other Community Involvement

As noted, I currently serve on the boards of directors for the Wausau Festival of Arts, and Friends of PBS Wisconsin, formerly Friends of Wisconsin Public Television. I am currently a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Wausau.

References(Please Include 3)

Reference

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Kevin

Last Name *

McDonald

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4007 Crestwood Drive

City:

Wausau, WI

Zip Code:

54403

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Relationship to You *

Fellow Attorney/Shareholder,
Aplin & Ringsmuth, LLC

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Last Name *

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215 Kent Street

City:

Wausau, WI

Zip Code:

54403

Phone *

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Relationship to You *

Former Teacher

First Name *

Taylor

Last Name *

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Address:

139 Bertha Street

City:

Wausau, WI

Zip Code:

54403

Phone *

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Relationship to You *

Friend

Additional Information

You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment.

Attachment(s)

Rayome Resume.pdf

123.38KB

250 MB maximum file size

Signature *

Reid H. Rayome

Please sign here:

REID H. RAYOME

Attorney at Law

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Phone • (715) 359-5034 • Fax • (715) 359-8309 • Email • reid.rayome@aplinringsmuth.com

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Aplin & Ringsmuth, LLC

- Shareholder 2021-Present
- Associate Attorney 2012-2021

Supreme Court of Wisconsin

- Judicial Intern 2011

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Friends of PBS Wisconsin

- Board of Directors 2017-Present

Wausau Festival of Arts

- Board of Directors 2013-Present

Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America

- Board of Directors 2015-2021

Christ Lutheran Church, Wausau

- Board of Elders 2014-2021

Wausau Conservatory of Music

- Board of Directors 2013-2016

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Wisconsin

- Supreme Court of Wisconsin 2012

United States District Court

- Western District of Wisconsin 2012

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Juris Doctor, University of Wisconsin Law School 2012
- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with Honors in the Liberal Arts 2009

HONORS AND AWARDS

Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America

- Centurion Award, Order of the Arrow 2015
- Staff Member of the Year, Crystal Lake Scout Reservation 2008
- Founder's Award, Order of the Arrow 2006
- On Wings of Excellence Award, Tesomas Scout Camp 2005
- Vigil Honor, Order of the Arrow 2004
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America 2003

REID HANNEMAN RAYOME

December 7, 2023

Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator
500 Forest Street
Wausau, WI 54403

Dear Administrator Leonhard:

On April 26, 2022, the current Marathon County Board of Supervisors approved my appointment to the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees to complete an unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2023. The vote of the members of the County Board present for that meeting was unanimous in favor of my appointment. It is my understanding that the County Board will be presented with my reappointment to the Library Board on December 14, 2023, this time for a full term.

Since my initial appointment, I have attended, in person, every meeting of the Library Board, and every meeting of every committee to which I have been appointed. I have also attended, in person, several relevant meetings of the County Board and its subcommittees. I have never requested nor accepted reimbursement for mileage or any other expense related to my service on the Library Board.

Aside from being a supporter and advocate for the library, I am an active user of the library. I hold an active library card. My wife, daughters, and I regularly make use of programs offered by the library, not only at the headquarters location in Wausau, but also at branch locations and online.

For your consideration, and that of the members of the County Board, I have enclosed with this letter a current copy of my resume and letters of recommendation from Representative Patrick Snyder of the Wisconsin State Assembly and Director Marla Sepnafski of the Wisconsin Valley Library Service. I sincerely hope that you and the members of the County Board will give due weight to my experience, as well as to the thoughtful recommendations of Representative Snyder and Director Sepnafski.

Should you or any member of the County Board wish to speak with me about the prospect of my reappointment to the Library Board, or about any topic related to my service on the Library Board, I would welcome any such conversation. I am open to considering any and all perspectives and ideas that could benefit the library and its patrons.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Library Board. I ask for your support, and that of the members of the County Board, to continue my service for another term. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reid H. Rayome", written over a horizontal line.

Reid H. Rayome
reid.rayome@co.marathon.wi.us

REID HANNEMAN RAYOME

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Aplin & Ringsmuth, LLC

- Shareholder 2021-Present
- Associate Attorney 2012-2021

Supreme Court of Wisconsin

- Judicial Intern 2011

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin

- Board of Directors 2022-Present

Marathon County Public Library

- Board of Trustees 2022-Present

Friends of PBS Wisconsin

- Board of Directors 2017-2023

Wausau Festival of Arts

- Board of Directors 2013-2022

Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America

- Board of Directors 2015-2021

Christ Lutheran Church (LCMS)

- Board of Elders 2014-2021

Wausau Conservatory of Music

- Board of Directors 2013-2016

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Wisconsin

- Supreme Court of Wisconsin 2012

United States District Court

- Western District of Wisconsin 2012

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Juris Doctor, University of Wisconsin Law School 2012
- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with Honors in the Liberal Arts 2009

Wausau East High School

- International Baccalaureate Diploma 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English

- Lee Burress Intellectual Freedom Award 2023
(Awarded to the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees)

Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America

- Centurion Award, Order of the Arrow 2015
- Staff Member of the Year, Crystal Lake Scout Reservation 2008
- Founder's Award, Order of the Arrow 2006
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- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America 2003



PATRICK SNYDER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 85th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

November 30, 2023

Dear County Board Members,

It is my pleasure to support Reid Rayome's application for reappointment to the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees. I had the opportunity to meet Reid well before becoming an elected representative, while he was in Law School at UW-Madison with my son. Reid's civic and professional experience and passion for bettering his community make him highly qualified to continue serving on the Library Board.

Reid's extensive experience working as an attorney and his experience as a trustee provides him with a strong skillset that will continue to serve the Board. When I attended a contentious Library Board meeting on August 21, 2023, I thought Reid fairly and effectively maintained order during the meeting. As Vice President he normally doesn't handle chairing duties but did so with respect and was attentive to public comments.

In addition to his professional achievements, Reid's involvement in his community testifies to his devotion to helping his community and Marathon County become stronger. I am certain he will continue to bring his heart for service to the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees. I offer my highest support for his consideration and my strong recommendation for his reappointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Snyder".

Representative Pat Snyder
85th Assembly District



December 1, 2023

Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator
Marathon County Courthouse
500 Forest Street
Wausau, WI 54403

Dear Administrator Leonhard,

I am reaching out to you to recommend the appointment of Reid Rayome to the Marathon County Public Library (MCPL) Board of Trustees for another term.

In my capacity as Director of the Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS), and throughout my 40-year history as a consultant, I have been privileged to work with hundreds of former and current trustees on the boards of 25 public libraries in our 7-county service area. I have attended countless local- and county-level library board meetings as well as system board meetings. I have provided trustee orientations for new board members and offered guidance to trustees upon request for decades. I am a long-standing member of the Wisconsin Library Trustee and Friends Association and of the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations. I have had the pleasure to see my nominations for the Wisconsin Library Association's Library Trustee of the Year be awarded to three WVLS trustees for their amazing accomplishments and outstanding leadership. It is through this lens that I base my recommendation for Trustee Rayome's reappointment.

While attending meetings of the Marathon County Public Library Board, I have observed that Trustee Rayome:

- Is consistently present and actively engaged.
- Is well prepared for meetings and informed on topics presented.
- Understands the roles and laws governing Wisconsin public libraries and library boards.
- Listens respectfully to viewpoints that may differ from his own.
- Effectively communicates his opinions without interjection of personal bias.
- Considers the library's mission and best interests of the entire county when developing library service goals and policies.
- Demonstrates sound reasoning and analysis and decides issues with both thoughtfulness and efficiency.

Trustee Rayome was appointed to his position because you and elected county officials believed he had the ability and dedication to contribute positively to the management and development of Marathon County Public Library. Since his appointment, Trustee Rayome has demonstrated a serious commitment to this role and has proven that you made the right decision with his appointment. Through my library

consultations, I am aware that Trustee Rayome's commitment and leadership has garnered high praise and respect from library staff and fellow trustees throughout the WVLS area. His library board experience and knowledge of library operations places him in an ideal position to assist with the library's strategic planning initiative to better serve Marathon County residents. Trustee Rayome has proven that he deserves your and the Marathon County Board's continued confidence in him.

As volunteers, trustees of Reid Rayome's caliber and integrity are rare. I can think of no one better suited or equipped to serve on the MCPL Board.

If more information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 715/261-7250 or director@wvls.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marla Sepnafski".

Marla Sepnafski, Director

WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE



Marathon County Citizen Participation Form

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Contact Information

Date

1/17/2023

First Name *

Nathan

Last Name *

Turajski

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1012 N 10th St.

City: *

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Zip Code: *

54403

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(206)300-5342

Email *

nturajski@protonmail.com

Years as a Marathon County Resident *

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Occupation/Employer, if applicable

I am currently self-employed working in financial markets.

Business Information

Business Name

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Choose Boards/Commissions and/or Committee *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WI Valley Library Service Board of Trustees | |

Why are you interested in serving on these particular Committees? *

I would like to serve our community by leveraging my experience with libraries. Libraries have an enormous impact on the well-being of the community, enriching the cultural, intellectual and social lives of our citizens. The library acts as a dynamic hub for access to an array of resources. Prudent selection, management and allocation of these resources is important to all of us.

What qualifications can you bring to these Committees? *

For more than 15 years I worked in the library industry as an account manager and solutions architect. Please see attached cover letter and resume.

On what other Committee(s) are you currently serving, if any?

Boy's group leadership committee member (volunteer)

Other Community Involvement

Coordinating events for men's group, safety team at church, volunteer photographer

References(Please Include 3)

Reference

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Jeff

Last Name *

Hancock

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Zip Code:

54403

Phone *

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Relationship to You *

Friend

First Name *

Nick

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98198

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Relationship to You *

Friend

First Name *

Matt

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City:

Merrill

Zip Code:

54452

Phone *

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Friend

Additional Information

You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment.

Attachment(s)

Nathan Turajsk - Cover Letter - Marathon County Library Board.pdf 13.18KB

Nathan Turajski Resume 1.17.23.pdf 36.9KB

250 MB maximum file size

Signature *



Please sign here:

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January 17, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for reviewing my application for Marathon County Library Board. My library industry experience includes a variety of roles: senior account manager, regional account manager, senior sales engineer and solutions architect. I have had the opportunity to work with exceptional librarians in some of the premier academic, public and special libraries in North America. While at Serials Solutions, I managed our Canadian region, our federal government and corporate sales, and later our Midwest region. My customers included public, non-profit, state and federal government, corporate, and academic libraries ranging from community and technical colleges to ARLs.

I have worked with directors of library consortia, library deans and directors, as well as public and technical services staff. I served as account manager for Ex Libris' largest Rosetta customer. Among my former customers are the Orbis Cascade Alliance, TRAILS, Indiana University at Bloomington, University of Calgary, University of Utah, University of Nevada Reno, University of British Columbia, University of Wyoming, Colorado School of Mines and Congressional Research Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to share details from my professional background. My goal has been to highlight activities and accomplishments illustrating experience serving the library community. I welcome you to contact me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,

Nathan Turajski

Nathan Turajski

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EX LIBRIS GROUP

2019 – 2021

Ex Libris delivers SaaS library automation and research enterprise solutions to premier research libraries around the world. Ex Libris software solutions enable libraries to responsibly steward resources, accelerate research and delight their patrons. As a regional account manager, I helped libraries execute on strategic goals and become value centers within their institutions. I managed the Northwest Region consisting of 10 states and 3 Canadian provinces.

- Managed full sales cycle including leading executive-level strategic discovery discussions, in-depth group discussions and organizational needs analyses, delivering company presentations and product demonstrations, coordinating internal resources and closing business.
- Successfully sold complex solutions in highly competitive industry, closing multiple six-figure sales.
- Effectively communicated the value of complex services to diverse stakeholders.
- Tasked to reinvigorate existing relationships while growing market share.
- Ensured high customer satisfaction and growing customer portfolios.
- Developed relationships with library and consortia leadership teams.
- Communicated the value of innovative new product categories.
- Managed consortium relationships and key accounts.

SENIOR SALES ENGINEER / SENIOR SOLUTIONS ARCHITECT

EX LIBRIS GROUP / PROQUEST

2012 – 2018

Sales engineering role supporting all stages of the sales motion from initial engagement to business retention. Business unit develops and licenses SaaS library automation solutions to higher education, corporate and government libraries. Collaboration, creativity and independence in supporting a wide range of functions. Relied upon to work with key accounts, highly competitive opportunities and at-risk accounts.

- Key contributor on sales team helping develop strategy, qualify opportunities and accelerate sales cycle.
- Represented company in speaking engagements at industry conferences and user groups.
- Delivered compelling technical product demonstrations to prospects and at-risk clients.
- Aligned with key stakeholders in product management and leadership to deliver complex customer solutions.
- Created and developed training to onboard and develop sales specialists. Trained and mentored teammates.

SENIOR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

SERIALS SOLUTIONS

2004 – 2012

Selling SaaS solutions to libraries. Our products enabled libraries to efficiently manage rapidly growing electronic content collections and help library patrons find the content quickly and easily.

- In 2006, managed Midwest Region, consisting of 14 US states and Eastern Canada.
- In 2008, promoted to field sales executive for Corporate/Government market.
- Worked with executive level leadership and technical buyers.
- Sold into various verticals: academic, corporate, government, K-12 and public.
- Managed relationships with library consortia and buying clubs.
- Facilitated customer feedback and contributed input for product development.
- Leveraged customer satisfaction into excellent client retention ratings.
- Represented company at conferences, consortium meetings, tradeshow, and users' groups.

Education:

BA Liberal Arts – The Evergreen State College

2003

APPOINTMENT
Aging and Disability Resource Center Board
of Central Wisconsin - Advisory Committee

I, Kurt Gibbs, Chairperson of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, do hereby upon approval of the Board, re-appoint Krista Mischo, 620 Whitney Way, Mosinee, to the Aging and Disability Resource Center Board of Central Wisconsin (ADRC-CW) Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2026.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023.

Kurt Gibbs, Chairperson
County Board of Supervisors

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the above appointment was confirmed by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at their Adjourned Annual meeting which was held December 14, 2023.

S E A L

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk



Marathon County Citizen Participation Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming involved with Marathon County Boards, Committees or Commissions. Placement based, in part, on your responses to the following questions; please provide us with some information to use when considering your appointment by completing the questions below. You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment. For additional information, visit Marathon County's Web Site at <https://www.marathoncounty.gov/>. This form will remain on file for three years. A list of existing Boards, Commissions and Committees (including general information) can also be found on our website. Please consider becoming a part of this important Community Resource Group.

Contact Information

Date

12/7/2023

First Name *

Krista

Last Name *

Mischo

Address: *

620 Whitney Way

City: *

Mosinee

Zip Code: *

54455

Phone *

(920)850-4432

Email *

pkmischo@aol.com

Years as a Marathon County Resident *

11

Occupation/Employer, if applicable

retired

Business Information

Business Name

ADRC-CW

Address:**City:****Zip Code:****Choose Boards/Commissions and/or Committee ***

- Administrative Review Board
- ADRC-CW Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Board of Health
- Broadband Task Force
- Central Wisconsin Airport Board
- Central WI Economic Development Board (CWED)
- Civil Service Commission
- Community Action Program Board
- County Forest Citizens' Advisory Sub-Committee
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Environmental Resources Committee (ERC)
- WI Valley Library Service Board of Trustees
- Highway Safety Commission
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Marathon County Land Information Council
- Marathon County Park Commission
- Marathon County Public Library Board
- Metallic Mining Committee
- North Central Community Services Program Board
- Rib Mountain Metro Sewerage District
- Social Services Board
- Solid Waste Management Board
- Transportation Coordinating Committee
- Veterans Service Commission

For a thorough understanding of the objectives, membership, term, and duties of these groups, kindly refer to the Marathon County Ordinances, [Chapter 2, Section 2.05 and 2.06](#).

Why are you interested in serving on these particular Committees? *

I have been on the ADRC-CW Advisory Committee (Board) for a few years and want to continue.

What qualifications can you bring to these Committees? *

Former Volunteer Coordinator at United Way of Marathon County, former educator, current volunteer at various non-profits in the county.

On what other Committee(s) are you currently serving, if any?

none

Other Community Involvement

References(Please Include 3)

Reference

First Name *

Susan

Last Name *

Krolow

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

former coworker / friend

First Name *

Allie

Last Name *

Acridge

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

volunteer coordinator at
TWC

First Name *

Elizabeth

Last Name *

Robinson

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

community connection

Additional Information

You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment.

Attachment(s)

250 MB maximum file size

Signature *



Please sign here:

APPOINTMENT
Board of Health

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint the following individuals to the Board of Health to complete a two-year term to expire April 30, 2025, replacing Katherine Dively.

Kelly Sinkler, 1953 Deerwood Trail, Mosinee

Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement is allowed, paid upon request.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023.

Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the above appointments were confirmed by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at their Adjourned Annual meeting which was held December 14, 2023.

S E A L

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

MEMO

To: Marathon County Board of Supervisors
From: Lance Leonhard
Date: December 8, 2023
Re: Appointment of Kelly Sinkler to the Board of Health

This brief memo is offered in support of my appointment of Kelly Sinkler to fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term (expiring in April of 2025) of Katherine Dively, who had to resign her position following her relocation outside of Marathon County. I have had the opportunity to review Ms. Sinkler's electronic submission of interest in serving on the Board of Health and her resume. Moreover, I have had the opportunity to speak with her personally regarding her interest and qualifications. Having done so, I do believe Ms. Sinkler's professional experience in health care, and longstanding connection to central Wisconsin, would make her an asset to the Board of Health.

Wisconsin Statutes section 251.03 provides that "[i]n appointing the members [to the Board of Health] who are not elected officials or employees, a good faith effort shall be made to appoint a registered nurse and a physician, except that if the appointing authority is unable to locate a willing registered nurse, physician, or both, it shall make a good faith effort to appoint a physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or both."

Ms. Sinkler's status as a registered nurse satisfies the provisions of section 251.03. Moreover, her diverse experience relative to nursing (e.g., cardiac care, gastroenterology, neurology, and orthopedic), including her experience serving as an instructor with North Central Technical College's Nursing Assistant Program, would be valuable on the Board of Health.

In speaking with Ms. Sinkler, she shared that she and her family are residents of central Wisconsin and that she currently resides in the Village of Kronenwetter. I believe that her significant ties to this community would similarly serve her well, should the Board of Supervisors appoint her to serve on the Board of Health.

Should you require further information or clarification regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator



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Contact Information

Date

11/27/2023

First Name *

Kelly

Last Name *

Sinkler

Address: *

1953 Deerwood Trl

City: *

Kronenwetter

Zip Code: *

54455

Phone *

(715)-5810

Email *

kcsink28@yahoo.com

Years as a Marathon County Resident *

Wisconsin

Occupation/Employer, if applicable

RN Nursing Supervisor MMC Weston

Business Information

Business Name**Address:****City:****Zip Code:****Choose Boards/Commissions and/or Committee ***

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Safety Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADRC-CW Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Emergency Planning Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Land Information Council |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Park Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Task Force | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Public Library Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Wisconsin Airport Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Metallic Mining Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central WI Economic Development Board (CWED) | <input type="checkbox"/> North Central Community Services Program Board |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> County Forest Citizens' Advisory Sub-Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice Coordinating Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Coordinating Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Service Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WI Valley Library Service Board of Trustees | |

For a thorough understanding of the objectives, membership, term, and duties of these groups, kindly refer to the Marathon County Ordinances, [Chapter 2, Section 2.05 and 2.06](#).

Why are you interested in serving on these particular Committees? *

I feel I am passionate about nursing and my community and feel that I would bring good insight and expertise to issues concerning the communities.

What qualifications can you bring to these Committees? *

I have been a RN for over 15 years, I have served the community as a hockey mom also. I currently also teach at NTC's Nursing Assistant program.

On what other Committee(s) are you currently serving, if any?

Other Community Involvement

References(Please Include 3)

Reference

First Name *

Keshani

Last Name *

Bhushan

Address:

3400 Ministry Parkway

City:

Wausau

Zip Code:

54476

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

Friend

First Name *

Brooke

Last Name *

Kimm

Address:

1953 Deerwood Trl

City:

Weston

Zip Code:

54476

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

daughter

First Name *

Carl

Last Name *

Sinkler

Address:

1953 Deerwood Trl

City:

Kronenwetter

Zip Code:

54455

Phone *

[REDACTED]

Relationship to You *

Husband

Additional Information

You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment.

Attachment(s)

Kelly Lynn Sinkler resume.rtf

59.84KB

250 MB maximum file size

Signature *

Kelly Sinkler

Please sign here:

ORDINANCE # O - 44 -23

Town of Guenther Rezone

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Tim Vreeland on behalf of Paul and Carrie Simonis to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential described as part of Lot 3 of CSM 10167-41-190, located in the Southwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 29, Township 26 North, Range 8 East, Town of Guenther. Parent Parcel #032-2608-294-0994.

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on December 5, 2023 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Guenther hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Jacob Langenhahn, Chair



Allen Drabek, Vice Chair



Rick Seefeldt



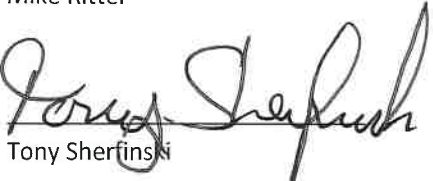
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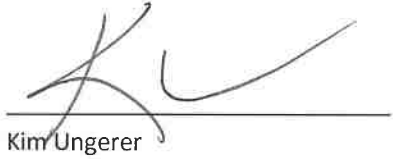
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Andrew Venzke



Tony Sherfinski



Kim Ungerer

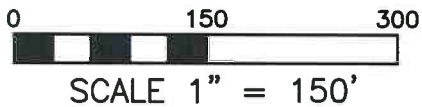
Kurt Gibbs – Marathon County Board Chair

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

MARATHON COUNTY NO. _____

PART OF LOT 3 OF CSM 10167-41-190, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWN OF GUENTHER, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

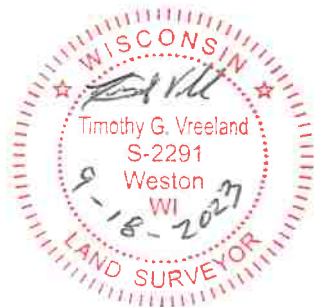
VREELAND ASSOCIATES, INC.	
LAND SURVEYORS & ENGINEERS	
6103 DAWN STREET WESTON, WI. 54476	
PH (715) 241-0947 tim@vreelandassociates.us	
PREPARED FOR:	CARRIE SIMONIS
FILE #: 23-0408 SIMONIS	
DRAFTED AND DRAWN BY: TIMOTHY G. VREELAND	



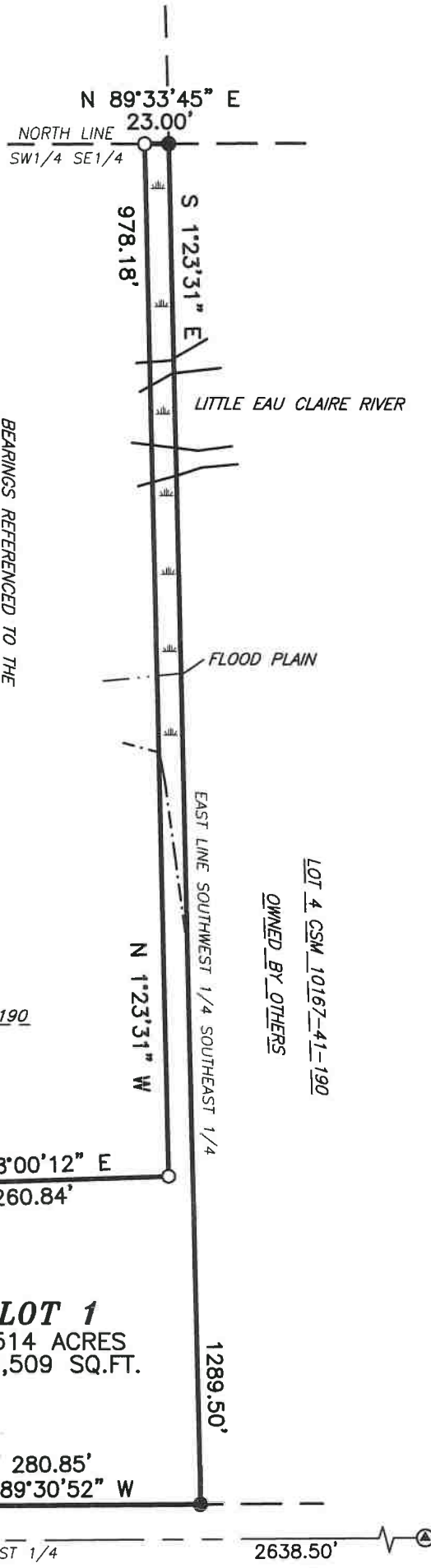
LEGEND

- ⊙ = GOVERNMENT CORNER LOCATION PER COUNTY SURVEY RECORDS
- = 0.75" x 24" REBAR 1.502 POUNDS PER FOOT SET
- = 0.75" REBAR FOUND IN PLACE
- < > = PREVIOUSLY RECORDED AS CSM = CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

--- = APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF WETLANDS PER DNR INVENTORY MAPPING. DELINEATION WOULD BE NEEDED TO VERIFY THE LOCATION.



BEARINGS REFERENCED TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 BEARING N 89°30'52" E PER WISCONSIN COUNTY COORDINATE SYSTEM (MARATHON) MAD83 (2011)



LOT 3 CSM 10167-41-190
OWNED BY DIVIDER

LOT 4 CSM 10167-41-190
OWNED BY OTHERS

LOT 1
2.514 ACRES
109,509 SQ.FT.

SANDY CREEK ROAD

SOUTH 1/4 CORNER SECTION 29-26-8 EAST LOCATION PER TIES

SOUTHEAST CORNER SECTION 29-26-8 EAST LOCATION PER TIES

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

PART OF LOT 3 OF CSM 10167-41-190, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWN OF GUENTHER, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, TIMOTHY G. VREELAND, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT THE DIRECTION OF PAUL AND CARRIE SIMONIS, I SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED PART OF LOT 3 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 10167, RECORDED IN VOLUME 41 ON PAGE 190, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWN OF GUENTHER, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE N 89°30'52" E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 1038.72 FEET; THENCE N 1°57'32" W 33.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SANDY CREEK ROAD AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING N 1°57'32" W 304.52 FEET; THENCE N 88°00'12" E 260.84 FEET; THENCE N 1°23'31" W 978.18 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE N 89°33'45" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 3 23.00 FEET; THENCE S 1°23'31" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 3 1289.50 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SANDY CREEK ROAD; THENCE S 89°30'52" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3 280.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD AND USE.

THAT SUCH MAP IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF ALL EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND SURVEYED AND THE DIVISION AND THE CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP THEREOF MADE.

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH SECTION 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES IN SURVEYING, MAPPING AND DIVIDING THE LANDS, CHAPTER A-E 7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE OF MARATHON COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF GUENTHER, ALL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023
SURVEY PERFORMED SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2023

TIMOTHY G. VREELAND P.L.S. 2291

APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER
THE TERMS OF THE MARATHON
COUNTY LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS.

BY _____

DATE _____
MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.
CPZ TRACKING NO. _____

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR
RECORDING BY THE TOWN OF
GUENTHER

DATE: _____

TOWN OF GUENTHER

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
MARATHON COUNTY)
TOWN OF GUENTHER)

RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Patricia Suchon, Clerk of the Town of Guenther, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Guenther Town Board at a meeting held on the 9 day of October, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3., Wisconsin Statutes, provides that if a town affected by a proposed amendment disapproves of the proposed amendment, the town board may file a certified copy of a resolution adopted by such board disapproving of the petition with the Environmental Resources Committee prior to, at or within ten (10) days after the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, if the town board of the town affected in the case of an ordinance relating to the location of boundaries of districts files such a resolution, the Environmental Resources Committee may not recommend to the County Board approval of the petition without change, but may only recommend approval with change or recommend disapproval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Guenther Town Board considered on the 9th day of October, 2023, the petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of Paul and Carrie Simonis to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential described as part of Lot 3 of CSM 10167-41-190, located in the Southwest ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 29, Township 26 North, Range 8 East, Town of Guenther. Parent Parcel #032-2608-294-0994.

The Town of Guenther hereby has considered the following standards for rezoning above property (*use additional sheets if necessary*);

- 1) **Has the applicant provided what public facilities and/or services currently serve the proposed development, what additional services may be required, and how the additional services will be provided?**
 No Yes Explain: undeveloped land
- 2) **Has the applicant demonstrated how the provision of the public facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government?**
 No Yes Explain: NIA
- 3) **Has the applicant determined that the land is suitable for the development proposed? Explain.**
 No Yes Explain: Surveyed
- 4) **Has the applicant demonstrated what will have to be done so the development will not cause unreasonable air and water pollution, soil erosion, or adverse effects on rare or irreplaceable natural areas? Explain.**
 No Yes Explain: NA
- 5) **Is there any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area?**
 No Yes Explain: NA
- 6) **Has the applicant demonstrated the need for the proposed development at this location? Explain.**

(OVER)

No Yes Explain: New Construction

7) Has the applicant demonstrated the availability of alternative locations? Be specific
 No Yes Explain: NA

8) Is cropland is being consumed by this zone change? What is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?
 No Yes Explain: _____

9) Has the applicant explained how the proposed development will be located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted?
 No Yes Explain: _____

10) Is proposed rezone request consistent with the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan? Explain.
 No Yes Explain: _____

11) Is there anything else the Town wishes to present or comment on regarding this application to the Marathon County Environmental Resources (ERC) Committee?
 No Yes Explain: _____

The Town of Guenther recommends: **Approval** **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR **Requests an Extension*** for the following reasons: _____

*Wis. Stats §59.69(5)(e), (3), and (3m) authorizes Towns to extend the time to disapprove a zone change for a total of thirty (30) days beyond the date of the public hearing. The extension must be by Town Board Resolution and remains in effect until the Town Board adopts a resolution rescinding the extension.

Clerk: Patricia A. Suchon
Town Board: Spencer S. Enright
Joseph M. Mera
Stanislaw Cisewski

NOTE: If you recommend disapproval of this request, please make every effort to send a representative to the Environmental Resources Committee Public Hearing. Town input at the hearing is always appreciated. Please return this form before November 24, 2023 to:

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department
210 River Drive
Wausau, WI 54403

RECEIVED
OCT 19 2023
MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.

ORDINANCE # O - 45 -23

Town of Hull Rezone

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Tim Vreeland on behalf of Mitchell Gumz and Jeremy Brown to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture and F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential, F-P Farmland Preservation to G-A General Agriculture, and G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential located in part of the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼, the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼, the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ and Southwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼, all in Section 24, Township 28 North, Range 2 East, Town of Hull. Area to be rezoned from G-A General Agriculture and F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1, areas to be rezoned from F-P Farmland Preservation to G-A General Agriculture are described as Lot 2, Lot 3, Lot 4, and Lot 7, and area to be rezoned from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential is described as Outlot 1 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #044-2802-242-0992

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on December 5, 2023 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Hull hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Jacob Langenhahn, Chair



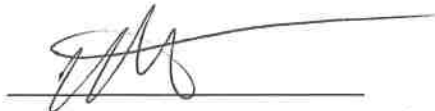
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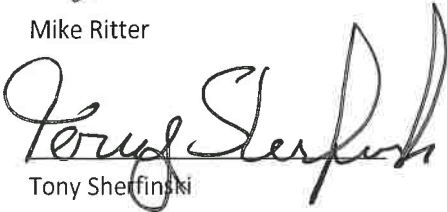
David Oberbeck



Mike Ritter



Andrew Venzke



Tony Sheffinski



Kim Ungerer

Kurt Gibbs – Marathon County Board Chair

Dated this 5th day of December, 2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MARATHON COUNTY
TOWN OF HULL

RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Jenny Reynolds, Clerk of the Town of Hull, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Hull Town Board at a meeting held on the 13th day of November, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(c)3., Wisconsin Statutes, provides that if a town affected by a proposed amendment disapproves of the proposed amendment, the town board may file a certified copy of a resolution adopted by such board disapproving of the petition with the Environmental Resources Committee prior to, at or within ten (10) days after the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, if the town board of the town affected in the case of an ordinance relating to the location of boundaries of districts files such a resolution, the Environmental Resources Committee may not recommend to the County Board approval of the petition without change, but may only recommend approval with change or recommend disapproval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hull Town Board considered on the 13th day of November, 2023, petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of Mitchell Gumz and Jeremy Brown to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture and F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential, F-P Farmland Preservation to G-A General Agriculture, and G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential located in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and all of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, all in Section 24, Township 28 North, Range 2 East, Town of Hull. Area to be rezoned from G-A General Agriculture and F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1, areas to be rezoned from F-P Farmland Preservation to G-A General Agriculture are described as Lot 2, Lot 3, Lot 4, and Lot 7, and area to be rezoned from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential is described as Outlot 1 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #044-2802-242-0992, 044-2802-242-0993, 044-2802-242-0990, 044-2802-242-0989, 044-2802-241-0996, and 044-2802-241-0995.

The Town of Hull hereby has considered the following standards for rezoning above property (use additional sheets if necessary):

- 1) Has the applicant provided what public facilities and/or services currently serve the proposed development, what additional services may be required, and how the additional services will be provided?
 No Yes Explain: _____
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 No Yes Explain: _____
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 No Yes Explain: _____
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 No Yes Explain: _____
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 No Yes Explain: _____

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- 6) Has the applicant demonstrated the need for the proposed development at this location? Explain.
 No Yes Explain: No development
- 7) Has the applicant demonstrated the availability of alternative locations? Be specific
 No Yes Explain: _____
- 8) Is cropland is being consumed by this zone change? What is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?
 No Yes Explain: No change to cropland use
- 9) Has the applicant explained how the proposed development will be located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted?
 No Yes Explain: _____
- 10) Is proposed rezone request consistent with the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan? Explain.
 No Yes Explain: _____
- 11) Is there anything else the Town wishes to present or comment on regarding this application to the Marathon County Environmental Resources (ERC) Committee?
 No Yes Explain: _____

The Town of Hull recommends: **Approval** **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

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*Wis. Stats §59.69(5)(e), (3), and (3m) authorizes Towns to extend the time to disapprove a zone change for a total of thirty (30) days beyond the date of the public hearing. The extension must be by Town Board Resolution and remains in effect until the Town Board adopts a resolution rescinding the extension.

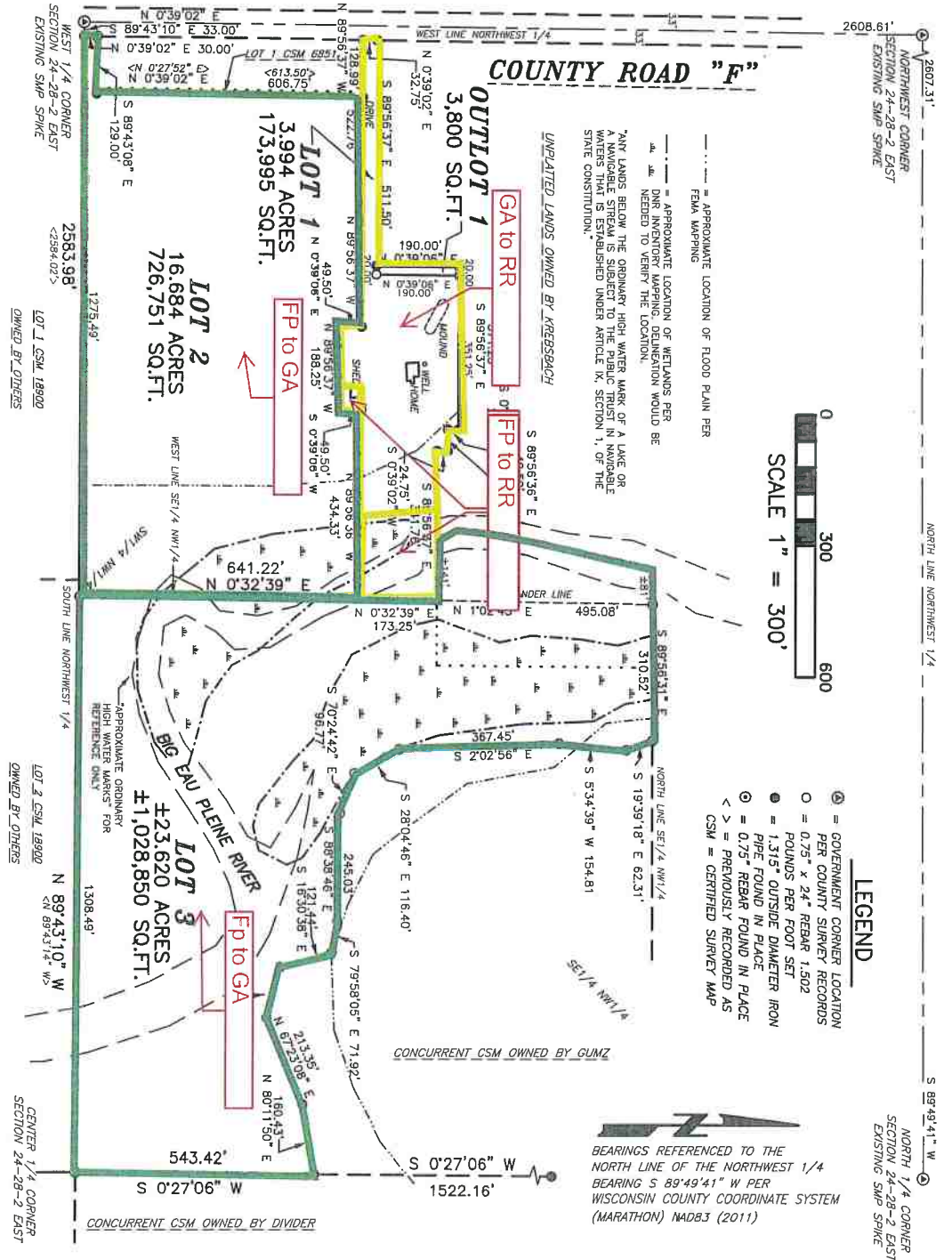
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 Supervisor 1 Kevin Robida
 Supervisor 2 Leslie Stans

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 Wausau, WI 54403

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP MARATHON COUNTY NO. _____

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CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

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LAND SURVEYORS & ENGINEERS**

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PREPARED FOR: **MITCHELL GUMZ**

FILE #: 23-0333 GUMZ

DRAFTED AND DRAWN BY: TIMOTHY G. VREELAND

SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

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COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE S 89°43'10" E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 33.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "F" AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 0°39'02" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "F" 30.00 FEET; THENCE S 89°43'08" E 129.00 FEET; THENCE N 0°39'02" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 6851 606.75 FEET; THENCE N 89° 56'37" W 128.99 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "F"; THENCE N 0°39'02" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "F" 32.75 FEET; THENCE S 89°56'37" E 511.50 FEET; THENCE N 0°39'06" E 190.00 FEET; THENCE S 89°56'37" E 371.25 FEET; THENCE S 0°39'10" W 24.75 FEET; THENCE S 89°56'36" E 49.50 FEET; THENCE S 0°39'02" W 24.75 FEET; THENCE S 89°56'37" E 341.76 FEET TO A POINT LYING 141 FEET MORE OR LESS FROM THE THREAD OF THE BIG EAU PLEINE RIVER AND THE BEGINNING OF A MEANDER LINE; THENCE N 1°02'43" E ALONG THE MEANDER LINE 495.08 FEET; THENCE S 89°56'31" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 310.52 FEET; THENCE S 19°39'18" E 62.31 FEET; THENCE S 5°34'39" W 154.81 FEET; THENCE S 2°02'56" E 367.45 FEET; THENCE S 28°04'46" E 116.40 FEET; THENCE S 70°24'42" E 96.77 FEET; THENCE S 88°38'46" E 245.03 FEET; THENCE S 79°58'05" E 71.92 FEET; THENCE S 16°30'38" E 121.44 FEET; THENCE S 74°39'00" E 119.39 FEET; THENCE N 67°23'08" E 213.35 FEET; THENCE N 80°11'50" E 160.43 FEET; THENCE S 0°27'06" W 543.42 FEET; THENCE N 89°43'10" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 2583.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. INCLUDING ALL LANDS LYING BETWEEN THE MEANDER LINE AND THE THREAD OF THE BIG EAU PLEINE RIVER. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD AND USE.

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DATED THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023
SURVEY PERFORMED AUGUST 31ST, 2023

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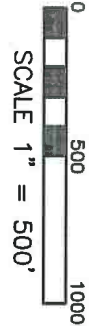
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CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

MARATHON COUNTY NO. _____

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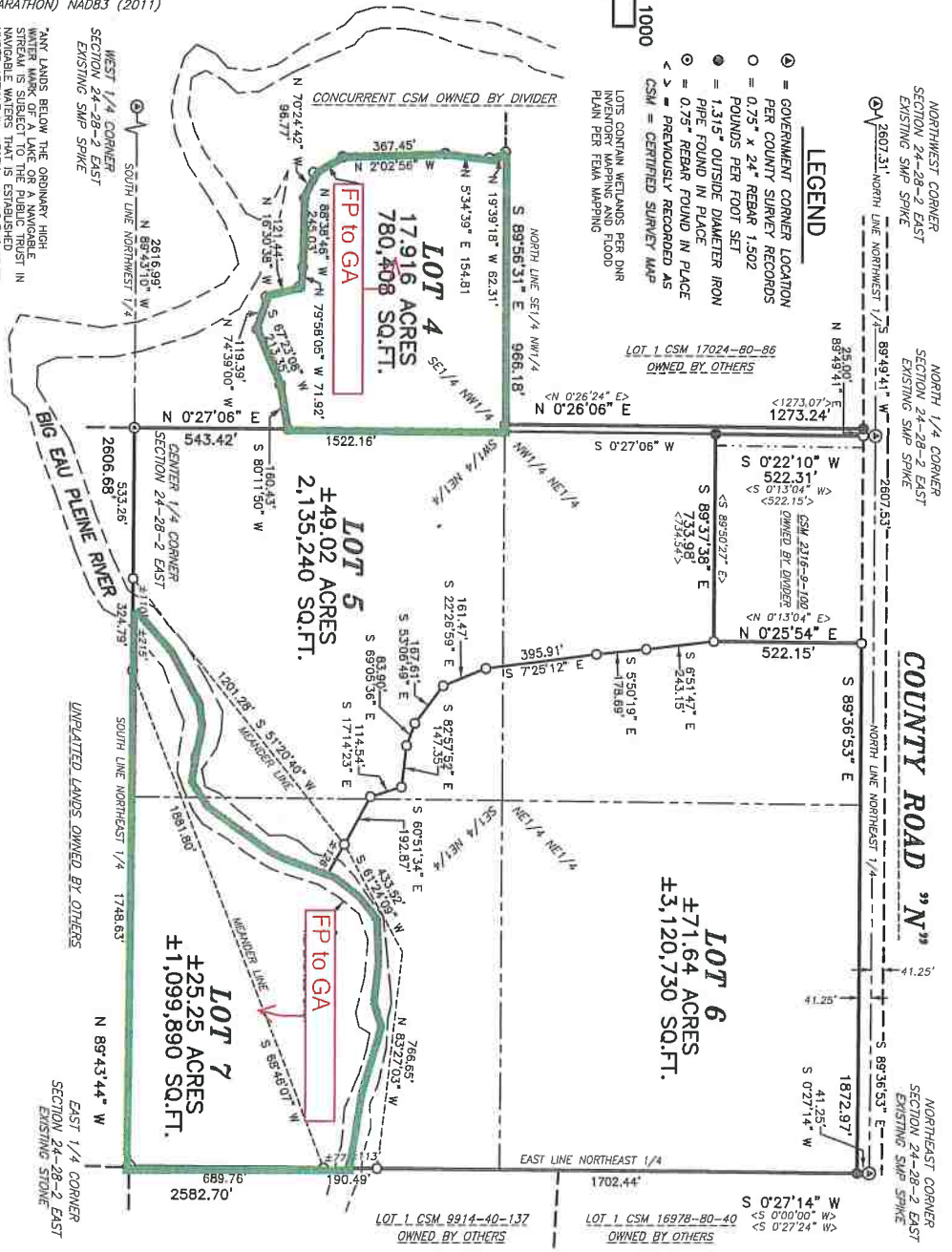
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WEST 1/4 CORNER
SECTION 24-28-2 EAST
EXISTING SMP SPIKE

UNPLATTED LANDS OWNED BY OTHERS

EAST 1/4 CORNER
SECTION 24-28-2 EAST
EXISTING STONE

SHEET 1 OF 2 SHEETS



LEGEND

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NORTHWEST CORNER
SECTION 24-28-2 EAST
EXISTING SMP SPIKE

NORTH 1/4 CORNER
SECTION 24-28-2 EAST
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COUNTY ROAD "N"

NORTHEAST CORNER
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CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

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PREPARED FOR: MITCHELL GUMZ
FILE #: 23-0333 GUMZ
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SURVEY PERFORMED AUGUST 31ST, 2023

TIMOTHY G. VREELAND P.L.S. 2291

ORDINANCE # O - 46 -23

Town of Brighton Rezone

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Tim Vreeland on behalf of Gladys Martin to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone land from F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential located in part of the Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 12, Township 27 North, Range 2 East, Town of Brighton. The area being rezoned from F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #010-2702-124-0999.

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on December 5, 2023 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Brighton hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.


Dated this 5th day of December, 2023

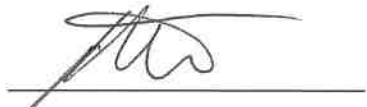
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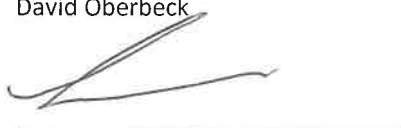


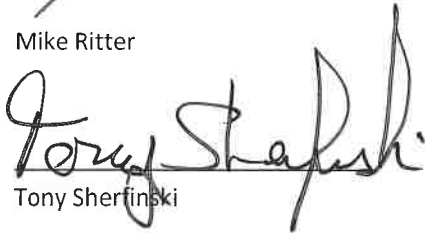
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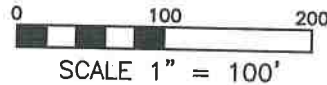
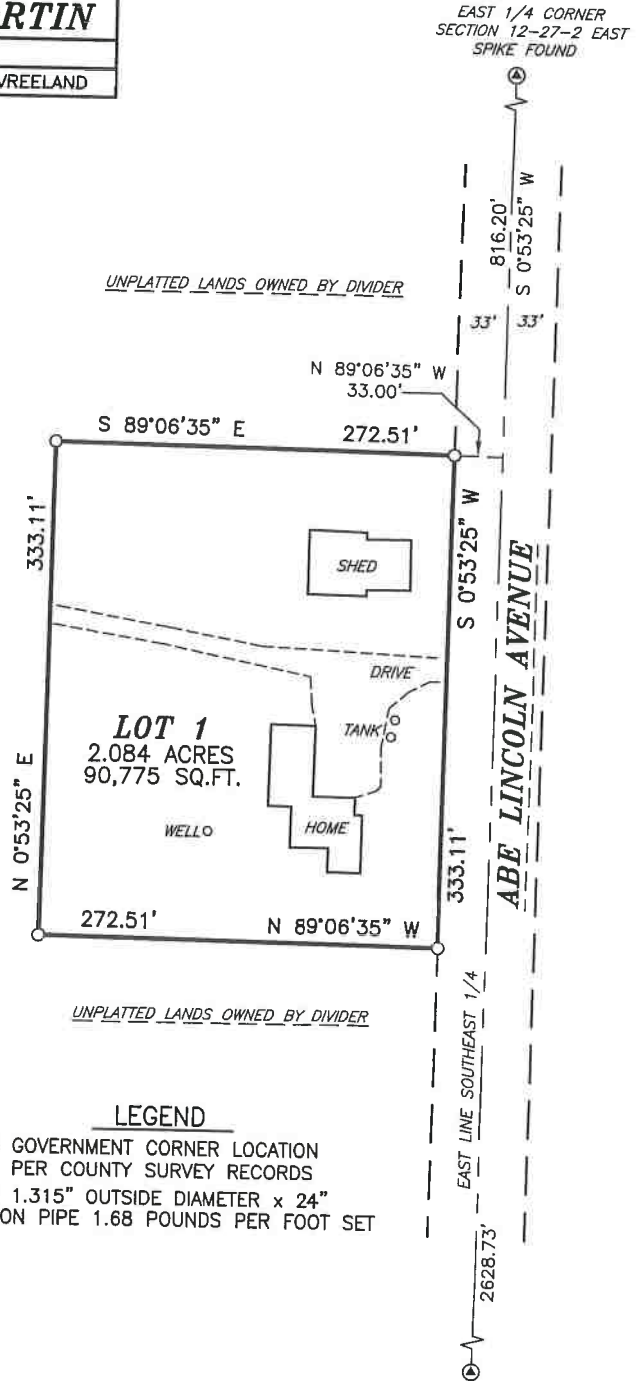
MARATHON COUNTY NO. _____

PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4
OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST,
TOWN OF BRIGHTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

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PH (715) 241-0947	tim@vreelandassociates.us
PREPARED FOR:	GLADYS MARTIN
FILE #:	23-0243 MARTIN
DRAFTED AND DRAWN BY: TIMOTHY G. VREELAND	

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SOUTHEAST CORNER
SECTION 12-27-2 EAST
SPIKE FOUND

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

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SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

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DATED THIS 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023
SURVEY PERFORMED SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2023

TIMOTHY G. VREELAND P.L.S. 2291

APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER
THE TERMS OF THE MARATHON
COUNTY LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS.

BY _____

DATE _____
MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.
CPZ TRACKING NO _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
MARATHON COUNTY)
TOWN OF BRIGHTON)

RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Nadine Willett, Clerk of the Town of Brighton, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Brighton Town Board at a meeting held on the 14th day of November, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3., Wisconsin Statutes, provides that if a town affected by a proposed amendment disapproves of the proposed amendment, the town board may file a certified copy of a resolution adopted by such board disapproving of the petition with the Environmental Resources Committee prior to, at or within ten (10) days after the public hearing, and

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No Yes Explain: _____

2) **Has the applicant demonstrated how the provision of the public facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government?**

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No Yes Explain: _____

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No Yes Explain: _____

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No Yes Explain: _____

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The Town of Brighton recommends: **Approval** **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR **Requests an Extension*** for the following reasons: _____

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Clerk Nadine Willett
 Town Board Mark Kraus
Steven Duff
Robert Hass

NOTE: If you recommend disapproval of this request, please make every effort to send a representative to the Environmental Resources Committee Public Hearing. Town input at the hearing is always appreciated. Please return this form before November 24, 2023 to:

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department
 210 River Drive
 Wausau, WI 54403



RESOLUTION #R- 69 -23

Approval of Town of Texas Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment

WHEREAS, to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats provides that any Zoning Ordinance and/or map adopted by a Town Board and any amendment thereof shall be subject to the approval of the County Board in counties having a county zoning ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Texas has amended their zoning as shown on the attached report, and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee, having considered the request to review amendments of the Town Zoning Ordinance filed by the Clerk of the Town of Texas and duly advised action by the Town, hereby recommends that the County Board approves this amendment as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendment to the Town of Texas Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning map as attached and made part of this record, all of which to be filed with the Marathon County Clerk.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Jacob Langenhahn, Chair



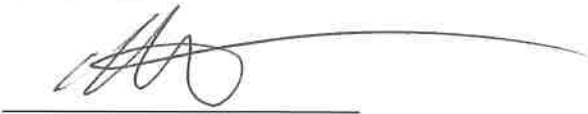
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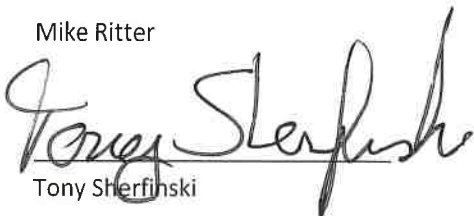
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Kim Ungerer

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF MARATHON)
TOWN OF TEXAS)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of TEXAS
has heretofore been petitioned to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance and accompanying Zoning Map, and;

WHEREAS, the Town on due notice conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendment(s), and;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment(s) has been given due consideration by the Town Board in open session, and;

WHEREAS, if a comprehensive plan has been adopted by the Town, the proposed amendments are or are not compatible with the adopted comprehensive plan [Town has not adopted a comprehensive plan];

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of TEXAS does hereby request review by the County Zoning Committee and subsequent recommendation for County Board approval of the attached Zoning Ordinance (and accompanying Zoning Map).

Dated this 13th of NOVEMBER, 20 23

Signed by the Board of the Town of Texas:

Richard Bunch
James Pankonin
John Wint

CERTIFICATION

I, Lorraine I Beyersdorff, Clerk of the Town of TEXAS, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of a Zoning Resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Town Board of the Town of TEXAS on NOVEMBER 13, 20 23.

Lorraine I Beyersdorff
Town Clerk (signature)

11-13-23
Date

Send this completed form along with your amendments, and a map, to:
Zoning and Regulatory Services
Marathon County Conservation, Planning & Zoning (CPZ) Department
210 River Drive
Wausau WI 54403 5449

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PIN : 07829070120988 -- Owner (s)-- Corey Baumann
PIN : 07829070120999 -- Owner (s)-- Christopher Coughman
PIN : 07829070120981 -- Owner (s)-- Paul Hsu
PIN : 07829070130995 -- Owner (s)-- Paul Hsu
PIN : 07829070130994 -- Owner (s)-- Paul Hsu
PIN : 07829070130992 – Owner (s)-- Beverly J Wischmeyer Ruffles LLP
PIN : 07829070120983 -- Owner (s)-- David A Blaubach Brenda L Blaubach
PIN--078-2907-021-0981 Brad Thompson house
PIN--078-2907-025-0990 Dale Lindwall (triangle missed)
PIN--078-2907-012-0980 Paul Hsu (Outlot behind building lot)
PIN--078-2907-012-0979 Paul Hsu other Outlot behind building lot

TOWN OF TEXAS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR
REZONING THE FOLLOWING PARCELS

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Texas Planning Commission will hear a request of the Town of Texas Property owners and Town Board to rezone the following parcels from RS-1/20, RS -1/40 Single Family Residential to A-1 General Agriculture District the descriptions of properties are: Part of Section 1, and Section 2 T29N R7E in Marathon County, Town of Texas. The properties are owned by Thompson, Lindwall, Baumann, Marcus, Wilke, Cushman, Hsu, Wischmeyer, Blaubach which have been mapped as Residential. These property owners and the Town Board request that the map being corrected as these parcels should have remained Agricultural. For a complete list by Parcel number contact the Town Clerk at 715-675-9063 or email Texas.clerk@yahoo.com

Date: November 6, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Town of Texas Municipal Center

Lorraine I Beyersdorff, Clerk
Town of Texas

* PIN : [07829070210982](#) – Owner (s)-- Brian Thompson Bradley Thompson

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PN : 07829070120983 -- Owner (s)-- David A Blaibach Brenda L Blaibach

Also the clerk added after the meeting

The following parcels

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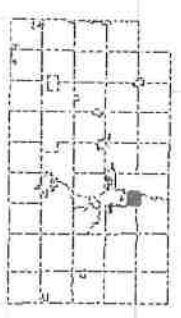
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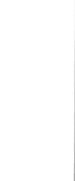
TAYLOR LINCOLN
WOOD PORTAGE



- Legend**
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 - Parcels
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 - Municipalities

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Notes

RESOLUTION #R- 70 -23

Approval of Town of Ringle Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment

WHEREAS, to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats provides that any Zoning Ordinance and/or map adopted by a Town Board and any amendment thereof shall be subject to the approval of the County Board in counties having a county zoning ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ringle has amended their zoning as shown on the attached report, and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee, having considered the request to review amendments of the Town Zoning Ordinance filed by the Clerk of the Town of Ringle and duly advised action by the Town, hereby recommends that the County Board approves this amendment as attached.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendment to the Town of Ringle Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning map as attached and made part of this record, all of which to be filed with the Marathon County Clerk.


Dated this 5th day of December, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE


Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

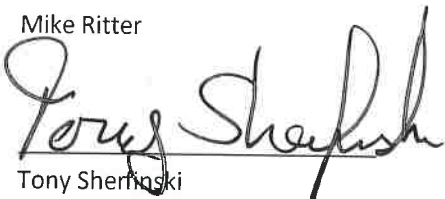

Allen Drabek, Vice Chair



Rick Seefeldt


David Oberbeck


Mike Ritter


Andrew Venzke


Tony Sherfinski


Kim Ungerer

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF MARATHON)
TOWN OF Ringle)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Ringle
has heretofore been petitioned to repeal and re-adopt the following (Check all that apply)...

- Town Zoning Ordinance
- Zoning Map, and;

WHEREAS, the Town on due notice conducted a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance and/or map,
and;

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance and map have has been given due consideration by the Town Board
in open session, and;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive plan has been adopted by the Town, and the proposed Ordinance and/or map
are compatible with the adopted comprehensive plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats, the Town Board of
Supervisors of the Town of Ringle does hereby request review by the County Zoning
Committee and subsequent recommendation for County Board approval of the attached Zoning Ordinance (and
accompanying Zoning Map).

Dated this 17 of Nov, 2023

Signed by the Board of the Town of Ringle:

[Signature]
Henry Blasek
[Signature]
Marta Pajasi

CERTIFICATION

I, Paula Zynda, Clerk of the Town of Ringle, Marathon
County, State of Wisconsin do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of a Zoning Resolution
adopted by a majority vote of the Town Board of the Town of Ringle on
MAY 08, 2023.

Paula Zynda
Town Clerk (signature)

11-17-2023
Date

Send this completed form along with your amendments, and a map, to:
Zoning and Regulatory Services
Marathon County Conservation, Planning & Zoning (CPZ) Department
210 River Drive
Wausau WI 54403 5449



223207 Abt Road, Ringle, WI 54471
Email: Ringle446@gmail.com
Town Website: <https://townofringlewi.com/>

Zoning Text Amendment Application

Applicant: Town of Ringle Planning and Zoning Committee.

Mailing Address: 223207 Abt Road, Ringle WI, 54471

Phone: - E-Mail: ringle446@gmail.com

Signature and Certification:

The, below-signed, hereby make application for a zoning text amendment for the amendment(s) herein. I declare that the information I am supplying is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I acknowledge that this information will be relied upon for the granting of this amendment.

Applicant Signature: Michael Dornbeck Date: 4/3/2023

Existing Ordinance Text: Provide a copy of the portion of the current ordinance which is proposed to be amended.
See Exhibit A

Proposed Ordinance Text (provide additional pages if needed): See Exhibit B

State the reason(s) for the proposed text amendment, consisting of the reasons why you believe the proposed text amendment is in harmony with the Town of Ringle Comprehensive Plan and the purpose of this Ordinance. (provide additional pages if needed): The proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance is required to match the existing Ringle Kennel Ordinance. The Town of Ringle clarified the existing Kennel ordinance and the intention to require a CUP for a Type 1 Kennel in all zones as the kennel ordinance was written to be required for over 2 dogs.

Is the proposed zoning text amendment consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan?

Yes No Explain: _____

_____ This proposed amendment will ensure consistency to the Towns Intent of the Kennel Ordinance and how it relates to the Towns enforcement of Kennel permits to ensure Kennel permitted and the allowed use meets the purpose of zoning as outlined in Section 1.05 of the ordinance. _____

Describe how the proposed zoning text amendment is in the public interest and would provide a beneficial impact to the community: _____

_____ This amendment will provide beneficial impact by insuring safe guards, and accountability to protect the public and properties of the Town of Ringle if issues arise for those who have multiple dogs on a property. _____

THIS SECTION IS FOR TOWN USE ONLY

Fee: _____ Acct No: _____ Receipt: _____ Date: _____

Date Rec'vd Complete: 3/7/23 By: Mike DOmbeck, Application No.: _____
P/Z Chariman

Public hearing notice publication dates: _____

Plan Commission review date: 4/24/23 public hearing

Plan Commission recommendation: Approve Deny

Town Board review date: _____

Town Board decision: Approve Deny

Comments: _____

Exhibit A

(3) TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES

Type of Use	AG/F	REC	R-1	R-2	CMU	GC	IC/LI	Notes:
AGRICULTURAL USES								
Agriculture	P	P	P	P	P			See Sec. 3.03(1)
Agricultural-Related Use	C	C						
On-Site Agricultural Retail	C	C						
Roadside Stand	P	P						
Community Garden	P	C	C	C	C			
RECREATIONAL USES								
Campground	C	C						
Camping	P	P	P					See Sec. 3.04(1)
Recreation Camp	C	C						
Passive Outdoor Public Recreation	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Active Outdoor Public Recreation	C	C	C	C	C	C		
Outdoor Commercial Recreation	C	C			C	C		
Commercial Riding Stable	C	C						
Outdoor Shooting Range	C	C						
RESIDENTIAL USES								
Single Family Detached Residence	p ¹	p ¹	P	P	P			
Two-Family Residence (Duplex) ²	c ¹		C					
Multi-Family Residence (3+ Units)					C	C		See Sec. 3.05(1)
Accessory Dwelling Unit	P	P	P	C	C			See Sec. 3.05(2)
Manufactured Home Community				C				See Sec. 3.05(3)
Manufactured/Mobile Home				P				See Sec. 3.05(3)
Short Term Rentals	C	C	C	C	C			See Sec. 3.05(4)
Boardinghouse					C	C		
Accessory Residence					P	P	P	See Sec. 3.05(5)
COMMERCIAL USES								
Hotel/Motel					C	C	C	
Artisan Gallery/Studio	C				C	P	P	
Retail					C	P	P	
Professional Office/Service Establishment					C	P		
Winery/Brewery/Distillery					C	C	C	
Bakery					C	P		
Family Day Care Home	P	P	P	P	P			
Group Day Care Center					C	P		
Vehicle Sales/Service					C	C		
Gas Station/Carwash					C	P	C	
Indoor Commercial Entertainment Facility (e.g., restaurant, tavern, wedding/concert venue, etc.)					C	C	C	
Special Event Venue (e.g., wedding barn, concert venue, etc.)	C	C						See Sec. 3.06(2)
Outdoor Theater	C					C	C	
Contractor Storage Yard	C					C	P	
Kennel, Type I	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kennel, Type II	C				C	C	C	

Exhibit B

(3) TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES

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Passive Outdoor Public Recreation	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Active Outdoor Public Recreation	C	C	C	C	C	C		
Outdoor Commercial Recreation	C	C			C	C		
Commercial Riding Stable	C	C						
Outdoor Shooting Range	C	C						
RESIDENTIAL USES								
Single Family Detached Residence	p ¹	p ¹	P	P	P			
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Hotel/Motel					C	C	C	
Artisan Gallery/Studio	C				C	P	P	
Retail					C	P	P	
Professional Office/Service Establishment					C	P		
Winery/Brewery/Distillery					C	C	C	
Bakery					C	P		
Family Day Care Home	P	P	P	P	P			
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Vehicle Sales/Service					C	C		
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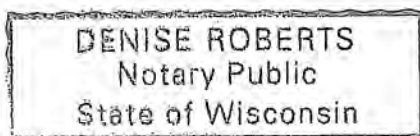


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4-6-23

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Notice of Public Hearing -
Town of Ringle

By: Town of Ringle Planning and Zoning
Committee
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Town of Ringle Municipal Center,
223207 Abt Road, Ringle, WI

Public Hearing regarding the Text
Amendment application by
Town of Ringle Planning and Zoning
Committee to match the existing Ringle
Kennel Ordinance. The Town of Ringle
clarified the existing Kennel ordinance
and the intention to require a CUP for a
Type 1 Kennel in all zones as the kennel
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Ringle if issues arise for those who have
multiple dogs on a property.
Planning and Zoning Chairman, Mike
Dombeck
Run: April 10, 17, 2023 WNAXLP

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TOWN OF RINGLE
Meeting Minutes
May 08, 2023

A meeting of the Ringle Town Board was held 7:00 pm at the Ringle Municipal Center, 223207 Abt Road, Ringle WI 54471. The agenda being duly posted, Chairman Al Christensen, called the meeting to order.

Board members: Chairman Al Christensen, Supervisors Henry Blarek, Jr, & Myron Podjaski, and Clerk - Paula Zynda, Treasurer – Lynette Thompson.

Roll Call: Diane Habeck Wolff, Brandon Fraaza, Mike Dombeck, Andy Stroik, Jessica Tlusty, Matt Kuklinski, Chris Kielman, Steve Thompson, Rocky Woodward, Debra Woodward, Pat Zoromski, Jerry Kuklinski, Leon Falkowski
Others: Ken Rux

Public Comments: Board of Review is on May 10 at 4:30pm. Hwy J from Hwy N to 153 will be under construction for most of next summer. Paula Z reported that the Town total recycle tonnage is above the standard amount. Al C stated that the road project Weston had planned for Gavitt St has been cancelled.

Motion to approve the April minutes by Myron, second by Henry. Motion carried by voice vote. Henry – yes, Al – Yes, Myron - Yes

Motion to approve the Treasurers repost by Henry, second by Myron. Motion carried by voice vote. Henry – yes, Al – Yes, Myron - Yes

PARK COMMITTEE – Diane Habeck Wolff reported that the Park Committee has a list of items for the park that anyone can donate towards. The list of raffle winners was posted on the picture display. Heidi R and Deb L are working on writing grants for the park fund. The group is working on a park sign design. Jackie L donate \$250 back to the park fund from her raffle winnings.

Motion by Myron, second by Henry to retain Attorney Lee Turonie as the Town Attorney. Motion carried by voice vote. Henry – yes, Al – Yes, Myron - Yes

ROAD REPORT – Matt K reported that he has been filling pot holes and grading. The weight limits signs were taken down. They removed fallen trees out of the ditches. Matt is cleaning and coating the plows for summer storage.

* **PLANNING AND ZONING** – Mike Dombeck stated that the last meeting was held on April 24th. They are working on updating paperwork. *Zoning committee recommends that the Town of Ringle accept the language revision to the Town of Ringle Zoning Ordinance Section 2.05 Principle Uses (3) Table of Principle Uses to revise Kennel, Type 1 from “P” permitted in every zone to require a “C: Conditional Use Permit in every zone. Motion by Henry, second by



Myron to approve this change in the ordinance. Motion carried by voice vote. Henry – yes, Al – Yes, Myron - Yes (Omitted on originally submitted minutes.)

BUILDING Permits - Leon F reported that 5 building permits were issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Chris K reported the calls for the month. They did in-house practice on the power tools. He will be putting the old Engine on an Auction site with a reserve of \$55,000.00. The new Engine was picked to be in the Fire Chief Journal. They took the Engine to the Fire Convention in IN. The Smoke House is now back. They will setup a calendar for usage. The Brad Fust Scholarship will be awarded on May 17th to 2 students. Chris stated the air packs will soon be out of date and will need to be replaced. He hopes to get some demo packs at a reduced price. Some Firefighters worked at the Riverside School Ice Cream Social.

LANDFILL – The Town Board and Siting Committee will meet on the 10th to pick 3 people from the list of names submitted by Marathon County to be on the Monitoring committee. The Town has submitted a list of 6 people for the committee to the County. They will pick 3 people to stay on the list.

Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 13th. at Marathon County Landfill.

Approval of Checks - # 33878 -33910 **Motion** by Henry, second by Myron to approve the checks after review of the checks and invoices. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion carried by voice vote - Henry – yes, Al – Yes, Myron – yes

Motion by Myron, second by Henry to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Henry – yes, Al – Yes, Myron – Yes.

Submitted by Paula Zynda, Clerk

TOWN OF RINGLE * MONTHLY BOARD MEETING * NOTICE AND AGENDA

A meeting of the Ringle Town Board will be held on Monday, May 08, 2023,
at 7:00 pm, at 223207 Abt Rd., Ringle, WI 54471

Please silence all cell phones

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
4. Public comments, questions, or concerns.
5. Approval of April minutes.
6. Approval of Treasurer's report.
7. Park Committee – Report.
8. Discussion and act to Retain Attorney Lee Turonie as the Town Attorney.
9. Road Report.

*Reducing speed limit on Weston Ave from 55mph to 45mph.

10. Planning and Zoning: Updates

* Zoning committee recommends that the Town of Ringle accept the language revision to the Town of Ringle Zoning Ordinance Section 2.05 Principle Uses (3) Table of Principle Uses to revise Kennel, Type 1 from "P" permitted in every zone to require a "C: Conditional Use Permit in every zone. Town Board to review and vote.

11. Zoning Administrator report: Building permits issued.
12. Fire Department report — discussion and possible action.
13. Landfill report.
14. Spring Cleanup discussion - May 13th.
15. Approval of checks
16. Motion to Adjourn.

Paula Zynda, Town Clerk, 05/01/2023

RESOLUTION # R-55-23
Marathon County Government's Role in Providing Affordable
High-Quality External Child Care

WHEREAS, a shortage of affordable, high quality child care is directly impacting Marathon County families and indirectly impacting Marathon County businesses through workforce shortages; and

WHEREAS, the EEED committee has been tasked with preparing recommendations for Marathon County Government's role in supporting affordable high-quality childcare, with input from non-EEED Supervisors and other Marathon County Stakeholders, per Marathon County's Strategic Plan Objective 10.3, Outcome Measure 3, and

WHEREAS, the certified family child care segment of the child care industry has been decimated, declining from 5000 certified family care providers statewide in 2001ⁱ to 580 in 2018ⁱⁱ, diminishing a substantial source of lower cost, high quality childcare slots, and

WHEREAS, at least one report indicates that state regulation, including the YoungStar rating system and the reauthorization of the CCDBG in 2014, has played a major role in the substantial decrease in the number of certified family care providers: "The answer has become clear. Many states chose overly burdensome regulation and procedures that pushed many childcare providers out of the market, replaced by higher-cost center-based care."ⁱⁱⁱ "Additionally, YoungStar likely has contributed to a decline in family childcare providers that has limited parental choice and driven up costs"^{iv}, and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County has an integral role in certified family child care as the Marathon County Department of Social Services is the local certification agency for certifying family care providers, and

WHEREAS, the state provides financial child care assistance to lower income families through Wisconsin Shares, with a state wide total of more than \$300,000,000.00 provided over the last 12 months to more than 17,500 Wisconsin families to assist in providing child care to more than 31,000 children^v, and

WHEREAS, family child care providers must be either certified or licensed to be eligible to accept Wisconsin Shares funding, and

WHEREAS, the federal and state government have provided \$10,641,766 of taxpayer funded subsidies to Marathon County child care providers since May 2020^{vi}, a level of funding which was not widely known to local taxpayers or local governments, and for which local input was not sought or approval received, and

WHEREAS, expanding childcare subsidies is contrary to the goal of increasing the number and percentage of self-sufficient households in Marathon County as stated in Marathon County's Strategic Plan Objective 10.3 Outcome Measure 1 adopted April 25, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is not the role of Marathon County Government to subsidize external child care using taxpayer funds from the property tax levy, the sales tax levy, or from APRA funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in general, the County believes that a significant part of the answer to Wisconsin’s early care and learning problems is to reduce government regulations and place more authority into the hands of parents and childcare providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County will identify state and county regulations that negatively impact the number of certified family child care providers in the County, and provide options for eliminating or mitigating these impacts, including but not limited to providing recommendations for feedback to the State and developing potential pilot programs to reduce unnecessary child care regulation while still maintaining high standards of health and safety. County staff are directed to provide a report to EEEDC detailing the results of this effort on a quarterly basis.

EXTENSION, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ⁱ Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners, “Working to Transform Early Childhood Education and Care”, November 2001, Page 11

ⁱⁱ Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Division of Early Care and Education, “2018 Annual Report Early Care and Education in Wisconsin”, March 2019, Page 22

ⁱⁱⁱ “Off Track: An Assessment of Wisconsin’s Early Care and Learning System for Young Children.”

Angela

Rachidi, Ph.D. SEPTEMBER 2022, Page 7, Page 14, Entire Document

^{iv} *ibid*, page 15

^v <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/stats>

^{vi} EEED Packet 20230706, page 22

**Resolution #R-66-23
Marathon County Government's Response to Housing**

WHEREAS, a shortage of affordable, safe, accessible housing is impacting Marathon County citizens, businesses, and economy; and

WHEREAS, an aging population will lead to a greater need for senior and supportive housing; housing costs are rising, increasing the need for more affordable housing options for the population; and the large percentage of older housing stock may need to be rehabilitated to remain viable, and

WHEREAS, housing affordability affects the region's quality of life and ability to compete economically, and it affects the health, safety, and happiness of the region's residents; and

WHEREAS, the need for single-family and multi-family housing is large, but the rising costs to build this type of housing is often prohibitive to developers; and

WHEREAS, within Marathon County's Strategic Plan, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has identified as objectives to "Develop a comprehensive approach to redevelopment and revitalization of older housing stock and older buildings" and to "Develop policies that promote a variety of safe and affordable housing options to enhance workforce availability"; and

WHEREAS, within Marathon County's Strategic Plan, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has identified as an outcome measure in Marathon County that "by August 31, 2023, with input from non-EEED Supervisors and other Marathon County Stakeholders, prepare recommendations for Marathon County Government's role in supporting safe and affordable housing options."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors does hereby resolve and ordain the following responses to housing:

1. Marathon County staff shall identify county-owned properties with significant potential for residential housing development and promote the development of housing on these high potential properties.
2. Marathon County shall prioritize the return of tax delinquent residential properties to the tax rolls in order to enhance the availability of affordable housing stock.
3. Marathon County officials shall participate in discussions with local municipal leaders, zoning officials, and developers about how existing zoning regulations impact the ability of new housing developments.
4. County staff shall provide resources to delinquent property owners relative to grant programs, financial programs, and available renter and homebuyer programs and financial programs.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023

EXTENSION, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION #R - 67 - 23

TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL COUNTY FOREST WORK PLAN

WHEREAS, Marathon County has lands enrolled in the Wisconsin County Forest Land Program commonly referred to as the Marathon County Forest; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan requires an annual work plan to be approved by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors to be eligible for certain grant funding per §28.11(5)(b), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry/Recreation Committee and Environmental Resources Committees approved the 2023 Forestry Division Work Plan at their regular meeting held December 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2024 Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Budget at its budget meeting November 9, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain and resolve as follows: To approve and adopt the attached 2023 Forestry Division Work Plan.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Treasurer to honor said checks.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023.

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Fiscal Impact Estimate: No Budgetary Tax Levy Impact. If the Resolution is not approved, the County would lose approximately \$68,941.00 State Grant Funds.

Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department Forestry Division 2024 Work Plan

Personnel:	Forest Administrator	1.00 FTE
	County Forester	0.80 FTE
	Director	0.06 FTE
	Department Clerical Support	0.50 FTE
	Maintenance Specialist (labor)	0.26 FTE
	Maintenance Technician (labor)	0.26 FTE
	Recreational Officer (Sheriff)	0.04 FTE
	DNR Cooperative Assistance (State Funded)	0.35 FTE
	 Total	 3.27 FTE

A. Timber Management:

1. Evaluate a minimum of 5% of the forest (1550 acres) and update compartment reconnaissance.
2. Establish and advertise 600-625 acres of timber for sale. Timber sale acreage and locations are determined using the Wisconsin Forest Inventory and Reporting System (WisFIRS) and proposed long-term harvest goals chapter 2000 of the County Fifteen Year Comprehensive Plan. Specific locations and details about timber harvests scheduled for the coming year can be obtained by contacting the County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.
3. Administer the cutting and scaling of 21 timber sales on 1615 acres established on County Forest Land with an estimated stumpage value of \$1,073,119.98.
4. Establish one timber sale of approximately 80 acres at Big Eau Pleine Park.
5. Contract with a tree company to plant 60,000 red pine seedlings on approximately 60 acres at Nine Mile Forest Unit.
6. Complete deer browse surveys at Big Eau Pleine Park and on County Forest lands to determine to what extent tree regeneration is being affected.
7. Classify habitat types on a minimum of 1200 acres.
8. Calculate allowable harvest levels out 20 and 30 years to ensure sustainability.
9. Evaluate 35–40-year-old aspen stands to determine feasibility of harvesting stands early to improve age class distribution and stabilize harvest levels.
10. Issue approximately 20 firewood permits.
11. Evaluate and complete oak scarification on sites that are identified.
12. Evaluate release needs for all acres of red pine planted since 2012. Release plantations by mechanical or herbicides as needed.

13. Continue to assist the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with an oak wilt study to confirm the frill-girdle-herbicide method is effective to stop the disease from spreading through interconnected root systems.
14. Assist Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Plant, Pest and Disease Specialists in identifying possible insect and disease problems with trees.
15. Continue implementing the policy on heterobasidian root rot disease requiring contractors to spray conifer stumps with fungicide to prevent infection according to DNR recommendations.
16. Monitor timber sales for unauthorized timber removal using the video detection system.
17. Monitor, evaluate, and treat oak wilt pockets in Nine Mile and other Forest Units.
18. Monitor, evaluate, and treat invasive species on the forest.
19. Apply techniques that reduce the ash component in forest stands on County Forest and Park lands according to DNR recommendations due to Emerald Ash borer being found in the County.
20. Follow the protocol established in the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan.

B. Road, Trail, and Facility Construction and Maintenance:

1. Continue the contract with APHIS for beaver control.
2. Inspect county forest and park boundaries as needed to control encroaching uses from neighboring private landowners.
3. Contract with professional land surveyors to complete surveys where needed to facilitate administration between County Forest and private lands.
4. Mow 50 miles of hunter walking trails and associated wildlife openings.
5. Mow all forest road ditches in the County Forest.
6. Maintain pit toilets at Bitzke Nature Trail, Burma Road and Nine Mile Forest Units.
7. Continue to assist law enforcement for illegal tree stands, unauthorized motorized use, and dumping on County Forest property.
8. Continue to assist law enforcement to enforce seasonal closures and ordinance violations at Nine Mile and other Forest Units.
9. Resurface trails where needed on County forests.
10. Maintain 6.48 miles of certified County Forest Roads.
11. Fabricate and install gates where needed.
12. Place granite on roads and trails in Forest Units to patch holes as needed.
13. Check the National Heritage Inventory Database (NHI) and the Wildlife Action Plan for endangered resources on any project that occurs on the County Forest.
14. Complete a County Conservation Aids project that adds 60,000 red pine seedlings at Nine Mile Forest Unit.
15. Complete a County Conservation Aids Project at Big Eau Pleine Park that replaces concrete planks at boat landings.

16. Replace culverts in Leathercamp, Kronenwetter, Nine Mile and Burma Forest Units as needed.
17. Continue mitigation of the 2010 flood using a FEMA grant at the Bern Forest Unit.
18. Complete an Archeological search on any proposed project on County Forest lands.
19. Assist with a project to replace the septic system and additional facility improvements to Nine Mile chalet utilizing American Rescue Plan funding approved by the County Board.

C. Land and Equipment:

1. Negotiate the purchase of additional lands to enter as County Forest that will improve blocking, facilitate management, and aligns with the Marathon County Strategic and County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plans.
2. Maintain all vehicles and equipment.

D. Developed Recreation (Non-Motorized):

1. Participate in the planning, administration and approval of all trail construction, expansions, relocations, and maintenance on County Forest Lands.
2. Monitor reconstruction of 2 km of the Nine Mile ski trail to improve trail profile and surface characteristics.
3. Assist Park facilities division in administering intensive recreation at Nine Mile.
4. Utilize volunteers to brush up to 20 km of ski trail.
5. Monitor the non-motorized recreation on County Forest Land.
6. Continue to assist law enforcement to enforce recreation pass requirements and violations at Nine Mile and other Forest Units.
7. Monitor the Central Wisconsin Off-Road Cycling Coalition winter fat biking permanent season at Nine Mile Forest to determine if biking, skiing, and snowshoeing continues to be compatible.
8. Evaluate the trail signage is adequate for safe skiing, biking and snowshoeing and make adjustments where necessary.

E. Developed Recreation (Motorized):

1. Participate in the planning, administration, and approval of all trail construction, expansions, relocations, and maintenance on County Forest Lands.
2. Monitor and approve reconstruction of the Burma Road Forest ATV/UTV trails.
3. The Central Wisconsin Trailblazers ATV/UTV club will maintain 11 miles of ATV/UTV trail in the Burma Road Forest to include brushing, grading, signing, and mowing.
4. Assess all trails and land in the Burma Road Forest to protect the resource from excessive soil erosion and to prevent illegal off-trail use.
5. Volunteers will brush up to 42 miles of snowmobile trail on County Forest Land.
6. Monitor the snowmobile program on County Forest Land.

7. Monitor and enforce ordinances pertaining to the unauthorized motorized use (ATV/UTV) on all County Forest Units.
8. Assist the Recreation Coordinator on the update of the Countywide snowmobile map.

F. Wildlife Management (Partially Grant funded):

1. Complete work identified in the DNR annual wildlife work plan. (See attached plan).
2. Mow flowage dikes, forest trails and select openings for brush control.
3. Seed select forest trails following timber sales to enhance wildlife habitat.
4. Improve forest opening condition through mechanical and chemical applications.
5. Cooperate with the DNR on identifying tag alder to shear in the Harrison-Hewitt and Leathercamp Forest Units.
6. Cooperate with DNR, the Ruffed Grouse Society and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on tag alder shearing in Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit.

G. Administration and GIS:

1. Implement the 2021-2035 County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
2. Develop and improve the Forestry Division portion on the Department's web page.
3. Continue to work with the Forest Citizen's Advisory Subcommittee for county forests to address issues of concern including use conflicts at Nine Mile during the fall season, the sustainability of mountain biking, equestrian user needs, and the impact of forest management on hunting.
4. Amend the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan to reflect ordinance, boundary, and policy changes.
5. Continue implementing marking guidelines, Best Management Practices for Invasive Species and Biomass Harvesting guidelines on the County Forest.
6. Attend the Annual DNR integrated planning meeting to evaluate, maintain, and improve the County/DNR partnership.
7. Develop interpretive displays explaining the benefits of sustainable forest management for display at recreation areas.
8. Monitor and administer all road use, land use, and other agreements/leases currently on County Forest Lands. Develop new agreements or leases when appropriate.
9. Implement and monitor third party Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) forest certification on the Marathon County Forest.
10. Coordinate integration of the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan with the Marathon County Comprehensive and Strategic Plans.
11. Continue to implement the DNR Wisconsin Forest Inventory Reporting System (WisFIRS).
12. Follow the Bern Flowage emergency action plan, if required, due to flooding.

13. Review county zoning to ensure alignment with the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
14. Apply for grants and permits that accomplish County Forest and Park land improvements.
15. Supervise the County Forester and other seasonal employees.
16. Continue to be part of the senior administration team working on strategic planning and other initiatives to meet Department and County goals.
17. Continue research and studying the possibility of entering into carbon market project on County Forest lands including education with County Board leadership and possible presentations with Committee's and County Board.
18. Assist in the annual Marathon County single audit of Forestry budgets.
19. Participate in bi-weekly Parks, Recreation and Forestry Staff meetings.
20. Participate in quarterly Wisconsin County Forests Association conference calls.
21. Continue education with members of the Forestry/Recreation and Environmental Resources Committees on County Forest management.
22. Submit testimony to the County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) and other Committee's that may affect County Forest management.

H. Public Outreach/Professional Development

1. Participate in school career programs and attempt to make two classroom presentations on forestry and natural resource management.
2. Attend County sponsored training and other management meetings as required.
3. Participate in job shadows introducing students into the forestry profession.
4. Continue to assist the public with insect, disease, and timber management information.
5. Tour the Marathon County Forest that includes members of the Marathon County Board and others as time allows.
6. Attend appropriate professional development training.
7. Maintain membership in the Society of American Foresters.
8. Attend Forest Certification training as required.
9. Continue to work with the Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) by serving as a member of the Legislative/Forest Certification Committee on issues affecting County Forests.
10. Continue involvement on numerous WCFA committee's advancing the practice of forestry.
11. Continue updating maps to be included in new Forest Unit brochures and website for the public.
12. Revise and develop recreational maps for the public including cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, equestrian, winter fat tire and single-track mountain biking for County Park and Forest lands.

2024 MARATHON COUNTY FOREST WILDLIFE WORK PLAN

This represents the 2024 Annual Wildlife Work Plan, pursuant to the fifteen-year Comprehensive Plan for the Marathon County Forest.

Personnel

Assistance to the County Forest Administrator and DNR Forester Liaison will be provided in all wildlife matters concerning the County Forest. The DNR Wildlife Biologist position assigned to Marathon County is planned to be filled through 2024. However, the DNR is currently short on Wildlife Technician positions in the area. Much of the work done during 2023 was accomplished by the Biologist, DNR Limited Term Employee (LTE) crew or County Forestry staff.

Flowage Management

Most flowages were below desired water levels during the summer of 2023 due to lack of precipitation. Fortunately, heavy rains in the fall helped fill them providing great habitat for migrating waterfowl. Waterfowl production and sightings were above average on Marathon County flowages in 2023 despite the low water. Beaver issues and damage were occasionally addressed, but not a major issue throughout the year.

Dike Maintenance:

Muskrat and beaver holes on flowage dikes are often patched to maintain their integrity. There was a large emphasis on dike repair in 2022, which resulted in the lack of need to patch dikes in 2023. The lower water levels in the flowages also helped to minimize rodent damage.

A USDA-Wildlife Services Certified Service Agreement (CSA) was signed by DNR Wildlife Management to trap and remove problem beaver in 2023 on flowages in the Harrison-Hewitt and Nine Mile Forest blocks as part of a statewide agreement. There was beaver damage early in the summer and eight beaver were removed in three flowages. In 2024, DNR once again plans to contract with USDA-Wildlife Services to trap beaver on these flowages due to anticipated nuisance and damage.

Bern Flowage:

Bern flowage is chronically affected by floating cattail masses that occasionally plug the dam. Contractors have removed cattails for several years along the dike and weir with an excavator. This technique has proven to be effective at keeping the water flowing freely through the dam. There are still cattails that need to be removed from the flowage as they move closer to the dam. A contractor removed the cattails along the dike and in front of the dam in June of 2023. Water levels for the remainder of the summer were in drawdown, which kept the cattails rooted and prevented them from plugging the dam.

A contractor will remove cattails in the summer/fall of 2024 as needed. Additional options of removing cattails are being explored by DNR wildlife management and County Forestry staff.

The Black Creek Dam (Bern) was inspected by Becher-Hoppe Associates, Inc. during the summer of 2023 per DNR requirements. The dike was mowed and brushed by wildlife staff prior to the inspection (Picture 1). There were a few minor maintenance items flagged, but there were no major improvements recommended. An updated Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and Inspection, Operation and Maintenance (IOM) Plan have also been completed.



Picture 1. Bern dike after mowing and brush cutting.

Wild Rice:

Wild rice production was terrific on Lower Nienow, Swamp and Lower Leo flowages (Picture 2) in 2023. Patches of rice were also seen at Nienow and Lower Leo flowages in the Harrison-Hewitt unit. In September of 2023, managers purchased 80 lbs. of wild rice and seeded the Birch Flowage in Nine Mile.



Picture 2. Wild Rice production in 2023 on Lower Leo Flowage.

Flowage Management:

Planned flowage management for 2024 includes a continuation of the flowage drawdown rotation. Drawdowns reduce undesirable plant species, allow desirable plant species to germinate and return nutrients to the soil. The drawdown plan for 2023 called for drawdowns on Lower Leo, Nienow, and Nine Mile East #2 flowages. Lower Leo was kept in draw down due to the tremendous rice production

created by previous drawdowns. Nine Mile East #2 and Nienow were not drawn down in 2023 due to beaver and other debris issues. Bern flowage was in a partial drawdown through late summer, providing mudflats for shorebirds (Picture 3). In 2024, managers plan to draw down Nienow flowage and Nine Mile East #2.



Picture 3. Drawdown at Bern flowage in July of 2023.

Forest Management

Openings Management:

Maintaining early successional habitat, such as grass openings, is an important part of Central Wisconsin forest management. In 2023, forest opening work was put on hold due to staffing limitations. The County staff mowed some of the openings as part of their trail mowing program.

In 2024, more nickel-an-acre funds will be available to the County to pay for or expand some of their trail/openings mowing program.

Trails:

DNR wildlife staff seeded 0.75 miles of forest trails in the Kronenwetter Forest Unit with a clover/grass mix in the summer of 2023. Seeding trails post-logging prevents erosion and provides a valuable food source for ruffed grouse and other game and non-game species. Trails and log landings will be seeded in Marathon County in 2024 as requested by Marathon County Forestry staff.

In 2024, funds will be set aside out of nickel-an-acre to cover some Marathon County Forestry equipment costs related to trail maintenance.

Alder Management:

Wet conditions, lack of frost and limited staff availability postponed any potential for alder management during the winter of 2022-23. Due to a change in priorities, there will be no allocated budget out of nickel-an-acre assigned to alder management work.

Oak Regeneration:

Maintaining and regenerating oak trees in Marathon County is a priority not only from a forestry standpoint, but as a wildlife resource as well. Acorns provide a valuable food source during the fall for many species of Wisconsin’s wildlife. In 2024, new funds from nickel-an-acre will be distributed for oak regeneration projects (ex. scarification) that will help sustain our oak resource into the future.

Grasslands/ Hoffman Farm

The large burn unit south of County Road G is recommended to be burned during the fall of 2024. It is listed as low priority when compared to other burn units in the district. We will explore other options for managing this grassland complex to control brush if burning is not possible.

2023/2024 Nickel-an-Acre Budget

The following table lists the 2023 Nickel-an-Acre project budgets and expenses. It also includes proposed 2024 projects and the associated spending plan.

Project Activity	2023 Budgeted	2023 Expended	2024 Budgeted
Flowage Maintenance (dikes, spillways, structures)	\$300	\$285.45	\$200
Flowage Maintenance (brush/cattail removal-dikes)	\$300	\$398.21	\$200
Wildlife Opening Maintenance	\$900	\$700	\$0
Trail Seeding/Maintenance	\$100	\$0	\$750
Wild Rice Seeding	\$500	\$400	\$500
Alder Management	\$500	\$0	\$0
Site prep – Oak Regeneration	\$0	\$0	\$750
Totals	\$2,600	\$1783.66	\$2,400

After all expenses are subtracted, the Nickel-an-Acre account balance at the end of 2023 should be \$2,924.34. This will increase to \$4,374.34 after deposit of the 2024 allotment.

Submitted by:

Brandon Stefanski, DNR Wildlife Biologist, Marathon County

Approved by:

Tom Lovlien, Marathon County Forest Administrator

Rick Seefeldt, Chairperson, Marathon County Forestry/Recreation Committee

Jeff Sorenson, Forestry Liaison, Wausau

RESOLUTION #R - 68 - 23

APPLICATION FOR COUNTY FOREST ACREAGE SHARE LOAN PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Counties having lands entered as “County Forest Lands”, under the provisions of Sec. 28.11(4)(b), Wis. Stats., annually receive from the state a non-interest bearing loan to be used for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of such lands; and

WHEREAS, said loan monies are repaid through a 20% severance tax on timber revenue coming from County Forest Lands unless a higher rate is mutually agreed to by the County and the department; and

WHEREAS, the current provisions of Sec. 28.11 (8)(b)1 make it possible for the County, at its option to receive not more than 50 cents per acre to meet the needs identified in its County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon, in consideration of meeting the needs identified in its County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan hereby request the Department of Natural Resources to provide the 2024 payment to the County on the basis of 50 cents for each acre of Marathon County Forest Lands; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this request with the Department of Natural Resources prior to December 31st preceding the year in which said payment is being requested to be made.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023.

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Fiscal Impact: Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department will receive \$15,031.16 as an interest free loan to be used for forest maintenance, development, and land acquisition.

RESOLUTION NO. #R - 71 - 23

COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation providing for allocation to the respective counties in that state on an acreage basis for the county fish and game projects on the condition that the counties match the state allocation; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County desires to participate in county fish and game projects pursuant to provisions of s. 23.09(12) of the Wisconsin statutes; and

WHEREAS, this resolution updates and replaces a previous resolution #51-15 dated September 15, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain and resolve as follows:

1. That the Forestry/Recreation Committee of the County Board of Supervisors is authorized to expend the funds hereby appropriated and the funds received from the State of Wisconsin be used for the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, and to operate and maintain or cause to be operated and maintained the project for its intended purpose.
2. That the County Forest Administrator, as an agent of Marathon County and the Forestry/Recreation Committee, is authorized to execute agreements for projects approved by said committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Treasurer to honor said checks.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023.

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Fiscal Impact Estimate: Marathon County will continue its eligibility for an annual grant of \$4,314.00 which will be matched with an equal county appropriation.

RESOLUTION #R - 72 - 23

AMENDING THE MARATHON COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

WHEREAS, Marathon County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to §28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors on November 10, 2020, adopted resolution R-66-20 approving the Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said plan to incorporate revisions, requirements of forest certification and additional language changes, and;

WHEREAS, subsection (5)(a) of the above referenced state statute requires said plan amendments be approved by the County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Natural Resources, and

WHEREAS, the plan amendments for the fifteen year period encompassing 2021-2035 has been prepared by the Forestry/Recreation and Environmental Resources Committees is hereby submitted for approval of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan be amended as attached (deleting the ~~stricken~~ portions and adding the highlighted portions).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED that the Forestry/Recreation Committee is directed to forward these amendments to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023.

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Fiscal Impact Estimate: None

COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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100 MISSION STATEMENT

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department mission is to adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the perfect place to live, work and play. The mission of the Marathon County Forest is to manage, conserve and protect natural resources on a sustainable basis for present and future generations. These resources, such as those provided by the County Forest, are the base for addressing the ecological and socioeconomic needs of society.

County Forest resources should be protected from natural catastrophes such as fire, insect and disease outbreaks, and from human threats such as encroachment, over-utilization, environmental degradation and excessive development. While managed for environmental needs including watershed protection, protection and maintenance of biotic diversity, these same resources must also be managed and provide for sociological needs, including the production of raw materials for wood-using industries that provide a wide variety of products fulfilling consumer demands, and provisions for recreational opportunities.

105 GOAL OF THE COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN (Hereafter referred to as the “Plan”)

To administer the County Forest program consistent with the mission statement and the purpose and direction of the County Forest Law as stated in s. 28.11, Wis. Stats., giving consideration to input from citizens and groups. The purpose of the County Forest Law being:

“ ... to provide the basis for a permanent program of county forests and to enable and encourage the planned development and management of the County Forests for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, watershed protection and stabilization of stream flow, giving full recognition to the concept of multiple use to assure maximum public benefits; to protect the public rights, interests and investments in such lands; and to compensate the counties for the public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide a reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie.”

110 COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

MARATHON COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN POLICY

This plan shall incorporate or reference all official County Forest policies, pertinent county regulations, planning documents and the needs and actions for the period 2021 through 2035.

This plan is the authority for management on county forest lands enrolled under Wisconsin County Forest Law s. 28.11. This plan may be encompassed within required local planning efforts.

110.1 MANAGEMENT PLANNING OBJECTIVES

Management planning shall be used to establish objectives, policies, procedures, rules and regulations, and to promote an efficient and orderly program of development and management of the County Forest in the interest of:

1. Determining needs and priorities.
2. Achieving goals set forth in the mission statement of this plan.
3. Satisfying the statutory requirements of s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.
4. Satisfying requirements for participation in various state and federal aid programs.
5. Providing broad long-term and detailed short-term guidelines for actions.

110.2 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN

Section 28.11, Wis. Stats., places the responsibility for the plan development on the Committee with technical assistance from the Department and other agencies. The County Forest Administrator will take the lead at the committee’s request. During development of the plan public participation should be utilized to provide for public participation throughout the planning process. Public participation and inputs into the plan should consider s. 28.11, Wis. Stats., which governs the County Forest program and provides the sideboards to which this plan must adhere.

Marathon County’s public participation process includes the following:

MARATHON COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN 2021 - 2035
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

<u>STAGE OF PROCESS</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>TOOLS/TECHNIQUES</u>
Identification of Issues	Consult	On-Line/Mailed General Survey
Draft Development	Inform	Website
All Draft Chapters	Involve/ Collaborate	Forest Citizens’ Advisory Subcommittee Forestry/Recreation Committee Environmental Resources Committee Park Commission (Chapter 900-2000)
Preliminary Draft Completion	Inform/Consult	Public Listening Session at F/R Committee 30 Day Public Comment Period
Final Draft	Inform	Forest Citizens’ Advisory Subcommittee Website/E-Mail to Plan Holders

110.3 APPROVAL OF THE PLAN

Comments received should be given consideration during plan development. The Committee will then present the plan to the County Board for their approval. Following County Board approval, the plan will then be forwarded to the Department for approval of the plan by the DNR required by s. 28.11(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

110.4 DISTRIBUTION OF THE PLAN

Each member of the County Board will have access to a copy of the plan at the time of initial review and approval. Updated official copies will be maintained by the Forest Administrator and available electronically.

Plan and future amendments will be: Electronic versions of the plan or plan amendments or electronic links to the documents will be distributed to the following:

1. Department of Natural Resources - Liaison and County Forest Specialist.
2. Executive Director- Wisconsin County Forests Association.

110.5 UPDATING THE PLAN

Necessary changes in policy and procedure will be incorporated into the plan by amendment as required. Amendments to the plan will require approval by both the County Board and the Department of Natural Resources as stated in s. 28.11(5)(a), Wis. Stats. Changes to official County Forest Blocking map require County Board approval. The annual county board approved work plan, budget, and annual accomplishment report are appended to the plan and do not require official DNR approval. In addition, changes to Chapters 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 do not require a plan amendment or official DNR approval, with the exception of the official County Forest Blocking map.

110.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER PLANNING

The development of this plan and any future amendments to this plan will include considerations, and if warranted, participation in other local and regional planning efforts. It is expected these other plans will also consider and mesh their efforts with the County forest plan. Coordination between the County Strategic, Comprehensive and County Outdoor Recreation (CORP) and other is essential for effective land management.

115 FOREST RESOURCE PLANNING

The Committee will utilize procedure as set forth in the Department of Natural Resources Public

Forest Lands Handbook no. 2460.5. Silviculture Guidance, supported by Wisconsin's forestry community and Silvicultural Guidance Team may be referenced in forest management activities. WisFIRS will be utilized as the primary tool for forest management planning decisions. Additional resources such as forest habitat type classification, soil surveys, and DNR's Best Management Practices for Water Quality guidelines may be utilized in management decisions.

115.1 FOREST CERTIFICATION GROUP ADMINISTRATION

As the certification group manager, the Department of Natural Resources will be responsible for overall administration of third-party certification efforts. The DNR County Forest Specialist will work in close cooperation with the Wisconsin County Forests Association in coordinating this effort. The group manager's responsibilities will include:

- Record keeping of certification
- Coordinating communication with the certification auditing firms
- Reporting and payment of fees
- Processing new entries and departures from the groups
- Internal compliance monitoring
- Dispute resolution

Detail on the certification group administration is maintained in the Public Forest Lands Handbook.

115.2 FOREST CERTIFICATION COMMITMENT

Marathon County's Commitment to Sustainable Forestry

Our county forests provide a vital contribution to the State and the world by providing economic, environmental and social benefits important to our quality of life. Marathon County believes that accomplishing such sustainable forestry requires a commitment and partnership from all the groups and individuals that benefit from these public lands.

Marathon County's Commitment

Within the scope of the Wisconsin County Forest Law and the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Marathon County will implement forestry practices that promote forest sustainability and multiple use of the forest. In the management of the Forest that will include the sustainable harvest of forest products, the protection of special sites, wildlife, plants, water quality and aesthetics.

All forestland owners have a responsibility to provide sound forest stewardship. Marathon County will work in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other

natural resources groups / agencies in providing sustainable forestry information to those landowners and individuals impacting forest sustainability in Wisconsin. We will support research efforts to improve the health, productivity, and management of forestlands both internally and through cooperative efforts. In managing the Marathon County Forest a spectrum of forestry practices will be employed to achieve our sustainable forestry objective. Both intensive and more extensive forest management techniques will be used to provide for wildlife, forest products, recreation, aesthetics, water quality, aesthetics and ecosystem maintenance. In keeping with this responsibility Marathon County is committed to conforming to the standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative ®. ~~SFI 01617 SFI 100%.~~

120 COUNTY AUTHORITY

The County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan is the official County Forest authority. The Forestry/Recreation Committee of the County Board enforces the regulations governing the use of the County Forest.

120.1 ORDINANCES

The county ordinances that apply to the administration and management of the Marathon County Forest can be found in Chapter 1005.2. In addition, the following will be considered in planning process.

- County Forestry ordinance (General Code Chapter 16)
- Park and Recreation ordinance (General Code Chapter 19)
- Shoreland, Shoreland wetland and floodplain (General Code Chapter 22)
- All Terrain Vehicles (General Code Chapter 7)
- Non-Metallic Mining ordinance (General Code, Chapter 21)
- Snowmobile ordinance (General Code Chapter 7)
- Marathon County Comprehensive Plan (General Code Chapter 26)
- Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee (General Code Chapter 16)

125 HISTORY

125.1 STATEWIDE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

In 1927, the State Legislature passed the Forest Crop Law, authorizing counties to create county forests. An opinion of the Attorney General with reference to the Forest Crop Law stated that the counties would be exempt from the owner's share of annual tax. In 1929 the law was amended to create the County Forest Reserve Law. In 1963, several major revisions were made, creating the

County Forest Law s. 28.11. The most notable change was the creation of a permanent program of forests that would be managed in accordance with a 10 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan developed by the county, with the assistance of the Department of Natural Resources. Several grants and loans were created and remain available to counties to compensate for public uses of these county forest lands as stipulated in s. 28.11. To fulfill additional statutory obligations acreage share payments to towns are currently \$~~30~~ .63/acre, and towns with county forest land receive a minimum of 10% of the stumpage revenue from their respective County Forest each year.

In 2020, thirty counties in Wisconsin owned approximately 2.4 million acres entered under the County Forest Law.

125.2 MARATHON COUNTY FOREST PROGRAM HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

At one time, Marathon County was covered with magnificent stands of pine, hemlock, and hardwoods on the highlands, and cedar, spruce, and balsam on its lowlands. These forests provided raw material for a thriving lumbering industry from 1860 to about 1910. As a result of the clamor to conquer the wilderness, supply lumber for housing and factories, and without proper forest management, the forests were nearly completely destroyed. The logging slash was ideal for wildfires which essentially culminated with the Peshtigo fire in 1871, but fires continued into the 1930's. Immigrants rushed to these newly cleared lands hungry for a place to farm and build their lives. But in just a few years, the soils gave out and these people left to seek their fortunes elsewhere, leaving the land increasingly barren and tax delinquent. The Marathon County Forest originated with the taking of these tax delinquent lands.

Marathon County hired a Forest Ranger, Ralph Gunzel, to begin a management program with 160 acres of County Forest Land and nearly 20,000 acres of tax delinquent lands in 1946. Ranger Gunzel established a tree nursery, planted trees on County lands, gave conservation programs in the schools and communities countywide, organized fire crews and fought wild fires, expanded the amount of County Forest Lands, appraised and sold tax delinquent land, developed food patches for game animals, developed forest trails, encouraged responsible public use, checked hunting and fishing licenses, established commercial timber sales, and advocated sound management on County Forest Lands for sustainable production of forest crops including recreation, game, and timber.

By 1956, there were 24,477 acres of County Forests under management. During the first 10 years, 800,000 trees were planted on County lands, and 17 miles of fire lanes were built to protect these plantings from fire.

In 1956 alone, 280 acres were added to the County's forest program. Also in 1956, 2,100 acres of tax delinquent land were sold leaving 6,329 acres of delinquent lands on the tax rolls. By 1961, the last spruce and pine from the County nursery were planted on County Forest Land.

The Marathon County Board approved entry of County Forest Lands under the Forest Crop Law in 1967 and made an initial entry of 21,840 acres. As of ~~June 30, 2020~~ **December 1, 2023** there are ~~30,474~~ **30,714** acres in the County Forest. Marathon County's Forest was the twenty-eighth County Forest to be entered under the County Forest Crop Law. Today there are 30 County Forests. Previous to entry, County Forest Lands had no comprehensive forest plan.

125.3 WISCONSIN COUNTY FORESTS ASSOCIATION

Marathon County is a member of the Wisconsin County Forests Association, Inc. (WCFA). This Association was incorporated on May 15, 1968 under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, without stock and not for profit. The WCFA Board of Directors is composed of fifteen delegates elected from County Forestry Committees who are members of the Association and two members at large.

WCFA provides a forum for consideration of issues and policy that are common to all of the county committees responsible for their respective County Forest programs, including those programs encompassed under s. 28.11 and chapter 77, Wis. Stats. WCFA also provides leadership and counsel to County Forest administrators and forestry committees through regular meetings and active committees on legislative and recreational issues. WCFA develops and implements a strategic plan. The organization's mission statement is as follows:

Wisconsin County Forests Association provides leadership uniting the interests of the world's largest county forest program while ensuring long term forest health and sustainability.

125.4 TRENDS

The values and uses of the Marathon County Forest contribute significantly to fulfilling many of society's ecological and socioeconomic needs now and in the future. Changing trends will impact the values and uses of the Forest in coming years.

- Wisconsin's forests are naturally changing due to forest succession. Most of the County Forest acreage statewide is a result of regeneration or planting from the early to mid 1900's. Mid to late successional northern hardwood forests are replacing the early successional

aspen-birch, oak and jack pine forests of the 1940's through the 1970's. The aspen cover type is key habitat for many of the state's premier game species including deer, ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare and woodcock. The county forest system currently has 15% of the State's public land base and 24% of the aspen resource.

- Conflict over timber management practices will likely continue to increase as more individuals and groups demand greater involvement in forestry decisions. Practices such as clearcutting and even-aged management will continue to be controversial. Efforts to educate the public on the merits of these sound forest management techniques will continue.
- Marathon County may experience funding problems as municipalities are being required to provide more services with less money. Potential losses of revenue from decreased shared revenues and resistance to tax increases may make county timber revenues increasingly important to the finances of county governments. This is complicated by increasing public pressure to reduce timber harvests on county forests.
- Increasing knowledge about a wider variety of species and their habitat needs is leading to a growing list of threatened and endangered species. This could lead to improvements in managing the forest and mitigating impacts to these species. Mitigating measures have the potential to impede recreational and forest management activities. Refer to Chapter 800 (840) for specifics on this subject.
- Invasive exotic species pose an ever-increasing threat to the County Forest. Gypsy moth, Asian long-horned beetle, garlic mustard, buckthorn, honeysuckle have all gained a foothold in Wisconsin's forests. Refer to Chapter 600 (610) for specifics on this subject.
- The Forest is considered to be an outdoor classroom serving all age groups. It consists of diverse communities with a large variety of plant and animal life giving ample opportunity for study and observation.
- Greater demands are being placed on the County Forest by people using it to fulfill their recreational pursuits. The popularity of trails for various uses has led to competition for available resources especially at Nine Mile Forest. Balancing competing uses will require the user groups to compromise and share trails to prevent conflicts.
- Lands open to public use continue to decline in Marathon County. Industrial Forest Crop Law Lands once open to public hunting are slowly being sold and subdivided, most often no longer available to the public. When considering the Managed Forest Law, most private landowners elect to enter their lands as "closed to the public" which does not provide for public recreational use. Acquisition of lands to increase County Forest ownership will be important to replace these lands that were once open to the public.

125.5 PROTECTING THE PUBLIC RESOURCE

As stated in State Statute 28.11(1), the county forest program enables and encourages “the planned development and management of the county forests for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, watershed protection and stabilization of stream flow, giving full recognition to the concept of multiple-use to assure maximum public benefits to protect the public rights, interests and investments in such lands; and to compensate the counties for the public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide a reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie.”

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200 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Objectives

1. To comply with and implement the provisions of the County Forestry Ordinance.
2. To administer and manage the County Forest in accordance with s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.
3. To cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources and other agencies and organizations in the interest of furthering the optimum management of the forest on a sustainable basis.
4. To provide adequate financial support for the program by using county designated revenues and appropriations, along with funds available from federal and state sources.
5. To maintain an adequate system of accounts, records and reports for the orderly administration of the forest and evaluation of program needs and implementation.
6. To facilitate the administration of the forest by authorizing personnel, equipment and facilities necessary to assist the Committee and the administrator in carrying out their duties.

205 ROLES

Marathon County's administrative structure was established in 1980. The County Administrator serves as an agent of the County Board. The Administrator establishes goals and time tables consistent with the objectives and directives of the County Board. The Administrator maintains close working relationships with all department heads to ensure that County goals and department objectives are met consistent with those of other departments and the County's Strategic Plan.

The County and the Department have a mutual interest in administration of the County Forest. It shall be the policy of the County Board through the Forestry/Recreation Committee to cooperate with county and Department personnel in carrying out the program on the county forest. The County/Department roles are further defined in the Public Forest Lands Handbook, 2460.5.

205.1 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Powers of the Marathon County Board, relative to the management of county forest lands are defined in s. 28.11(3) and additional authority may include:

- Annual Budget and Work Plan
- Grants/Loans
- Land acquisitions

The Marathon County Forestry Ordinance, adopted in 1968, prescribes rules and regulations for the administration of County powers and duties as provided in Chapter 26, 27, 28, 29, and 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes, under which the Marathon County Board of Supervisors is granted specific

powers relative to the establishment, development, management, and protection of the County Forest to provide sustained yield of forest products for commercial use and the associated benefits of soil and water conservation, scenic and recreational values, and fish and wildlife resources; all in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

205.1.1 Environmental Resources Committee (ERC)

The Environmental Resources Committee shall have the responsibility for outcome monitoring and annual reporting, as well as overseeing the implementation of all policies related to the environmental resources of the County. The Environmental Resources Committee shall have the primary responsibility for conferring with and providing policy guidance to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Duties of the Environmental Resources Committee include:

1. Promote the implementation of the County's Comprehensive and Strategic Plans relative to environmental protection, waste management, public recreation, forestry and land use.
2. Identify and recommend to the County Board, policies and long-range plans related to environmental and community resources of the County including land use, forests, soil and water, and outdoor recreation.
3. Review new programs and associated budget requirements, prior to their being considered for inclusion in the County's budget.
4. Facilitate broad based discussion of issues and policies by encouraging involvement and communications with the public and with other standing Committees.
5. Serve as the initial contact point for individuals and/or organizations who wish to influence County Board policy regarding County environmental and community resources.
6. Delegate operational procedures and practices to appropriate program committees, boards and commissions which include Forestry and Recreation, Solid Waste, and Park Commission. Provide policy guidance and oversight to the Conservation, Planning and Zoning; Parks, and Recreation and Forestry Departments.
7. Encourage soil and water conservation research and educational information and public service programs.
8. Assist in development and administration of the annual and long-range plans and annual reports for the following program activities:

- a. Land and Water Resource Management.
 - b. Lake Management.
 - c. Parks and Recreation.
 - d. County Forestry.
 - e. Public Transportation.
 - f. Farmland Preservation.
 - g. Solid Waste Management and Recycling.
9. Administer the wildlife damage and abatement program including approving the annual budget, claims, and fence contracts.
 10. Distribute and allocate federal, state, and county funds made available to the committee for cost-sharing programs and other incentive programs for improvements and practices relating to soil and water conservation on private or public lands, and within the limits permitted under these programs, and determine the methods of allocating these funds.
 11. Additional duties as assigned by the County Board Chairperson.

205.1.2 Forestry/Recreation Committee

The Board of Supervisors assigns the administration of the County Forest to the Forestry/Recreation Committee as detailed in Chapter 16 of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances including:

1. Oversee the County forests program according to Chapters 26, 28, 29, 59 and 77, Wis. Stats.
2. Implement the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, prepare amendments and update as required.
3. Implement the forestry sections contained within the County Comprehensive Plan.
4. Recommend policy for the management of the County forests.
5. Negotiate and recommend the acquisition of land within County forests acquisition zones by purchase, gift or bequest or by exchange of County owned lands outside such areas.
6. Review and recommend for approval to County Board the annual forestry division work plan and budget for the ensuing calendar year.
7. Review, approve, and close timber sales of the County forests.
8. Review and/or recommend to the Environmental Resources Standing Committee of the County Board all proposed CIP projects of the County forests.
9. Make rules and recommend ordinances for the regulation and use of County forests.

10. Direct the monitoring and protection of the County forests from fire, insects, disease, trespass, invasive species, or from damage by animals or persons, or from other causes, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources.
11. Support the creation and maintenance of valuable habitat types to sustain a variety of wildlife species.
12. Cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources on all matters pertaining to natural resource management of the County forests.
13. Direct the preparation and present an annual report of activities to the Environmental Resources Standing committee and the County Board.
14. Additional duties as assigned by the Environmental Resources Committee.

205.1.3 Marathon County Park Commission

The Board of Supervisors assigns the administration of developed recreation (snowmobiling, ATVing, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, fat tire biking, snowshoeing, and horseback riding, Shooting Range, and other developed recreation facilities and activities) within the County Forests to the Marathon County Park Commission, hereinafter referred to as Commission, subject to review and approval by the Committee in meeting overall forest management goals and objectives.

205.1.4 Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee

The purpose of the subcommittee is to assist the Committee in formulating long-range plans for the County Forest and advising the Committee regarding conflicting recreational use issues, the budget for Forestry and the annual work plans. The subcommittee will also advise the Park Commission on developed recreation in County Forests. Duties of the subcommittee include:

1. To give advice and counsel the Committee regarding long-range forest and outdoor recreation plans for the County Forest.
2. To provide recommendations to the Committee on priorities for development of the Forestry Division annual budget and work plan.
3. To operate as a focus group on specific problems or questions posed by the Committee or Commission.
4. To attend tours of County Forest recreation, forestry, and wildlife projects.
5. To prepare an annual report for the Committee of activities and issues the subcommittee addressed the prior year and goals and activities anticipated in the current year.

Chapter 900 contains the ordinance creating the County Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee.

205.1.5 Director

1. The Director reports to the County Administrator.
2. The Director will serve as the Director of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department with the primary role of providing leadership and vision and working with the County Board, committees, and commissions to develop and implement policies for the overall management of County Forests.
3. The Director will provide general administrative direction to the Forest Division primarily reviewing work in terms of program results and review of reports.
4. The Director will be present at all Forestry/Recreation Committee meetings.
5. The Director will act as an advisory member of the Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee.

205.1.6 Forest Administrator

1. The Forest Administrator will act as the agent of the committee and will carry out its orders as well as execute assignments outlined in the comprehensive plan and annual plan, all within the framework outlined in s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.
2. The Forest Administrator will prepare an agenda for and will be present at all Committee and Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee meetings.
3. The Forest Administrator or designee will record minutes of each meeting and distribute as appropriate, as well as maintain a permanent minutes record.
4. The Forest Administrator will serve as the division head in coordinating the Forest Division programs, staff, and other matters as directed by the Director and the Committee.
5. The Forest Administrator will supervise the timber sale program, tree planting, site preparation, timber stand improvement, road and firebreak construction and maintenance, land acquisition, entry and withdrawal of County Forest Lands, trespass investigations, and long- and short-term planning, all within the restrictions of s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.
6. The Forest Administrator will promote and support research and educational opportunities.

7. The Forest Administrator will be responsible for maintaining and protecting the integrity of the County Forest.

205.2 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The role of the Department in the County Forest program is to:

1. Encourage technically sound management of the County Forest resources.
2. Protect the public rights, benefits and investments in County Forest lands.
3. Administer state compensation to the county for the public rights, benefits and privileges the county forest lands provide as required by s. 28.11(8) Wis. Stats.
4. Provide County Forest assistance consistent with those identified per the Public Forest Lands Handbook.

205.2.1 Division of Forestry

It is the function of this Division to:

1. Certify and make forest aid payments (variable acreage and project loans) to the county and audit county expenditures of the forestry fund account pursuant to s. 28.11(8)(b), Wis. Stats.
2. Certify and make acreage payments to towns pursuant to s. 28.11(8)(a), Wis. Stats.
3. Maintain and certify County Forest acreage by township, and audit distribution of severance share payments (s. 28.11(9) Wis. Stats.) made annually by the counties.
4. Collect severance share payments of not less than twenty percent of actual stumpage sales value on timber cut from the County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11(9)(a), Wis. Stats.
5. Administer various aids and grants pertaining, but not limited to, the County Forest program.
6. Assist with development and implementation of the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
7. Interpret and administer the laws and regulations set forth by the Legislature and the Natural Resources Board.
8. Review and approve or deny applications for withdrawal and entry of lands into the County Forest Law program.
9. Approve Annual Work Plan
10. ~~3~~ 5-year Audit Programmatic and Financials.

205.2.2 Local Office

Field representatives of the Department are available to provide technical advice and assistance to the county in natural resources management. This assistance includes, but is not limited to the following:

205.2.2.1 Forest Management

The forester designated by the Department to serve as liaison to the Committee will provide technical assistance in managing the resources of the county forest. The forester's duties include the following, but not limited to:

1. Attend all Committee, Forest Citizen's Advisory Subcommittee and any county board meetings as requested.
2. Assist in establishing, inspecting, and administering timber sales in cooperation with county forest personnel.
3. Process timber sale approvals, cutting notices and reports.
4. Maintain for the Department a record of forest management accomplishments, forms and maps.
5. Assist in preparation of projects, plans and estimates.
6. Provide assistance to the Committee in the preparation of the annual budget, annual work plan and the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
7. Assist in County Forest timber theft and larceny investigations.
8. Organize and prepare minutes of annual partnership meeting as required in the Public Forest Lands Handbook.

205.2.2.2 Other DNR Program Functions

1. Fire Management - Maintain a system of communications, equipment, and trained personnel to prevent and suppress forest fires, assist with prescribed burns: and enforce forest fire related laws.
2. Forest Pest Control - Provide technical services for prevention, detection and suppression of forest pests in the district.
3. Wildlife Management - Conduct surveys of wildlife populations, habitat, and public use. Wildlife personnel use this information when providing technical assistance on long term ecosystem planning as well as wildlife habitat management, habitat improvement and wildlife health. Attend committee meetings as requested.

4. Fisheries Management - Maintain the quality of the fishery resource in the waters of the Forest to produce a balanced return to the angler, consistent with sound management principles.
5. Law Enforcement - Enforce state natural resource laws and regulations and assist in the enforcement of county and federal natural resource laws and ordinances.
6. Environmental Protection - Enforce and provide technical assistance in matters related to water and shore land management, pollution detection and waste disposal.
7. Endangered Resources - Provide technical expertise on rare, threatened or endangered species and natural community surveys, identification and management. Assist other DNR functions and the county in identifying local and landscape level issues.

210 COOPERATION

To meet the obligation of the county to the public in accordance with s. 28.11, it is in the best interest of Marathon County to cooperate with public agencies, non-profit organizations, tribal nations, and others.

215 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

An annual budget shall be prepared by the Committee. This budget shall contain county, state, private, non-profit and federal funds needed to carry out the forestry, park and recreation program on the forest.

215.1 REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS

215.1.1 General Fund

The following procedure will apply in crediting income from the County Forest:

All monies received from the sale of timber stumpage, cut forest products, fees and use permits, sale of surplus materials and equipment, and fire or other damage collections shall be deposited in the Marathon County General Fund except that revenue specified in Sections 3.24 or 16.04 of the County General Code or income generated from trail and trail facilities use and fees or other aid, such as public grants or private donations, shall be deposited into the appropriate account. All severance taxes incurred as a result of timber sales shall be segregated into a separate account from timber sales income and paid as required by statute.

215.1.2 County Park and Forest Fund

Funds based on the annual work plan are budgeted and deposited in the County Park and Forest

budget accounts by the County Board annually.

215.2 OUTSIDE SOURCES OF REVENUE

215.2.1 State Funds

In addition to other state funds that may subsequently become available for county use, the following state funding sources will be used where appropriate in administration of the Forest:

1. Variable Acreage Share Loan (s. 28.11(8)(b)1., Wis. Stats.). The county may apply for variable acreage share loans in the amount of up to fifty cents per acre of regular entry County Forest land by December 31. Payment is made to the county on or before March 31st of each year and deposited in the State Forest Aid fund. Application is made by County Board Resolution.
2. Project loans (s. 28.11(8)(b)2., Wis. Stats.) are available to undertake acquisition and development projects of an "economically productive nature". Fish and game projects or recreation projects do not qualify. Application is made by County Board Resolution.
3. County Forest Administration Grant Program (s. 28.11(5m) Wis. Stats). Annual grants are available to fund up to 50% of the salary and fringe benefits of a professional forester in the position of county forest administrator or assistant county forest administrator. Benefits may not exceed 40% of salary. Application is made by Forest Administrator along with approved annual work plan by January 31, with payment by April 15th of each year.
4. Sustainable County Forest Grants Annual grants made for short-term unanticipated projects that promote sustainable forestry. Details are contained in NR 47.75, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
5. County Fish And Game Projects (s. 23.09(12), Wis. Stats.).
6. Wildlife Habitat Development Grant (s. 23.09(17m), Wis.Stats).
7. County Forest Road Aids funds are available for each designated mile of County Forest road. The certification is done on an annual basis.
8. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grants available to assist County's in purchasing additional lands to add to the County Forest land base usually 50% of the certified appraised value and eligible miscellaneous costs.

215.2.2 Federal funds and programs

In addition to others that may be available, the following funds and programs will be used where practical:

1. Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LAWCON). This fund provides up to 50% matching grants for the acquisition, development and renovation of local parks.
2. Resource Conservation and Development (Technical Services).
3. Pittman-Robertson fund. This fund provides for wildlife management and habitat improvement.
4. Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) fund. This fund provides financing for fish management projects administered by DNR.
5. Federal Endangered Species fund. This fund provides cost sharing and grants for surveys, monitoring and management programs that conserve a threatened or endangered species. Contact the DNR Natural Heritage Conservation for information.

215.2.3 Other Funds

Other potential funding sources are groups such as Ducks Unlimited, Ruffed Grouse Society, Trout Unlimited, Whitetails Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Wausau Nordic Ski Club, Central Wisconsin Off Road Cycling Coalition, local sportsman's clubs, service organizations, youth groups, etc. The Committee will consider donations, endowments and other gifts, whether real estate, equipment or cash.

215.3 COUNTY EXPENDITURES

All purchases and expenditures shall comply with County purchasing policy, Marathon County Code of Ordinances Chapter 3 and state statutes.

220 COUNTY RECORDS

The County Forest administrator will keep concise and orderly records and accounts of all revenue received, expenditures incurred and accomplishments resulting from the operations of the Forestry Division. A job description, time and expense report, and training record will be kept on each employee.

220.1 ACCOUNTS, SEGREGATED – NON-LAPSING

220.1.1 State Aid Forestry Account

Variable acreage share loans (s. 28.11(8)(b)1., Wis. Stats.), project loan funds (s. 28.11(8)(b)(2.)Wis. Stats.), and sustainable forestry grants (s. 28.11(5r), Wis. Stats., and NR 47.75, Wis. Adm. Code) that are distributed by the DNR are deposited in this account. Expenditures of variable acreage share funds from this account are restricted to the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest. Expenditure of project loan funds are governed by the conditions of project approval. Sustainable Forestry grants from this account must be spent specific to the approved project. Revenue received from the sale of equipment purchased with State Aid Account money must be redeposited in the State Aid Account.

220.1.2 Segregated Land Purchase

An appropriation of the available funds for the appraisal, purchase, and closing costs of County Forest land acquisitions approved by the Committee and the County Board. Revenue from the sale of excess identified Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department land holdings, land rent, part of the annual Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aid payment to counties (s.23.09(18) Wis. Stats., and accrued interest are credited to this account.

220.1.3 Cross Country Ski/Bike/Snowshoe Trails

An appropriation of the available funds for the development and maintenance of County Forest ski, bike and snowshoe trails, and Nine Mile Forest based recreation. Revenue from trail fees, vendors, rental of Nine Mile Forest facilities, donations, and accrued interest are credited to this account.

220.1.4 Debt Service – State Severance

An appropriation of 20 percent of gross timber sale receipts payable to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources upon reporting timber volume and value removed.

220.1.5 Debt Service – Town Severance

An appropriation of 10 percent of gross timber sale receipts. The Finance Department pays a prorated share to the towns based on the number of County Forest acres in the town.

220.2 ACCOUNTS, GENERAL FUND - LAPSING

220.2.1 County Forest Program

The County Board approves an annual appropriation for salaries, supplies, maintenance, and capital expenditures for the implementation of the Forestry Division's annual plan of work. Budgeted funds unexpended on December 31 lapse to the general fund. Revenues from the sale of forest products and use other than recreation trails are credited to this account.

220.2.2 ~~Motorized~~ Recreational Coordinator

This annual appropriation supports the coordinator position and pays for snowmobile and ATV/UTV trail program administration. Eligible expenses are reimbursed through the State snowmobile or ATV/UTV trail grant program.

220.3 ACCOUNTS, GRANT FUNDS – NON-LAPSING

220.3.1 County Forest Road Aids

An annual appropriation of projected State aid payments for the maintenance of certified County Forest roads. Revenues and interest from annual aid payments by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and reimbursement for other road related expenses such as flood damage aid are credited to this account.

220.3.2 County Conservation Program

The County Board approves an annual appropriation to match available grant monies 1:1 on a project basis. Reimbursement by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is made for 50 percent of approved project expenditures. Project advances, reimbursements, and interest are credited to this account.

220.3.3 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program

An annual appropriation of "nickel an acre" from the Department of Natural Resources to implement wildlife related projects identified in the County's Annual Plan of Work. The primary emphasis is on forest wildlife habitat improvement, inventories, and wildlife education. Additional revenue to this account may come from organizations such as Wisconsin Waterfowlers Association, Ruffed Grouse Society, or other wildlife habitat funding sources.

220.3.4 Snowmobile and All-Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) and Utility Vehicle (UTV) Trail Aids

An annual appropriation for the projected aid available to maintain funded snowmobile, ATV, and UTV trails in Marathon County. Advances, reimbursements, supplemental funding, and interest are

credited to this account.

220.3.5 National Recreation Trails Act

An annual appropriation for approved projects to develop and maintain motorized and non-motorized trails in Marathon County. Reimbursement (up to 100 percent) for approved project expenditures and interest is credited to this account.

220.3.6 Sustainable Forestry Grant

An annual appropriation for approved projects that promote sustainable forestry on the County Forest that is consistent with the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Reimbursement (up to 100 percent) for approved project expenditures and interest are credited to this account (NR 47.75 Wis. Admin. Code).

220.3.7 County Forest Administrator Grant Program

An annual appropriation that funds 50 percent of the actual salary and up to 50 percent of the fringe benefit costs of County employed professional forester in the position of County Forest Administrator or Assistant County Forest Administrator. Fringe benefit costs shall not exceed 40 percent of the annual salary. To be eligible, the County must submit an annual Committee, County Board and Division of Forestry approved County Forest Work Plan. Advance and reimbursements must be deposited in the State Aid Forestry Account (s. 28.11(5)(m), Wis. Stats).

220.4 ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Fund	Name	Expenditures	Revenues
101-692	Snowmobile/ATV Coordinator	91110-95140	82463-88110
General Fund			
101-710	County Forest General Fund	91110-98290	85192-89900
153-778	Segregated Land	92190-98210	86212-89900
154-690	Nine Mile Trails	91110-95930	85862-88420
171-758	Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grant	98210	82466
174-759	FEMA Cattail Removal	92190	82457-89900
254-751	County Conservation Aids	92990	81110-89900
255-752	County Forest Road Aids	92360	82433-89900
257-755	Forestry State Aid	92190-98210	88110-89900
258-756	Wildlife Habitat Management	92190	82473-89900

404-760	Sustainable Forestry Grant	92190	82462
441-731	Pittman-Robertson Grant	92190	82474
482-757	County Forest Administrator Grant	91110	82467

<u>Fund Cost Center Program or Grant)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenues</u>
210 CC_55300	Snowmobile Trails Coordinator	51111-52250	43571-49220
210 CC_55200	Parks General Fund		
210 CC_55302	County Forest General Fund	51111-60000	43510-49220
210 CC_55302 CNT_0238	Segregated Land	52192-60000	46810-49220
210 CC_55211	Nine Mile Trails	51111-55930	46720-46754
291 CC_55302 GR-XXXXXX	FEMA Cattail Removal	52192	48110-49220
291 CC_55302 GR-XXXXXX	County Conservation Aids	52192	43586-49220
291 CC_55302 GR-XXXXXX	County Forest Road Aids	52990	43586-49220
291 CC_55302 GR-XXXXXX	Forestry State Aid	52192-60000	48110-49220
291 CC_55302 GR-XXXXXX	Wildlife Habitat Management	52192	43586-49220
291 CC_55302 GR-XXXXXX	County Forest Administrator Grant	51111	43510-43571
291 CC_55302 GR-XXXXXX	Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant	60000	43586
291 CC_55302 GR-XXXXXX	Pittman-Robertson Grant	52192	43586
291 CC_55302 GR-XXXXXX	Sustainable Forestry Grant	52192	43586

220.5 TIMBER SALES

220.5.1 Active Files

Active timber sale files (hardcopy or e-copy), at a minimum, should contain or reference the following items:

1. Timber sale cutting notice and report (Form 2460-1)
2. Timber sale narrative (Form 2460-1A)
3. Contract and all addendums
4. Timber sale map
5. Ledger account of scale
6. Timber sale inspection journal / notes
7. Pertinent correspondence
8. Liability insurance
9. FISTA training
10. Financial assurance (performance bonds, ILC, etc...)

11. Field scale sheets
12. Lock box tickets (if applicable)

220.5.2 Closed Files

Once sales have been completed and audited by DNR only the following items need to be maintained in the file as a permanent record:

1. Timber sale notice and cutting report
2. Contract and addendums
3. Timber sale map
4. Pertinent correspondence
5. Financial ledger/summary

225 PERSONNEL

Under direction of the Committee, the Director shall have authorization to organize the workload of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department employees and arrange for additional services as needed. Personnel of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department will be governed by the work policies of Marathon County.

225.1 PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY STAFF

The budgeted positions of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department at this time are: Director, Senior Park and Recreation Manager (2), County Forest Administrator, Administrative Manager, Assistant Park and Recreation Manager (4), Park Forester, County Forester, Administrative Coordinator, Accounting Specialist, Administrative Specialist, Purchasing Specialist, Urban Forestry Specialist (6), Senior Maintenance Specialist (2), Maintenance Specialist (7), Maintenance Technician (13), Motorized Recreation Coordinator (~~6~~). Total ~~43.6~~ 44 FTE.

There are numerous seasonal employees utilized by the department. Other labor is hired on a part-time basis or for training positions as needed.

225.2 HIRING PERSONNEL

All hiring of permanent personnel will be approved by the Committee and Commission, having been accounted for in the annual work plan and budget. The actual hiring of permanent personnel will follow County personnel policy. Seasonal and short-term labor for special projects will be recruited

and hired by the Forest Administrator. Preference for seasonal help will be given to individuals from Marathon County who are enrolled in courses of natural resources in colleges, universities, or vocational training programs.

225.3 OTHER SOURCES OF LABOR

The Forest Administrator will consider supplemental resources that can be utilized on the forest, following county procurement policy.

225.4 SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL

Projects requiring expenditures for specialized skills and/or operation of specialized equipment are handled on a contract basis by the Committee if such skills and equipment are not available from the County.

225.5 TRAINING

The Forest Administrator will be responsible for scheduling and providing appropriate training to keep staff current with safety requirements, BMP's, silviculture, pesticides, new technologies, and other training appropriate to manage the Marathon County Forest. A training record will be retained for each employee identifying the course name, content and date of attendance.

230 EQUIPMENT

The Forest Administrator is the designated purchasing agent for the Forestry Division. The Forest Administrator will follow Marathon County's procurement ordinance (General Code Chapter 3) for the procurement of supplies, services, and construction as well as the disposal of supplies, materials, and equipment. The Forest Administrator or designee is responsible for maintaining an inventory of Forest Division fixed assets to be updated annually. Forest Division employees may purchase equipment and supplies when they have prior approval of the Forest Administrator. Items exceeding \$30,000 shall be purchased by competitive bidding (General Code 3.05). Professional services will be procured using the request for proposals (RFP) process.

230.1 FACILITIES

Maintenance of the facilities is assigned to the Director and includes the following:

1. Office space – Provided at 212 River Drive, Suite 2, Wausau, WI 54403.

2. Parks and Forestry shop building – Located at the Nine Mile Forest trailhead on Red Bud Road in the Town of Rib Mountain. A storage garage is used to store vehicles and equipment used in operation of the park and forest program.
3. Nine Mile Chalet – A year-round recreational building for trail based recreation and rentals.
4. Trailheads – Facilities such as the Burma Road ATV/UTV trailhead and snowmobile trailheads some of which have toilets.
5. Bitzke Birdwalk – Facilities at the Birdwalk trailhead include pit toilets and gravel parking area.
6. Operations Shop – Located at 900 Pardee Street, Wausau, WI 54401. The shop is used for construction, maintenance, and repair of County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry equipment and facilities.

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300 DESCRIPTION OF FOREST

300.1 COUNTY FOREST OWNERSHIP

The County Forest is composed of 11 management compartments ranging in size from 80 acres to nearly 5,227 acres. Within the county forest blocking boundaries approximately 65 percent of the land is county owned with most of the remaining 35 percent in small private holdings. A map of these compartments can be found in the Appendix.

300.2 NATURAL FEATURES

300.2.1 Topography

Within Marathon County there are four major areas with distinct physiographic characteristics resulting primarily from glaciation and the influence of underlying bedrock. The far northern and western parts of the county are broad, nearly level to sloping ground moraines. Harrison-Hewitt, Wisconsin River, and Bern Forest Units have these characteristics. The central part, except for the Wisconsin River Valley, is a mixed area of ground moraines and uplands underlain by bedrock at a depth of two to twenty feet. This area is nearly level to steep. The steeper areas generally are next to major drainage ways. Burma Road and Nine Mile Forest Units fall within this category. The Wisconsin River Valley is composed of nearly level to very steep outwash terraces and nearly level and gently sloping floodplains. The southeastern part of the county consists mainly of nearly level to steep outwash plains and stream terraces and undulating to very hilly moraines and drumlins. Leather Camp, Kronenwetter, and Elderon Forest Units have these characteristics.

The topography of Marathon County is largely controlled by the glacial features and the bedrock. The highest elevation in the county, on top of Rib Mountain, is 1,941 feet. The lowest elevation, at the point where the Wisconsin River flows out of the county, is about 1,100 feet. Most of the elevations in the county range from 1,200 to 1,450 feet. Local elevation differences are generally less than 100 feet. The greatest local elevation difference, about 750 feet, is between the top of Rib Mountain and a nearby terrace in the Wisconsin River Valley.

Most of Marathon County is within the Wisconsin River drainage basin. The western part of the county is drained mainly by the Little Rib, Big Rib, Black, Big Eau Pleine, and Little Eau Pleine Rivers and their tributaries.

The Trappe, Big Sandy, Eau Claire, Bull Junior, Little Eau Claire, and Plover Rivers and their tributaries drain the eastern part of Marathon County. The southeastern part of the county is

within the Wolf River drainage basin.

300.2.2 Geography

Marathon County, the largest county in the state, is located in the north-central portion of Wisconsin and almost entirely in the watershed of the Wisconsin River. There are 1,008,921 acres in the county of which 32,055 acres is made up of water. Approximately 37 percent of the land is classified as forest land. The County Forest, which contains approximately 30,674 acres is the 22nd largest County Forest in the state. A note of interest is that the geographic center of the western half of the northern hemisphere (i.e. the intersection of the 90th longitude and the 45th latitude) lies in the northwest portion of the county. At this point, the county is halfway between the equator and the North Pole and halfway between the prime meridian (Greenwich, England) and the 180th meridian, which makes up most of the International Date Line. Appendix 1000 contains maps showing the location of the forest.

300.2.3 Geology and Soils

The bedrock geology of the county is quite uniform and consists of granite and undifferentiated igneous and metamorphic rocks with scattered quartzite, slate, and iron formations. “Rotten granite” is quite prevalent in the western half of the county. It is used for road topping, base course, and shoulder material for highways. Southward from Wausau lies a 20- to 30-mile wide band along the Wisconsin River which is unglaciated. Its sandy soils were formed by material washed away from the glaciers’ edge. West of this so-called driftless area lays a region covered by earlier ice advances where the glacial ridges and hills have been worn down to gentle slopes. Heavy silt loams cover nearly all of this western part of the county. Lakes and swamps have disappeared. Adjoining the outwash plain on the east is the Wisconsin Terminal Moraine. Silt loam and sandy loam soils predominate in this youthful, hilly sector. Peat and water-filled, kettle-like depressions are scattered between hills. Drainage patterns are poorly defined. A generalized soil map is found in the appendix. Detailed soil information is available from the USDA Web Soil Survey. (websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov).

300.2.4 Biological Communities

Ecological Landscapes are regions in Wisconsin containing similar ecology and management opportunities. Each landscape can present unique management opportunities and challenges. These landscapes are essentially based on the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (NHFUE) (Cleland et al. 1997). More information on the 16 Ecological Landscapes defined within Wisconsin is available at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/landscapes/index.asp?mode=Choose>

The Marathon County Forest lies within the Forest Transition Ecological Landscape.

Forest Transition Landscape – The soils are moderately well drained sandy loams derived from glacial till, but there is considerable diversity in the range of soil attributes including sandy, organic and loam and silt loam soils. Land cover is highly variable with aspen, birch, hardwoods and pine along with many areas cleared dominated by agriculture.

300.2.4.1 Land Type Associations

Land type associations are units of the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (NHFEU) classification system. They are much smaller than Ecological Landscapes and are generally based on glacial features. They can be useful for planning at finer scales within a landscape. The following Land Type Associations are present within the Ecological Landscapes of the Marathon County Forest. More information is available at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/landscapes/index.asp?mode=detail&Landscape=11>

Landtype Associations (LTA's) within the subsections include: 212 Qc 01 Abbotsford Moraines, 212 Qd 01 Ackley Plains, 212 Qd 02 Marathon Uplands, 212 Qd 04 Rib Mountain, 212 Qd 05 Dubay Plains, 212 Qd 07 Peplin Uplands, 212 TA 03 Hatley Moraines, and 212 TA 04 Upper Plover River Moraines. LTA's having common ecological characteristics allow land managers to better plan for future vegetative communities, wildlife species to feature, and compatible recreation uses.

300.2.5 Vegetative Cover Types

Approximately 76 percent of the Marathon County Forest Land base is forested. Forested uplands are comprised of primarily aspen, northern hardwoods, red pine, oak, white birch, balsam fir, spruce, and jack pine, while bottomland hardwoods, tamarack, black spruce, and cedar occupy the forested lowlands. The remainder is classified as non-forested; including types such as wetlands, lowland shrubs, upland shrubs, bogs, minor lakes, streams, grassy openings, trails, roads, rock outcroppings, utility rights-of-way, and developed recreation facilities. The County Forest is composed of nearly 30,674 acres, with 23,100 acres classified as commercial forest. The aspen type alone composes approximately 66 percent of the total commercial forest acreage. The different cover types present on the Marathon County Forest are detailed in the appendix.

The great majority of the forest (78%) is located in the eastern one-half of the county. The remaining blocks, Nine Mile, Burma Road, and Bern Forest Units (22%) are located in the western half of the

county. Maps showing the location of the County Forest are in the appendix.

FORESTED COMMUNITIES

The forested cover types are made up of a variety of size classes (regeneration, sapling-pole, and saw timber) and structure (canopy, layers, ground vegetation, dead and downed material and inclusions).

Forest cover types associated with the County Forest are:

<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Aspen	15,043
Northern Hardwood	1,525
Red Maple	2,104
Red Pine	911
Oak	2,656
White Birch	12
Fir – Spruce – Misc. Conifer	232
Swamp Hardwoods	203
Jack Pine	14
White Pine	153
Swamp Conifer	218
Misc. Deciduous	<u>29</u>
Total Commercial	23,100

NON-FORESTED COMMUNITIES

Non-forested habitats are important components of management within the County Forest.

Upland and wetland non-forest types provide important habitat for distinct groups of species.

Non-Forest Cover Types

<u>Non-Commercial</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Alder	5,555
Willows	69
Minor lakes, streams & flowages	384
Lowland grass	353
Upland grass	363
Upland brush	61
Rock outcrop	1
Farm land	56
Marsh or muskeg	53

Right of Ways	102
Parking Areas	31
Nature or Hiking Trails	68
Motorized Vehicle Trails	<u>127</u>
Total Non-Commercial	7,223

Upland Non-Forest

Upland non-forest areas of the County Forest include:

Grass openings - consist of upland grasses such as brome, quack, bluegrass, timothy, big and little bluestem, and Indian grass.

Herbaceous vegetation - ground cover predominated by herbaceous species with bracken fern, sweet clover, giant ragweed, sting nettle, upland aster, goldenrod, and prairie dock being common.

Shrub opening - primarily upland site less than 10% stocked with tree species but having 50% or more of the area stocked with taller growing, persistent shrubs. This includes hazel, dogwood, juneberry, sumac, alder, willow, and prickly ash.

Rock outcrops - include rocky talus and bedrock.

See Chapter 830 for detailed discussion on Biological Community Types.

Wetlands

Wisconsin State Statutes define a wetland as “an area where water is at, near, or above the land surface long enough to be capable of supporting aquatic or hydrophytic vegetation, and which has soil indicative of wet conditions.” Wetland communities are recognized to be a complex association of plants and animals, soils and water levels having special natural values. They provide many functional values including shoreline and flood protection, water quality protection, groundwater recharge, and animal and plant habitat. Therefore, it is the policy of Marathon County to preserve, protect, and manage wetlands under its jurisdiction in manner that recognizes the natural values of wetland and their importance on the environment. Scientists distinguish dozens of wetland types, characterized by vegetation, soil type and degree of saturation or water cover. Some of the more prominent types found on the County Forest include:

Aquatic bed - plants growing entirely on or in a water body no deeper than 6 feet. Plants may include pondweed, duckweed, lotus and water-lilies.

Marshes - characterized by standing water and dominated by cattails, bulrushes, pickerelweed, lake sedges and/or giant bur-reed.

Sedge or “wet” meadows - these wetlands more often than not have saturated soils rather than standing water. Sedges, grasses and reeds dominant, but may also have blue flag iris, marsh milkweed, sneezeweed, mint and several species of goldenrod and aster.

Scrub/shrub - these areas, which include bogs and alder thickets, are characterized by woody shrubs and small trees such as tag alder, bog birch, willow and dogwood.

Forested - these areas, include bogs and forested floodplain complexes, are characterized by trees 20 feet or more in height such as tamarack, white cedar, black spruce, elm, black ash, green ash and silver maple.

Forest management is conducted on many of the forested wetlands with activities occurring primarily during frozen conditions. See Chapter 830 for detailed discussion on Biological Community Types.

300.2.6 Fish and Wildlife

Wisconsin supports over 650 different types of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish as well as millions of invertebrates. Management of county forest lands and the biotic communities they support provide a mix of habitat types and ages for a wide range of wildlife species. Each species, or interacting group of species, do best under different conditions. County forest lands provide a full range of habitats from open grasslands/barrens to mature forests, from bogs to forested wetlands, from spring ponds to lake shorelines. County forest staffs work closely with WDNR fish and wildlife managers and conservation organizations to identify and manage critical habitat for breeding, migrating and wintering fish and wildlife.

While the Marathon County Forest provides for a wide range of fish and wildlife species, current management strategies or programs have emphasized the following species and/or communities:

Bern Wetland Management

Marathon County purchased the 269-acre Bern Wetland to develop a waterfowl flowage (impoundment). The DNR is responsible for managing the flowage and maintaining the dam. Forest stands next to the flowage will be managed for a natural appearance. Forest stands will also be managed to develop old trees and especially maintain trees with cavities for birds and mammals.

Bitzke Waterfowl Refuge Management

The Bitzke Refuge is an area of about 300 acres with flowages (impoundments) developed for waterfowl production and protection as a cooperative project between Marathon County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with funding from Ducks Unlimited, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Marathon County, and DNR. The Wisconsin Conservation Corps assisted with nature trail development.

The ~~refuge~~ Bitzke will be maintained in a condition which will promote the development of a complete wetland ecosystem featuring waterfowl. Interpretive signs, boardwalks, benches, an observation tower, and flowage structures were developed to enhance the use of the area by the public.

The visual horizon (from the top of the observation tower) will be maintained in as naturally appearing condition as possible. The DNR may use artificial nesting platforms and boxes or other wildlife management techniques within the ~~refuge~~ Bitzke.

Ruffed Grouse Area Management

Marathon County in cooperation with the Ruffed Grouse Society and the Department of Natural Resources has developed a special ruffed grouse management area in the Leather Camp Forest Unit north of the Little Eau Claire River (approximately 3,163 acres). The primary intent of this project is to maintain intolerant forest types, primarily aspen, in stand sizes less than 20 acres when feasible, with a variety of size and age classes to promote ruffed grouse, American woodcock, and other species associated with the aspen forest.

Marathon County has developed and will maintain a trail system to allow the harvest of small areas. These trails will remain closed to motorized use except for approved snowmobile or ATV trails in winter and by permit for persons with disabilities, or other contract or permit (timber management, beaver control, etc.).

Although aspen management will dominate this area, appropriate aesthetic management practices will be used to reduce negative visual impacts from aspen regeneration harvests.

300.2.7 Rare and Endangered Resources

A review of the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) indicates the presence of a number of rare species, natural communities and unique natural features on the Marathon County Forest. All land disturbing projects will include an evaluation phase, to determine whether an NHI screening is required.

The Natural Heritage Inventory Database is the most comprehensive source of rare species data for Wisconsin. These data are used for a variety of purposes including research, land management, state land master planning, community planning, conservation planning and review of public and private activities across the state, The NHI Portal is currently available to DNR staff and County Forest staff who hold a data sharing license.

The Wisconsin Historical Preservation Database is the most comprehensive source of cultural resources for Wisconsin. These data are used for a variety of purposes including research, land management, state land master planning, community planning, conservation planning and review of public and private activities across the state, The Wisconsin Historical Preservation Database is currently available to DNR staff and County Forest staff.

300.2.8 Water

Marathon County also has no streams which are classified as Outstanding and Exceptional Resource Waters. Note: An entire listing of the outstanding and exceptional resource waters can be found in Wisconsin Admin. Code NR102.10 and 102.11.

Marathon County has 32,055 acres of water, involving 18 lakes, 6 major flowages, and 643 miles of streams. Within the boundaries of the Forest, there are few fishery resources. There are 18 small wildlife flowages within the County Forest boundaries which are managed for waterfowl. In addition, the County owns frontage on the Wisconsin River, Four Mile Creek, Black Creek, and

several unnamed feeder streams. A complete inventory of the surface water resources in Marathon County can be found in the appendix.

300.3 CULTURAL FACTORS

300.3.1 Economy

The importance of the County Forests to Wisconsin's economic health continues to rise. County Forests sustain over 60,000 full-time jobs derived from logging, trucking, paper production, manufactured building materials, and lumber. Many other jobs are created in such businesses as the expanding printing industry and are located far from the forested northland. County Forests contribute to the 24 billion dollar forest industry in Wisconsin.

In addition, the lands managed by these 30 counties provide an important recreation resource to complement our state's valuable tourism industry. Tourists spend valuable money at local businesses. By providing 2.4 million acres of public recreation land, we bring tourists to our state. As population increases and public access to privately owned forestland decreases, the need for accessible lands unquestionably will assume an ever more important role. More information on the economic impact of the County Forest program can be found at

<https://www.wisconsincountyforests.com/>

Production of forest products and spin-off industries derived from the recreational opportunities on the Forest and the forest products it produces are vitally important to Marathon County's economic well-being. Forest industry is the #3 ranked employer in the County. Tourism is ranked #2.

This information can be found at the following link:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestbusinesses/factsheets.html>.

300.3.2 Education and Research

Education and research continue to be critical components in making decisions that affect our natural resources. As public needs and demands on our forest and its products increase, we must be prepared to assure that sound decisions result. To this end, Marathon County encourages and supports research efforts that relate to the forest, and educational opportunities that will promote a better understanding of forest communities and management.

300.4 OTHER PUBLIC LANDS OWNERSHIP

Marathon County Forest doesn't share any common boundaries with other public lands within the

County. The Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit abuts the Langlade County Forest and DNR's Ackley Wildlife Area. Some trails are connected providing users to move from one forest to another. Marathon County will continue to seek additional opportunities with Langlade County in the best interests of the public. Additional DNR ownership in the County include Mead Wildlife Area, Plover River Fishery and Rib River Fishery areas.

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500 LAND USE

500.1 OBJECTIVES

1. To identify policies and procedures employed to effectively manage, utilize and sustain the resources of the County Forest.
2. To identify regulated management activities, land uses and special resource areas.
3. To layout proper permits needed for certain activities on the County Forest.

505 TIMBER SALES

Regulated cutting of timber is essential to the goals and objectives of this plan. Timber harvesting will be conducted to achieve a sustainable harvest level. Harvest areas will be distributed in the forest to accommodate such needs as biodiversity, wildlife, aesthetics, watershed protection and other biological needs. WisFIRS will be used for planning all timber harvests activities on the County Forest. All sales will be established, administered and reported in accordance with the DNR Timber Sale Handbook (2461). All sales on the forest are to be advertised for public bidding, with the exception of ~~small~~ sales with an estimated **volume of 500 cord equivalents or less or an estimated** value of ~~\$3,000~~ **\$10,000** or less or sales that would qualify under a salvage provision (s. 28.11(6)(c), Wis. Stats.). These sales may be sold direct without advertising.

505.1 FIELD PREPARATION OF TIMBER SALES

The County and the DNR will cooperate to locate, designate and prepare harvest areas for sale. The Forest administrator and DNR liaison forester shall jointly be responsible to see that the field work on sales is accomplished. Administrator and Liaison will also jointly be responsible for ensuring that all proper documentation for each timber sale is properly filled out and routed for signatures.

505.2 ADVERTISING FOR BIDS

After field work is completed and necessary reports receive DNR approval, the administrator shall prepare a sale prospectus and make it available to interested loggers. Under s. 28.11(6)(b) Wis. Stats, timber sale advertisements will be by classified ad in a newspaper having general circulation in the county (i.e. Wausau Daily Herald) and will appear a minimum of 14 calendar days before opening bids. A longer advance time will be given when feasible. Sealed bid sales will generally be offered in early spring and fall, or as needed.

505.3 PROSPECTUS

The following information will be made available to prospective bidders:

1. Timber sale description summary.
2. Invitation for bids.
3. Maps of sale areas with species, volumes, and harvest specifications.
4. Contract provisions.
5. Procedures for bidding.
6. Bid forms and Statement of Qualifications.
7. Timber sales bond and advance stumpage schedule.

505.4 METHOD OF BIDDING

Bids will be publicly read at the location and time advertised. A sealed envelope showing the tract number and marked "sealed bid" will be submitted on forms provided by the County for each tract. Bids will contain:

1. Tract number.
2. The bid price per ton or per thousand board feet for each species offered and the total for each species bid. The total value of the bid will be indicated.
3. A bidder's name, address, phone, and signature.
4. A bidder's statement of qualifications.
5. A minimum of 10 percent of the bid value of each tract must accompany the bid as a bid bond payable to the County. It must be in the form of a bid bond, personal or business check, cashier's check, letter of credit or money order.

505.5 AWARDING SALES

1. The Committee will award the sale contracts at a meeting of the Committee. The high bidder is normally awarded the sale contract; however, the committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids and accept the bid offer most advantageous to the county. Grounds for rejecting bids may include without limit:
 - a. Non-compliance with County Forest contract requirements.
 - b. Delinquent financial obligations.
 - c. Unsatisfactory past performances.
 - d. Inability to demonstrate financial or professional capability. Evaluation criteria on timber sales will be price and documented ability to satisfactorily complete

the contract. Factors to be assessed may include proposed equipment and operation, references, proof of financial stability, past performance and documented training completed. The award of contract to the successful bidder shall be based upon the bid determined most advantageous to the County.

2. Tie bids may be settled by toss of a coin if both parties are agreeable; otherwise the bids on that tract will be rejected and the sale re-advertised.
3. Sales remaining unsold after being advertised for one bid opening may be sold direct at not less than the advertised value even though their estimated value exceeds ~~\$3,000~~ **\$10,000**. (See DNR Timber Sale Handbook).

505.6 SALE CONTRACTS

1. Contracts will be prepared with copies provided to the Purchaser and the DNR and the original filed in the Forest Administrator's office.
2. Contracts are to be signed by the successful bidder within 15 working days' of the contract award, with payment being made according to the County timber sale bond and advance stumpage payment schedule. Failure to sign the contract within 15 working days will be cause for the forfeiture of the bid bond.

505.7 TIMBER SALE PERFORMANCE BOND

1. Performance bonds will be not less than 25 percent of the total bid value for each contract.
2. Surety bonds or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation may be used in lieu of cash as a performance bond on sales. The letter of credit or surety bond must be in effect for a period of time equal to the term of the contract, plus at least 60 days to allow for possible extension(s) and for closeout of the contract after cutting is completed.
3. The bid bond may be transferred to the performance bond.

505.8 CONTRACT PROVISIONS

All timber sale contracts will be on the form approved by the committee and all provisions therein shall apply. A copy of the timber sale prospectus will be attached and become a part of the contract. The following items are essential contract provisions that should be covered in each contract.

505.8.1 Contract Number and Contract Name

Every contract shall have a unique numerical number and depending on county policies/procedures shall have a unique name.

505.8.2 Contract Parties

Contracts must have Name, Address, and other contact information of the Purchaser.

505.8.3 Duration and Extension of Contracts

1. Contracts will be issued for not less than six months or more than three years, unless otherwise stated. Contracts will be dated to expire on June 30 or December 31. Exceptions may be made in cases of extenuating circumstances.
2. Extensions may be granted if deemed in the best interest of the County. The Marathon County policy on timber sale extensions and renewals is located in the contract in the appendix.
3. The maximum time duration of a timber sale contract, including extensions, will be four years. Extension beyond this period of time will be considered by the Committee only in the event of special justification. Special stumpage rate adjustments may be made.
4. If purchasers do not wish to have contracts renewed or extended or if a contract renewal or extension is not approved by the Committee, the Forestry Division may advertise the sale for two separate bid openings or until the sale is resold, whichever occurs first. If the sale is resold, the original Purchaser will:
 - Pay 10% of the original sale price (same amount as the original bid bond) as an administrative fee for the costs of advertising and reestablishing the sale, or
 - Pay the difference between the new sale price and the original price, but not less than 10% if the new sale price is less than the original price.If the sale is not resold after two separate bid openings, the Purchaser is liable for liquidated damages including the total performance bond.
5. The Purchaser may request a contract release due to severe physical or financial disability. The Committee will determine whether or not a release will be granted

and may withhold all or a portion of the performance bond for damages.

505.8.4 Termination of Contract by Seller

Contracts have a termination clause. This is a protection to the county for breach of contract by the purchaser. (See attached timber sale contract in the appendix).

505.8.5 Performance Bond, Contract Violations, Damages, and Future Contracts

Performance Bond

1. Performance bonds will be not less than 25 percent of the total bid value for each contract.
2. Surety bonds or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation may be used in lieu of cash as a performance bond on sales.
3. The bid bond may be transferred to the performance bond.

Contract Violations

Field enforcement of timber sale contracts will be the responsibility of the Forest Administrator employing the following procedure:

1. The Forest Administrator or designee will attempt to resolve inadvertent or minor violations by verbal contact with the Purchaser.
2. The Forest Administrator designee may immediately suspend logging operations when a serious violation or emergency situation arises. The suspension will be followed by written notice to the Purchaser stating the nature of the violation and informing them of Committee action taken or pending.
3. Suspension of operation will remain in effect until receipt of written notice from the County.
4. The Committee, in consultation with legal counsel, may consider, but is not limited to, the following remedies:
 - a. Charge double stumpage.
 - b. Assess damages.
 - c. Suspend contracts.
 - d. Retain all deposits.

- e. Foreclose on cut products on sale.
- f. Refer to District Attorney for prosecution.
- g. Refer to Corporation Counsel for civil action.

Damages If damages exceed the performance bond amount the bond may be used. Examples of damages include:

1. Undesignated timber removed.
2. Removal of timber without payment.
3. Damage to residual timber, roads or other infrastructure.
4. Restoration of sale area.
5. Costs associated with resale of uncut timber.
6. Other costs as determined by the Forestry/Recreation Committee.

Future Contracts

Failure of the Purchaser to comply with timber contract provisions, laws, ordinances, or regulations may result in cancellation of all timber contracts with the County. All deposits may be retained and forest products on sale areas may be seized and sold by the County. The Purchaser may be banned from future purchase of County timber sales for a period of two years or until the Purchaser can demonstrate and provide documentation of satisfactory contract compliance from other ownerships (State, industrial, private, County). The Purchaser may also be required to pay a higher performance bond, up to 100 percent bond.

505.8.6 Title to Timber

Title to all cut forest products shall remain with the County until paid for by Purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all damage or loss of all forest products resulting from fire, flood, theft caused by his own fault during the contractual term. Forest products and stumpage remaining on the sale area at the expiration of the contract or upon breach, revert to the ownership of the County without any refund of monies paid.

505.8.7 Payment Schedule

All contracts will have a payment schedule that will layout the responsibilities of the seller and purchaser for payments under this contract. This schedule will vary based on sale type (lump sum or scaled sale).

505.8.7.1 Removal Without Payment

Timber or other forest products may not be removed from the sale area until paid for as provided in this contract or other guarantees for payment have been made with and to the satisfaction of the County. Upon removal of timber or other forest products in violation of this paragraph, the Purchaser agrees to pay as liquidated damages double the mill value of the timber removed, and in addition to pursuing its remedies for breach of contract, the County may seek charges against the Purchaser for Timber Theft under s. 26.05, Wis. Stats., or a violation of ch. NR 45, Wis. Adm. Code, consider it a breach of contract and pursue all remedies provided in this contract.

505.8.8 Training Requirement

The Purchaser is responsible for ensuring that the actual logging contractor engaged in performance of this contract complies with the Wisconsin SFI® (Sustainable Forestry Initiative®) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standard can be found at the website http://www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards.html or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that training has been attained prior to initiating sale.

505.8.9 BMPs, Roads, Landings, Mill Sites, Campsites and Erosion Control

1. When not otherwise designated by the County, the location of roads, landings, mill sites and campsites on County's property is subject to advance approval and under the conditions established by the County. All restoration, cleanup or repair of roads, landings, mill sites and campsites, or the cost of the cleanup, if not completed by the Purchaser to the satisfaction of the County, is the responsibility of the Purchaser.
2. All logging debris accumulated at landing areas, including bark, tops and slash, shall be scattered within the sale area to the satisfaction of the County.
3. Berms constructed on the County's property shall be leveled to restore the area to the County's satisfaction unless they are constructed at the direction of the

County under par. 4.

4. Roads and landings shall be graded or closed upon the request of and to the County's satisfaction upon completion or termination of this contract.
5. Other restoration requirements (e.g., seeding, gravel, rutting, culvert removal, etc): NONE
6. Erosion control and Best Management Practices (BMPs) requirements:
 - a. The Purchaser shall comply with all recommended BMP guidelines as described in "Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-093, unless specifically provided otherwise below. A copy of this publication is available upon request to the County if not possessed by the Purchaser. Purchaser's certification in Wisconsin BMP training through a FISTA coordinated BMP workshop is also required.
 - b. The Purchaser shall make every attempt to comply with Forestry BMPs for Invasive Species as described in "Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Invasive Species" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-444-09 unless specifically provided otherwise below. In particular, the purchaser agrees to work cooperatively with the administering forester and any subcontractors to address the considerations in BMPs 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5 and 9.1. A copy of this publication is available upon request to the Seller if not possessed by the Purchaser. The publication can also be found at the Council on Forestry website at: <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/invasives/forestry>.
 - c. The Purchaser shall comply with all General Guidelines as described in "Wisconsin's Forestland Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-435-09, unless specifically provided otherwise below. A copy of this publication is available upon request to the County if not possessed by the Purchaser. The publication can also be found at the Council on Forestry website at: <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/biomass/>
 - d. Other: None.

505.8.10 Soil Disturbance and Rutting

1. The Purchaser agrees to take all steps and precautions to avoid and minimize soil disturbances, such as soil compaction and rutting. If soil disturbances occur, the Purchaser agrees to work cooperatively to mitigate and repair any and all instances of soil disturbance.
2. Excessive soil disturbance (as defined in the following table) shall not be permitted. Purchaser agrees to contact Seller in the event of an excessive soil disturbance.

Table – <u>Thresholds for Soil Disturbances</u>	
<u>Timber Sale Infrastructure</u>	<u>Soil disturbances are excessive if:</u>
<u>Roads, Landings, Skid Trails, and General Harvest Area</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>A gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and is resulting in channelized flow to a wetland, stream, or lake.</u>
<u>Roads, Landings, and Primary Skid Trails</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>In a riparian management zone (RMZ) or wetland, a gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more.</u> ▪ <u>In an upland area (outside of RMZ), a gully or rut is 10 inches deep or more and 66 feet long or more.</u>
<u>Secondary Skid Trails and General Harvest Area</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>A gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more.</u>

Note: The depth is to be measured from the original soil surface to the bottom of the depression. If individual lug depressions are visible, the depth would be measured to the lesser of the two depths (the “top” of the lug). The length is measured from the start of the “too deep” section to the end of the “too deep” section. Measurements are not cumulative.

Note: In high use forest recreation areas such as the Nine Mile Unit and County park lands we will require the purchaser to follow a lower threshold for soil disturbance (than defined in table above). The lower threshold will be communicated to the Purchaser during the pre-logging meeting and documented on the pre-logging form.

3. The County may temporarily suspend operations under this contract due to excessive soil disturbances (as defined in table above).
4. Prior to sale completion the Purchaser shall mitigate and repair soil disturbances to the Seller's satisfaction.
5. Other restoration requirements (e.g. repair of soil disturbance or rutting on recreational trails used for skidding): NONE

505.8.11 Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance

All contracts require proof of insurance. The proof of insurance shall be kept in the sale folder and must cover the entire operation period of the contract.

505.8.12 Scaling and Conversion Factors

1. Product Removal - No forest products shall be removed until scaled or marked by a County representative unless prior arrangements have been made with the County.
2. Sawlogs
 - a. All sawlogs must be separated from pulpwood when piled.
 - b. Purchaser will mark the length of all logs on the small end with a lumber crayon to facilitate scaling.
 - c. Purchaser will pile all logs with the small end facing the road to facilitate scaling.
 - d. All logs must be scaled with the Scribner Decimal C Log Rule.
3. Pulpwood – All pulpwood must be piled for scaling. Piles must be level and square with at least five cords.
4. Conversion Factors - Conversion of MBF (thousand board feet) to cords or cords to MBF
5. Peeled Cordwood - When peeled cordwood is measured, it is stipulated that 12.5% will be added to hand-peeled or stroke delimeter processor peeled volume and 16% to ring debarked volume to compute equivalent unpeeled volume.
6. Weight Conversions - County will accept mill weight conversion (Mill Scale) unless that conversion results in less volume than those conversions set forth in Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Handbook 2461.

505.8.13 Forest Certification

Timber sales are certified to the standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative®. ~~SFI-01617-SFI 100%~~. Certification language will appear on all haul tickets, invoices, and scale sheets.

505.8.14 Other Contract Conditions for Consideration

1. Cleanup and use of sale area
 - a. The Purchaser shall remove, to the satisfaction of the seller, all equipment, tools, solid waste, oil filters, grease cartridges, trash and debris remaining on the sale area or Seller's property upon completion of performance under this Contract, termination of this Contract due to breach by the Purchaser or when requested by the County.
 - b. No residence, dwelling, permanent structure, or improvement may be established or constructed on the sale area or other property of the County.
 - c. The Purchaser agrees to properly use and dispose of all petroleum products, including but not limited to oil, hydraulic fuel and diesel fuel. Any on-site spillage must be properly removed and cleaned up by the Purchaser to the satisfaction of the County.
2. Stump heights/tops – The maximum stump height may not exceed the stump diameter; except for stumps of a diameter of less than 10 inches, the height of the stump may not exceed 10 inches. Additionally, clumps of stumps shall be treated as individual stumps and maximum height may not exceed each individual stump diameter. Title to tops shall remain the owner's and may not be utilized by the Purchaser, or at the Purchaser's discretion, unless otherwise specified in this contract.
3. Zone/Unit completion – The Purchaser agrees to complete all operations on each portion of the sale area or each zone as designated on the sale area map, or other attachments or in the cutting requirements before beginning cutting in the next portion or zone, unless agreed to otherwise by the County.
4. Slash requirements – Slash as defined in s. 26.12, Wis. Stats., shall be disposed of as follows:
 - a. Slash falling in any lake or stream, in a right-of-way or on land of an adjoining landowner shall be immediately removed from the waters, right-of-way or adjoining land. Tops from felled trees may not be left hanging in

standing trees. All trees shall be completely felled and not left leaning or hanging in other trees.

- b. Other: None
5. Forest fire prevention – The Purchaser agrees to take reasonable precautions to prevent the starting and spreading of fires. Those precautions include, but are not limited to:
- a. A minimum of one fully charged 5 pound or larger ABC fire extinguisher with a flexible spout shall be carried on each off-road logging vehicle.
 - b. All chainsaws and all non-turbocharged off-road logging equipment used in the operation shall be equipped with spark arrestors which have been approved by the U.S. Forest Service. Such arrestors may not be altered in any manner or removed and shall be properly maintained. (Information on approved arrestors may be obtained from the Seller.)
 - c. If a fire occurs, the Purchaser agrees to promptly cooperate in the control and suppression of the fire.
 - d. The Purchaser shall comply with requests regarding forest fire prevention and suppression made by the Seller and take all reasonable precautions to prevent, suppress and report forest fires. Those requests may include ceasing or modifying operations.
 - e. The Purchaser shall be responsible for damage and forest fire suppression costs, including that provided in s. 26.14 and 26.21, Wis. Stats., caused by their operation under this Contract.
 - f. Other: None
6. Survey monument restriction – The Purchaser agrees to pay for the cost of repair or replacement of any land survey monuments or accessories which are removed or destroyed or made inaccessible. In the event that the performance bond is insufficient to cover such cost, the provisions of Statute 59.74, Perpetuation of Landmarks, shall be enforced.
7. Hold Harmless – Purchaser hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Marathon County, their officials, officers, employees and agents from and against all judgments, damages, penalties, losses, costs, claims, expenses, suits, demands, debts, actions and/or causes of action of any type or nature

whatsoever, including actual and reasonable attorney's fees, which may be sustained or to which they may be exposed, directly or indirectly, by reason of personal injury, death, property damage, or other liability, alleged or proven, resulting from or arising out of the performance of contractor, its officers, officials, employees, agent or assigns. Marathon County does not waive, and specifically reserves, its right to assert any and all affirmative defenses and limitations of liability as specifically set forth in Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 893 and related statutes.

8. Independent contractor – The Purchaser is an independent contractor for all purposes, including worker's compensation, and not an employee or agent of the County. The County agrees that the undersigned Purchaser shall have the sole control of the method, hours worked, time and manner of any timber cutting to be performed hereunder and takes no responsibility for supervision or direction of the performance of any of the harvesting to be performed by the undersigned Purchaser or of its employees. The County further agrees that it will exercise no control over the selection and dismissal of the Purchaser's employees.
9. Assignment (sub-contracting) – The Purchaser is precluded from assigning payment and contract oversight, duties or other performance requirements of this contract to another. The Purchaser's direction to or contracting with another to complete performance required under this contract does not relieve the Purchaser from the responsibility for performance required under this contract or for liability for breach. (Purchaser shall not subcontract any portion of this contract without prior written approval from the County, said approval will not be unreasonably withheld.)
10. Right of inspection by seller – The County retains for itself the right of ingress and egress to and on the sale area and may inspect the sale area and trucks hauling forest products from or traveling on the sale area at any time. If the inspection reveals any violations of this contract, the Purchaser shall promptly take measures to remedy the violation. The County may terminate the Purchaser's operations upon oral notice to the Purchaser. Upon receipt of the notice, the Purchaser shall cease operations until the County approves resumption of them.
11. Federal/state, and local regulations compliance – Purchaser agrees to comply

with all applicable OSHA or other federal, state, and local laws or regulations in connection with the performance of this contract.

OSHA Compliance, Danger trees. The Purchaser is responsible to comply with, and assure compliance by all employees or subcontractors with, all Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) requirements for the health and safety of Purchaser's employees, including provisions relating to danger trees. In addition, the Purchaser agrees to notify, and obtain agreement from, the County if the Purchaser intends to modify performance required under this contract for the purpose of compliance with OSHA requirements.

12. Diggers Hotline – The Purchaser is responsible to contact the Diggers Hotline, or other informational sources performing similar services, prior to digging or conducting other activities on the property which may result in contact with utility or service lines or facilities.
13. Uncut trees and wasted timber – Should marked or designated trees be left uncut or unremoved, the Purchaser shall be liable to the County for damages in the amount said wood would have been valued for payment at the mill site as of the date all work to be performed pursuant to this contract was to have been completed. Young growth trees bent or held down by felled trees must be properly released or Purchaser shall be liable for damages in the amount of replacement costs. The Purchaser shall be liable for damages at double the stumpage rate specified for timber wasted in tops and stumps.
14. Other approvals – Logging roads that intersect town, county or state roads or highways must have the intersections approved by the proper authorities prior to construction and cleared of all unsightly debris at the time of construction. The Purchaser agrees to apply for and obtain all approvals. The Purchaser also agrees to fully comply with all terms and conditions of intersection approvals.
15. Other conditions: A copy of the contract can be found in the appendix.

505.8.15 Attachments to Contract

Operating specifications and a map outlining the boundaries of the sale area are attachments and made part of timber sale contracts.

505.9 TIMBER SALE RESTRICTIONS

1. To minimize resource damage, the types of logging equipment, methods, and times of operation used on sale areas may be restricted by the County.
2. Special restrictions may be required in accordance with County aesthetic policy, if applicable.
3. Seasonal restrictions may be applied to protect roads, minimize recreation use conflicts, benefit wildlife management, avoid endangered resources concerns, minimize insect and disease problems, or to assist in fire protection.

505.10 TIMBER SALE ROADS

1. The Purchaser will be responsible for securing legal access to sale areas.
2. The Purchaser will construct permanent or temporary roads only at locations approved by the Forestry Division.
3. No skidding, decking, or other logging activity is allowed on County Forest roads or ditches unless approved by the Forest Administrator. Roads and trails will be kept free from logging debris. County Forest Access roads and trails will be maintained by the Purchaser and be left in as good as original condition at the close of the sale. Roads will be inspected by County personnel to insure minimal resource damage. If intersections are modified or created between logging tracts and County or Town roads, the Purchaser must notify and obtain any necessary permits from the County or township prior to construction.
4. A timber sale purchaser may request permission to gate a timber sale access road. The Forest Administrator may approve a gate permit to prohibit motorized traffic only.

505.11 SUPERVISING SALES

Sale inspections will be performed periodically by State and/or County personnel with notation in the sales record explaining the results of the inspection.

505.12 FOREST PRODUCTS ACCOUNTABILITY

505.12.1 Scaling Merchantability

1. Logs will be scaled by the Scribner Decimal C. log rule. Minimum log specifications are defined as 9-inch top diameter inside bark (DIB) and 8-feet in length for softwood and 10-inch top (DIB), and 8-feet in length for hardwood,

50% sound grade #3 logs or better.

2. The standard unit of measure for cordwood is measuring 4' x 4' x 100' of unpeeled wood. Hand or stroke delimeter/processor peeled wood will be converted to the standard cord by adding 12.5 percent and ring debarked wood by adding 16 percent to the peeled volume measured. A pulpwood tree contains at least one (1) 100-inch stick, to a minimum top diameter as defined in the contract.
3. DNR Timber Sale Handbook will be used as a guide in determining the conversion rates for posts, poles, bolts, chips, weight scaled wood, or other types of forest products.

505.12.2 Utilization Standards

Utilization standards will be specified on individual contracts to provide maximum utilization of all merchantable timber and will be based on the scaling standards noted in 505.12.1.

505.12.3 Methods of Accountability

Wood harvested from the sale area must be accounted for and payment made in accordance with existing policy and procedure. One or more of the following may be used on an individual sale:

1. Lump Sum - Wood sold based on estimated volumes with one "lump" payment or payments on individual cutting units. The lump sum method will be used whenever practical. Payment for a cutting unit must be received in full before the wood is hauled.
2. Wood Scaled - Wood may also be scaled on the landing. This method is generally used for saw logs. Payment for scaled wood must be received in full before the wood is hauled.
3. Ticket System - The ticket system utilizes serialized three-part tickets. The white copy will be placed in the ticket box prior to truck departure. The yellow copy is to be returned to the County with accompanying mill statement. Hard copy retained by logger. Mill scale will be accepted for volume determination. Payment for tickets must be received in full before tickets are distributed to Purchaser. Note: Purchasers in good standing with Marathon County will be allowed up to five business days to submit payment under #2 and #3 above.

505.13 SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCT PERMITS

1. A written permit for taking fuelwood for personal use must be purchased for a specific area designated on the permit.
2. A written permit for cutting boughs for personal use may be issued for a specific area designated in the permit. Bough payment rate will be set by the Forestry/Recreation Committee.
3. Written permits may be issued for special forest products for community or personal use, with fees established by the Forestry/Recreation Committee.

Stumpage of fuelwood, Christmas trees, boughs, posts and poles and other special forest products for resale will be handled as a regular timber sale.

510 TIMBER THEFT

All cases of alleged timber theft on the county forest shall be investigated and resolved promptly. An allegation of theft by cutting and /or removing timber from the county forest does not alleviate the county from payment under s. 28.11 (9) Wis. Stats. The county will collect damages pursuant to s. 26.05 Wis. Stats. and may also pursue criminal charges under s. 943.20 Wis. Stats. and /or seek civil damages.

510.1 TIMBER THEFT INVESTIGATION

The following procedure should be used in all cases of alleged timber theft:

Determination of Theft

Gathering facts - The County, through the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Staff or Sheriff's Department and along with assistance of the DNR liaison, rangers, and wardens, will ascertain the facts pertinent to the alleged theft, including determination of the damages to the County. Legal counsel representing the County should be involved in all aspects of investigation. Property involved in the alleged theft may be seized with the assistance of the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry staff or Sheriff's Department pursuant to s. 26.04, Wis. Stats., for use as evidence.

1. Boundary determination - If property boundaries are involved, the County shall conduct a legal survey of the boundary in question.
1. During the investigation, the County legal counsel should be consulted for further direction or for assistance in resolving the matter. If deemed necessary by the

Committee, the District Attorney shall be requested to prosecute for violation of s. 26.05, Wis. Stats., the timber theft law, and a legal action for damages commenced. Otherwise, with advice of legal counsel for the County, the County may seek to reach a mutually agreed upon damage payment with the party alleged to have cut or cut and removed the timber without consent of the County.

515 ENCROACHMENTS (Adverse Possession)

The County will actively investigate all suspected cases of encroachments on the County Forest. To insure the integrity and continuity of the County Forest Land, all cases will be dealt with promptly and in a consistent manner. The following procedures will be used in all cases of suspected encroachments:

1. The County will establish property boundaries; if necessary, a legal survey will be conducted.
2. The County will gather all facts, including notification to all landowners or occupants involved.
3. The Committee, in consultation with the Director, Forest Administrator, County legal counsel, and the DNR, will make a decision as to the disposition of the case.
 - a. All above-ground encroachments that are movable will be removed from County property.
 - b. Permanent type facilities, such as homes, garages, and septic systems shall be addressed individually and may commonly be removed but may be handled by a land use agreement in rare situations. For example, when the encroachment will be removed within a short and defined period (e.g. septic system needs replacing, dilapidated structure needs to be rebuilt and relocated). Sale or transfer of the encroachment should remain an option depending on the circumstances involved and the viability of an adverse possession claim (s. 893.29, Wis. Stats.).
 - c. Provisions in the land use agreement, if that option is pursued, may include granting the encroacher permission to encroach on the County Forest Lands with the following stipulations: no other encroachments will be allowed; the permit is non-transferable; the County must be notified once encroachment is terminated; County continues full ownership and control of property;

permittee agrees to waive any rights to any future declaration of ownership or interest in the encroached County property; County reserves the right to cancel the permit and the permit is to be filed in the office of the Marathon County Register of Deeds and all fees related to the land use permit shall be paid by the permittee.

520 SPECIAL USES

1. Recognizing the vast potential for a variety of special uses of the County Forest by governmental units, businesses, organizations or individuals, the committee may designate specified areas for special uses. Specific management methods are to be considered on these areas. Uses must be consistent with the intent and purposes of the County Forest Law.
2. All requests for specialized uses of any County Forest lands will require a permit authorized by the Committee.
3. A list of existing special use areas can be found the Appendix.

520.1 SAND AND GRAVEL

Sand and gravel pits located on the County Forest may be used only by units of government or contractors performing public works. Use of existing pits and the opening of new pits by other than the County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department will require Committee approval and be authorized by permit only. The condition of such permits may include, but are not be limited to:

1. Requiring the pit and its access road to be screened from view from any public highway.
2. Severing trees from the stump.
3. Disposition of brush and dirt spoil by leveling or hauling away.
4. Sloping to prevent steep banks.
5. Filing with the parks and forest office an annual written report of gravel and sand removed.

Other conditions may be set at the discretion of the Committee or County Forest Administrator. The Committee will set fees for materials removed. Other non-metalliferous materials will be dealt with on an individual basis.

All active, nonmetallic sites greater than one acre in size, including those on the County Forest, are also subject to the provisions of the Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program, Chapter NR 135, Wis. Adm. Code. The County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department shall work with the local permit coordinator (often county or local zoning office) in obtaining the necessary permits for nonmetallic mining operations.

Sand and gravel may, under some circumstances, be leased to private contractors for private use. In these situations, the land must be withdrawn from the County Forest Law until sand/gravel removal and reclamation of the site is completed. Upon completion of reclamation to the satisfaction of the county and the state, the lands shall be reapplied for entry under the County Forest Law.

520.2 EXPLORATION, PROSPECTING, AND MINING

1. The Committee may investigate all mineral exploration, prospecting and mining requests as they are received.
2. The DNR shall be notified of all requests, as they become known, in accord with Manual Code 2712.1 (Mineral exploration on County Forests per s. 28.11(3)(i), and (j) Wis. Stats., or other codes which may be subsequently adopted.)
3. Public Forest Lands Handbook should be referenced for more detailed procedure.
4. Exploration and prospecting usually don't require County Forest withdrawal.
5. Mining would require the withdrawal and sale of County Forest Land affected. The County Board may consider requiring the replacement of withdrawn lands and other conditions in mining resolution.

520.3 SANITARY LANDFILLS

The use of County Forest lands for sanitary landfills will not be allowed unless the lands involved are withdrawn from the County Forest Law.

520.4 MILITARY MANEUVERS

Military maneuvers on County Forest lands will be considered under a lease or written land use agreement. Upon receipt of a written request from the military the Committee, other necessary County staff, Military, and DNR representatives will discuss the issue at a public Committee meeting. After the needs have been outlined, the site shall be field checked, DNR input and

consistency with the County Forest Law sought, and town officials advised. Depending on the scope of the project, a public hearing may be appropriate. If all aspects and concerns are addressed and agreed to, a legal instrument will be drafted. The matter will then be brought back to a Committee meeting for final input and approval. The Public Forest Lands Handbook will be used for further direction in this matter.

520.5 PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Applications for public utility easements will be considered by the Committee. Underground installations will be encouraged. In 2005 the State legislature passed a law that “requires a County, City, Village, Town, Public Board or Commission to convey lands to an electrical utility for the purpose of constructing electrical utility lines.” (Sec. 194.491(3e), Wis. Stats.) The following main provisions shall be included in any County Board resolution granting permission for construction of a utility transmission line:

1. Utility will be billed for merchantable forest products and existing timber reproduction.
2. Utility will be billed for land removed from production due to right-of-way clearing for losses of future income and multiple use benefits.
3. Land removed for utility operations that is no longer suited “primarily for timber production or, that is no longer suitable for scenic, outdoor recreation, public hunting and fishing, water conservation or multiple use purposes” (s. 28.11(4)(c) Wis. Stats) may need to be withdrawn from County Forest Law designation. The utility shall replace any lands requiring withdrawal from County Forest with other lands suitable for County Forest entry that are in the forest blocking of the County Forest or money that will be deposited into the segregated land purchase account.
4. Utility companies will be encouraged to use existing corridors and underground lines to minimize disturbance to the County Forest and native plants and animals.
5. Merchantable timber will be removed in a manner specified by the Forest Administrator and approved by the Committee. Timber cut must be reported to the DNR on form 2460-1.
6. Utility must provide notice of proposed route, including a map of not less than 1 inch /mile scale, 90 days in advance of the proposed construction.
7. Special maintenance, controlled access and signage concerns shall be addressed in any proposal.
8. An appropriate fee shall be charged for easements.

520.6 ACCESS TO PRIVATE LAND

The Department has determined that granting a private easement across County forest lands is not consistent with the County Forest Law program. This determination is based on an Attorney General opinion (*OAG-08-10*). Easement grants to individuals are generally determined to be an exclusive right on a publicly owned asset. Counties are generally restricted from granting easements on County forest lands unless the easement helps to achieve the purposes of the County Forest Law program.

520.6.1 Temporary Access

Requests for temporary access across County Forest Lands will be reviewed for any potential conflicts with management activities or public access. If impacts are minimal, access for short term needs will be permitted through the use of access agreements or letters of authorization. Temporary access is generally for activities such as access to maintain utilities (rail, powerline, etc.) or for logging access on private lands. The recipient of temporary access is required to restore the roadway to at least its prior condition and to expand coverage of any performance deposits or liability insurance to cover the use of the County road.

520.6.2 Access Agreements

Requests for access to private lands may be made by private parties to build or improve access roads through the County Forest. Access agreements will be considered on a case-by-case basis and with the understanding that the County is not legally obligated to provide access to private lands. The following stipulations will be adhered to before an "Access Permit" is granted:

1. Access across County Forest Lands must be demonstrated by the applicant as the route of last resort. Proposed uses must be documented by the applicant.
2. No legal easement will be granted; only permission to cross County lands.
3. The permit is non-transferable. New landowners must apply to continue the land use agreement.
4. Road improvements and upgrading must be approved and will be supervised by the Parks and Forestry staff. Prior notification of three (3) days is required before work starts.
5. All wood cut is the property of Marathon County.
6. Roadway may not be gated by the Permittee unless authorized by the Committee.
7. The County continues full ownership of the improved roadway, however, it shall

not be liable for maintenance or upkeep of the road.

8. Permittee waives any rights to any declaration of ownership or interest in the road on County land for administrative costs as a result of this "Access Permit". The access permit is granted upon the signature and any fees being received by the Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.
9. As of October 2020, there are six existing access road permits issued by Marathon County. The fee for these permits is set at \$150.00 for five years.
10. If new permits are granted by the Committee, they will follow the same stipulations as the existing permits. The fee for any new access road permits is set at \$250.00 for five years.
11. A copy of the access agreement can be found in the appendix.

520.6.3 Prescriptive Easements

Historical access points and driveways may meet the legal requirements of prescriptive use. A prescriptive use easement does not generally trigger a need to withdraw lands from the County Forest program unless the public is excluded from motorized travel on the subject road. Any potential claims of prescriptive easement across County Forest lands must be reviewed by legal counsel in order to determine legal validity and possible legal defense or standing.

520.6.4 Other Types of Access

Complex issues of private access needs may arise in the future. Any proposals to grant an easement across County Forest must help achieve the purposes of the County Forest Law and meet a standard of better and higher public use. Easements to private parties will require withdrawal from County Forest Law and are to be discussed with the Department prior to initiating any proposals.

520.7 PRIVATE UTILITY SERVICE LINES

If a landowner cannot gain utility access across other lands, the committee may consider a land use agreement for access across County Forest. Requests will be considered on a case by case basis. These agreements should consider the inclusions mentioned below:

1. The permit is non-transferrable
2. The County retains full ownership of the utility corridor, however it shall not be liable for maintenance, upkeep, or other damages associated with the utility

service.

3. The permittee waives any rights to any declaration of ownership or interest in the utility corridor on County land for administrative costs as a result of this Land Use Agreement – Utility permit. This agreement is granted upon the signature and any fees being received by Marathon County.
4. The fee for such a land use agreement is set at \$5.00 per lineal foot for each utility with a minimum fee of \$5,000.

520.8 CELLULAR COMMUNICATION AND WIRELESS BROADBAND TOWERS

The siting of cellular communication or wireless broadband towers on the Marathon County Forest will be considered by the Committee on a limited basis. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis subject to the following conditions:

1. It must be demonstrated that the site is the most practical location for such a tower.
2. Land selected for such a tower is no longer suitable for continued entry in the County Forest program. In addition, any accompanying lands needed for tower support wires that inhibit the practice of forestry and are no longer suitable for scenic, outdoor recreation, public hunting and fishing, water conservation or multiple use purposes (s. 28.11(4)(c) Wis. Stats may also need to be withdrawn from County Forest Law. Withdrawal is subject to approval by both County Board and DNR. The cellular communication company shall replace any lands requiring withdrawal from County Forest with other lands suitable for County Forest entry that are in the forest blocking.
3. If the Committee approves siting a cell or broadband tower on County Forest Lands, the cellular or broadband company will pay for all administrative and staff time related to establishing the tower.
4. Marathon County shall be provided use of the tower for free and be provided free internet and/or phone service.
5. An appropriate fee will be charged for any communication tower the Committee approves on County Forest Lands.
6. Any agreement should also consider the inclusions listed under 520.5 (Items 1-8)

520.9 OTHER

Other types of special uses of the county forest may be considered by the committee. Regulations governing these uses will be developed on an individual basis. These may include, but are not

limited to: research, independent study and scientific areas.

525 TREATY RIGHTS: GATHERING MISCELLANEOUS FOREST PRODUCTS

Ordinance No. 0-34-91, adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon on October 15 , 1991, authorizes Marathon County to require permits for gathering miscellaneous forest products on County land by Native American treaty rights participants. The ordinance, Section 12.06 of the General Code of Marathon County, adopts language of, and complies with, the Federal District Court decision and states as follows:

1. Any treaty rights participant interested in gathering firewood, tree bark, maple sap, lodge poles, boughs, marsh hay or other miscellaneous forest products (except fruits, seeds, or berries not enumerated in County ordinances) from County land shall obtain a County gathering permit from the County Parks and Forestry office. The County shall respond to the gathering permit request no later than 14 days after receipt of the request. The gathering permit shall indicate the location of the material to be gathered, the volume of material to be gathered, and conditions of the gathering of the material necessary for conservation of the timber and miscellaneous forest products on the County land, or for public health or safety.
2. The County may not deny a request to gather miscellaneous forest products on county property under this section unless: (a) the gathering is inconsistent with the management plan for the property, (b) the gathering will conflict with the pre-existing rights of a permittee or other person possessing an approval to conduct an activity on the property, including a contractor of the county or, (c) is otherwise inconsistent with conservation or public health or safety. Subchapter IV, Ch. NR13, Wis. Adm. Code details the regulations.

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600 PROTECTION

OBJECTIVE

To protect and manage the resources of the forest from preventable losses resulting from fire, insects, diseases and other destructive elements including those caused by people. Protective methods shall include proper silvicultural methods.

The DNR provides statewide technical guidance that will be used to inform local decisions. This guidance will be referenced to make decisions at the county level.

605 FIRE CONTROL

Damage to the Forest caused by uncontrolled fire can create an important challenge in the management of the Forest. Loss of resource values caused by fire will be minimized through organized prevention, detection and suppression methods. Maintaining a healthy forest is key to fire management. The DNR is responsible for all matters relating to the prevention, detection and suppression of forest fires outside the limits of incorporated villages and cities. s. 26.11(1), Wis. Stats. The DNR works cooperatively with local fire departments in all fire control efforts. The Marathon County Forest with the exception of the Kronenwetter Forest Unit, is part of the DNR Intensive Forest Fire Protection Area with burning permits required any time that the ground is not snow covered. The Village of Kronenwetter has primary responsibility for fire suppression within the Kronenwetter Forest Unit and works closely with DNR fire control on forest fires within the forest unit. Pursuant to s. 26.11(5), Wis Stats., the village is able to request DNR assistance on wildland fires. The Fire Management Handbook No. 4325.1 and the Area Operations Plan shall serve as the guidelines for fire control activities.

605.1 COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Pursuant to s. 26.11(4) and s. 28.11(4)(f), Wis. Stats., and the Marathon County Forest Ordinance, the County may cooperate with the DNR in the interest of fire prevention, detection and suppression on the County Forest. This is accomplished through agreements authorizing the DNR to use County Forest land or to utilize County personnel and equipment for fire protection activities. The DNR will notify the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department when a fire occurs on County Forest or Park lands.

605.1.1 Personnel

County Forest personnel, upon request will be made available for forest fire control efforts within County forest or County park lands. With limited staff the County Forestry division is not readily available to assist on forest fires. During periods of very high fire danger County Forestry personnel may be made available, upon request, for fire control efforts within the County. The DNR is responsible for training and directing the activities of County personnel in accordance with the rules identified in the Fire Management Handbook, No. 4325.1.

605.1.2 Equipment

County Forest equipment, upon request, may be available for forest fire control suppression. During periods of high fire hazard, all County Forest vehicles and/or crews should be equipped with one or more backpack cans, axes or shovels, appropriate personal protective equipment, mobile communication and any other equipment deemed essential. All hand tools shall be maintained and provided by the DNR.

605.1.3 Fire Detection

Fire detection is the responsibility of the DNR. County Parks and Forest personnel may assist and report any wild fires to the DNR, local Fire Department or 911 Dispatch.

605.1.4 Forest Fire Prevention

DNR fire control personnel are authorized by the County to place fire prevention signs at recreational areas and other strategic locations within the forest as authorized by the Forest Administrator. The County conducts and controls all operations (including harvesting) on the forest in a manner designed to prevent forest fires. The use of the County Forest and the Department will coordinate during high fire danger periods to impose any necessary restrictions. These restrictions may include, but are not limited to, recreation and logging.

605.1.5 Forest Fire Suppression

Any uncontrolled or non-prescribed fires on the County Forest will be suppressed as soon as possible.

605.2 DEBRIS BURNING

Unauthorized burning of debris will not be permitted on County Forest Lands pursuant to s. 26.12(5), Wis. Stats. Deposit of yard waste or any other matter is not allowed on County Forest Land. Violators subject to County ordinance.

605.3 CAMPFIRES

During periods of high fire danger, use of campfires may be restricted. While campfires are allowed on the County Forest, it is unlawful to leave any fires unattended. On a DNR designated red flag day, it is unlawful to start or use any fires.

605.4 PRESCRIBED BURNING

All prescribed burning on County Forest lands will follow the DNR recommendations. See Prescribed Burn Handbook No. 4360.5 for details. Prescribed fire may be an effective management tool on the County Forest. Prescribed burning may be done for wildlife habitat, site preparation for tree planting and seeding, fire hazard reduction, barrens and prairie management, insect and disease control, etc.

605.5 COUNTY FOREST FIRE HAZARD AREAS

The DNR places primary emphasis on fire control efforts in pine areas. Maps of these areas are available at the local DNR field office. The County will cooperate with DNR Fire Control in providing for firebreaks or access ways. Existing access roads, firebreaks and water access points will be maintained as deemed necessary. Secondary emphasis will be placed on hardwood and aspen areas with no firebreaks developed or maintained. However, access roads will be maintained as defined in Chapter 700 of this plan.

610 CONTROL OF FOREST PESTS & PATHOGENS

610.1 DETECTION

Damage to the forest caused by insects, diseases, exotic plants and other pests can adversely affect management of the forest resources. Losses to resource values impacted by forest pests will be minimized through integrated pest management methods, with emphasis on silvicultural prescriptions (timber sales). The detection and control of pest problems will be accomplished by county and DNR personnel in cooperation with other agencies.

610.2 PEST SURVEYS

Pest surveys are conducted under the direction of the DNR's forest health specialists. The County may cooperate by providing personnel and equipment to assist in these operations. Citizen reports of possible pest damage will be investigated by County Forest division staff.

610.3 SPECIFIC PESTS AND PATHOGENS OF CONCERN

Integrated pest management for the purpose of this Plan, is defined as follows:

“The maintenance of destructive agents, including insects, at tolerable levels, by the planned use of a variety of preventive, suppressive, or regulatory tactics and strategies that are ecologically and economically efficient and socially acceptable.”

The integrated pest management control and methodology shall be determined jointly by the County Forest Administrator, and DNR liaison forester in consultation with the DNR District Forest Health Specialist. Suppression of forest pests may include the following:

1. Silvicultural prescriptions, including timber sales.
2. Biological control.
3. Chemical control.

610.3.1 Specific Pests of Interest

610.3.1.1 ~~Gypsy~~ Spongy Moth

This introduced pest has moved westward from the northeastern United States since the early 1900's. Currently, moths have been found in every county; the eastern 2/3 of the State is considered infested. Marathon County Forest's strategy to combat this defoliating insect will focus on using silvicultural techniques to maintain and improve forest vigor, so as to decrease the likelihood and severity of defoliation. In addition, suppression spraying with approved insecticides may be considered in high use recreation areas and stands containing a high percentage of susceptible, high valued timber. Biological controls may also be available for introduction to help reduce outbreak frequency.

The presence or discovery of threatened or endangered species in these areas may impact both the type of treatment and the decision to apply suppression tactics. Current insecticides for ~~gypsy~~ spongy moth control include a bacterial insecticide (Btk) and a commercial formulation of a naturally occurring virus (Gypchek) The Gypchek virus, specific to gypsy moth larvae, is only available through the federal suppression program administered by the DNR. The intent in combating this insect is not to eradicate, but rather to reduce populations so that tree mortality is maintained at tolerable levels. The DNR's District Forest Health Specialist will be available for consultation on control tactics and possible quarantine procedures. DATCP is the agency responsible for quarantine procedures for wood products from infested

counties.

610.3.1.2 HRD

Heterobasidion root disease (HRD, previously called annosum root rot), is caused by the fungus, *Heterobasidion irregulare*. It is a serious disease that causes pine and spruce mortality in Wisconsin, but over 200 woody species have been reported as hosts. Red and white pine trees are most commonly affected in plantation-grown stands subjected to thinning. The disease was first confirmed in Wisconsin in 1993 and has since been found in a number of counties throughout Wisconsin. Diseased trees, including overstory trees and understory seedlings and saplings, will show fading, thin crowns with tufted foliage, and eventual mortality. Currently, there are no curative treatments to eliminate the HRD pathogen from a stand once it is infested, so preventing disease introduction is the best approach.

Infection most often occurs when HRD spores land and germinate on a freshly cut stump. The pathogen then grows into the root tissue and progresses underground from tree to tree through root contact. As the pathogen spreads, and trees decline and die, an ever-expanding pocket of mortality is formed. HRD fruit bodies, or conks, may be found at the base of dead trees and old stumps. Fruit bodies are most commonly observed in the fall but can be found any time of the year.

Guidelines for stump treatment to reduce the risk of introduction and spread of Heterobasidion root disease in Wisconsin should be used by the county forests. The HRD guidelines are designed to help property managers and landowners determine whether the preventive pesticide treatment should be used to reduce the risk of introduction and spread of HRD at the time of harvest in a pine and/or spruce stand.

It is Marathon County's policy to follow the "Guidelines for stump treatment to reduce the risk of introduction and spread of Heterobasidion root disease in Wisconsin. It is Marathon County's policy to require the purchaser of conifer sales to purchase and apply an approved fungicide (RotstopC or Cellu-treat) to all cut pine stumps and horizontal wound surfaces for prevention of this disease. Specific requirements on treatment are included in Marathon County's timber sale contract.

610.3.1.3 Oak Wilt

Oak wilt, *Bretziella fagacearum*, is a destructive disease of oak trees. It is responsible for the death of thousands of oak trees in forests, woodlots, and home landscapes each year. Oak wilt is caused by a fungus that invades and impairs the tree's water conducting system, resulting in branch wilting and tree death. Trees in both the red oak group and white oak group are affected. There is no known cure once a tree has oak wilt. Prevention of new oak wilt infection centers is the best management option and involves avoiding injury to healthy trees and removing dead or diseased trees. Counties should use the Oak Harvesting Guidelines to Reduce the Risk of Introduction and Spread of Oak Wilt for management guidance. If pruning is necessary or damage is incurred during the growing season, e.g. through construction activities or storms, the wounds should be painted immediately with a wound paint.

It is Marathon County's policy to remove infected trees. Once chipped or debarked, the materials shall be covered with plastic for a period of six months to kill the fungus and any insects in the material. In certain cases, infected trees may also be burned, eliminating the fungus and any insect. A vibratory plow, or similar implement, may be used to sever root grafts on isolated pockets where feasible. A second method to control the spread of oak wilt where pockets have been confirmed also may be used. Using this method foresters will: (1) Identify infected trees; (2) Assume all trees within a certain distance from the diseased tree based upon research are infected; (3) Girdle all oak trees within this barrier zone; (4) Apply a chemical basal spray to the girdled trees to kill the trees and root systems; and (5) Remove the treated trees. Cutting or pruning of oak will be restricted between April 15 and July 15.

610.3.1.4 Forest Tent Caterpillar

Forest tent caterpillar, *Malacosoma disstria*, can be found throughout the United States and Canada wherever hardwoods grow. The favored hosts in Wisconsin are aspen and oak. This native insect causes region-wide outbreaks at intervals from 10 to 15 years; outbreaks usually last 2 - 5 years in the Lake States. Severe and repeated defoliation can lead to dieback and/or reduced growth of affected trees, which in some instances may be significant. Populations are often controlled by natural enemies, helping the population crash. Aerial spraying of insecticides can be an option for control as well. It will be Marathon County's strategy to employ sound silvicultural practices to

combat this cyclic pest.

610.3.1.5 Two-lined Chestnut Borer

The two-lined chestnut borer, (*Agrilus bilineatus*), is a common secondary pest in trees which have been severely defoliated several years in a row. Oaks that are under stress from drought and/or defoliation by insects such as gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*), fall canker worm (*Alsophila pometaria*), and forest tent caterpillar (*Malacosoma disstria*) can be infested and killed by two-lined chestnut borer. Prevention of two-lined chestnut borer through sound silvicultural practices is the best management option. Postponing management activities in stressed stands for two years after severe drought and/or defoliation have ended will provide time for trees to recover and reduce their susceptibility to two-lined chestnut borer attack. Infestations should be salvaged promptly. Marathon County will strive to maintain healthy trees through sound silvicultural practices to discourage infestation.

610.3.1.6 Emerald Ash Borer

The emerald ash borer, (*Agrilus planipennis*), was accidentally introduced to North America from Asia in 2002. Emerald ash borer (EAB) infestations in Wisconsin have resulted in widespread mortality to *Fraxinus* species including green, white, and black ash. It is expected that 99% of the ash trees in Wisconsin will die. Ash comprises a significant component in the northern hardwood timber type and can be found in nearly pure stands in some lowland areas. Adult EAB beetles feed on foliage but it is the larvae that cause mortality by feeding on the phloem and outer sapwood of the ash trees.

The [Emerald Ash Borer Silviculture Guidelines](#) are available to help resource managers make informed stand-level decisions to manage forests that are not yet infested by EAB, as well as implement salvage harvests and rehabilitation in stands that have already been impacted by EAB.

It is Marathon County's policy to follow the Emerald Ash Borer Silviculture Guidelines.

610.3.2 Funding

The County Forest will make all reasonable efforts to secure funding for control efforts, through County funds, or other State, Federal or private funding sources.

610.3.3 Special Projects

The County may cooperate with other agencies in forest pest research.

610.4 DEER BROWSE

Forest regeneration and reproduction is critical to sustain both timber production and wildlife habitat and the overall health of the deer herd. As a keystone species, deer can affect forest regeneration, long-term forest production, and forest sustainability. This is a concern for all interested in forest production and trying to balance deer numbers with habitat.

Marathon County will monitor herbivory impacts during forest reconnaissance.

610.5 INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

Invasive plants can cause significant negative impacts to the forest. Invasive species can displace native plants and hinder the forest regeneration efforts. Preventing them from dominating habitats is critical to the long-term health of the forest. There are a number of invasive plant species in varying densities on the County Forest. Some warrant immediate and continual treatment efforts while others may be allowed to remain due to extent and financial ability to control them. The County will continue to train staff in invasive species identification as well as attempt to secure funding sources to control them as much as is practical. Invasive plants on the forest should be documented as well as potential response to new infestations.

610.5.1 Funding and Partnerships

Grant opportunities for invasive species control funding can be found on the [Financial Assistance webpage](#) of the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council. The number of grants for local governments and county forest is limited, especially for terrestrial invasive plant control. Some grants, such as the Department of Natural Resource's [turkey stamp program](#), support invasive plant control as part of larger efforts to promote certain outcomes and might be applicable.

The Department of Natural Resources promotes the formation of cooperative invasive species management areas (CISMAs) through its [Weed Management Area – Private](#)

Forest Grant Program. While activities funded by this grant are restricted to non-industrial private forests, CISMAs are encouraged to partner with other groups in their area and some can provide technical support to county forests. The CISMA's of Wisconsin can be found at this link. <http://ipaw.org/quick-links/cismas/>

610.5.2 Best Management Practices

In 2009, the Department of Natural Resources and many stakeholder groups approved a series of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for minimizing the spread of forest invasive plants. The full text of the BMPs is found on the Wisconsin Council on Forestry website. Voluntary use of the BMPs during forestry stewardship activities reduces the spread of invasive plants that can impede forest regeneration in county forests.

BMPs used before, during and after a harvest promote forest regeneration. Reasonable efforts to clean vehicles, equipment, footwear and other clothing helps reduce the spread of seeds and plant fragments to un-infested forests. Planning the sequence and timing of stewardship activities to reduce contact with invasive plants during forestry operations is another helpful strategy. Similarly, controlling populations of invasive plants before logging reduces the risk of spreading them. Follow-up monitoring of disturbed stands can detect populations of invasive plants while they are still small and more easily managed.

610.5.3 Current Plant Invasives

605.5.3.1 Buckthorn

Two species of invasive buckthorn impact Wisconsin's forests. Common buckthorn, (*Frangula cathartica*), is more often found growing on well-drained soils while glossy buckthorn, (*Frangula alnus*), favors wetter soils. Both species grow in shade or sun, quickly form dense, even-aged thickets that shade out understory plants, including tree seedlings, and hinder forest regeneration. Their dark colored fruits are eaten by birds who disperse them long distances. Both buckthorns green-up before native plants and remain green after the natives drop their leaves.

Buckthorn can be controlled by taking advantage of the longer period in which they retain their leaves. Foliar applications of herbicide applied when buckthorn has leaves and the natives are leafless will minimize damage to native plants. Other control options include mowing the shrubs and then treating re-sprouts with foliar herbicide, basal bark herbicide applications, and cut stump herbicide applications.

610.5.3.2 Garlic Mustard

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is an herbaceous, biennial, native to Europe. During the first year a basal rosette of only leaves develops. The second year, several stems from 1 – 4 feet tall grow from the basal rosette. The leaves have a distinct garlic fragrance when crushed. From the stems grow several small white flowers. Each plant can produce 100's of tiny seeds inside long, narrow capsules. Garlic mustard can quickly colonize disturbed forests as it often follows corridors such as game trails or man-made roads/paths. As garlic mustard spreads, it quickly displaces native plants and is known to radiate chemicals into the soil that disrupt associations between mycorrhizal fungi and native plants. Small populations can be hand pulled, while larger populations are better controlled with prescribed fire and/or herbicide. All pulled plant materials should be bagged and removed from the forest as seeds have been known to mature on dead plants left on site. Treatment should be repeated until the seed bank is depleted, which takes multiple years. Garlic mustard sites should be monitored annually, until no plants are discovered for several years.

610.5.3.3 Honeysuckle

Bush Honeysuckles (*Lonicera maackii*, *L. tatarica*, *L. morrowii*, *L. X bella*) were introduced from Eurasia as ornamentals, wildlife cover and soil erosion control. Bush honeysuckles are upright deciduous shrubs, ranging from 5 - 12 feet tall with gray shaggy bark. The leaves are opposite, simple, oval and untoothed and can be smooth, to velvety depending on species. Flowers are fragrant and tubular ranging in colors of white, red and pink. They bloom May through June and then form red to yellow berries that are found as pairs on the leaf axils. Honeysuckles replace native forest shrubs and herbaceous plants by inhibiting growth of understory plants due to early leaf-out which shades out herbaceous ground cover and depletes soil moisture. Control options include hand pulling small infestations and prescribed burning which kills seedlings and top kills mature shrubs. Herbicide options include cut stump treatment and foliar spraying. With all control efforts repeated monitoring is needed.

610.5.3.4 Spotted Knapweed

Spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*) is an herbaceous, short-lived perennial native to Eurasia that can grow 2 – 4 feet tall. This plant first appears as a basal rosette of somewhat silvery leaves and may persist this way for several years before developing

pink-purple flowers on long spreading stems. The flowers are thistle-like with many petals and stiff bracts. Knapweed invades dry-upland areas including disturbed sites such as forest trails and openings. The roots exude an allelopathic chemical which inhibits establishment of other plants; hindering forest regeneration. Small populations can be hand pulled provided the entire tap root is removed. Gloves, long sleeves and pants should be worn when handling this plant as it may cause skin irritation. Chemical control should be applied directly to plants or broadcast across large areas of infestation. Biological control is also available as part of an integrated pest management plan.

610.5.3.5 Japanese Barberry

Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) was introduced from Japan around 1875 and now ranges across most of North America. It is a compact, spiny, deciduous shrub with arching branches of dense foliage. It commonly grows 2 - 3 feet tall and has been known to reach heights of 6 feet. Japanese barberry regenerates by seed, creeping roots and branches that root freely when they touch the ground; which increases its overall spread. Small, rounded, smooth edged leaves are clustered in tight bunches close to the spiny branches and small yellow flowers bloom through May forming red oblong berries that mature in mid-summer and persist into winter. This plant is highly adapted to growing in young forests where it forms thorny thickets that shade out and limit the growth of native plants and spreads easily under the shade of established forests. The primary method of mechanically controlling barberry is hand pulling or digging early before seed set in areas where there are only a few plants. It has shallow roots but resprouting may occur if the entire root system is not removed. Larger populations may be controlled by herbicides with a cut stump treatment and repeated monitoring for both seedlings and roots re-sprouting.

610.5.3.6 Other

Other invasive species found on the County Forest will be evaluated and attempts to control, eradicate or slow the spread of them will be made if it's determined in the best interest of Marathon County forest management.

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800 CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

1. To introduce and communicate to the public, the County Board of Supervisors, and to the Wisconsin DNR, the integrated resource approach that forestry, wildlife and other natural resource staff will use on the Marathon County Forest during this planning period.
2. Counties may wish to consider "Integrated Resource Management Units" (IRMU) approach, that will identify and summarize the natural resources, social and physical management potential and opportunities for each unit.

805 INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT APPROACH

Integrated Resource Management is defined as: "the simultaneous consideration of ecological, physical, economic, and social aspects of lands, waters and resources in developing and implementing multiple-use, sustained yield management" (Helms, 1998).

This balance of ecological, economic, and social factors is the framework within which the Marathon County Forest is managed. This broad definition describes the content of everything within this comprehensive land use plan. Previous chapters have discussed in depth many of the social and economic issues.

For the purpose of this chapter, the scope of Integrated Resource Management includes:

1. Forests, habitats, biological communities
2. Wetlands and waters
3. Wildlife and endangered resources
4. Soils and minerals
5. Cultural and historical resources

Management of one resource affects the management or use of other resources in an area. Managing each use or resource by itself is less effective than managing all of them in an integrated way. This is a field level approach to integrated resource management. Management decisions are made while considering that each site is part of a larger ecosystem. Similarly, the development and implementation of this plan also considers other planning efforts in order to provide for broader scale management.

The working definition of integrated resource management means, in large part, keeping natural communities of plants and animals and their environments healthy and productive so people can enjoy and benefit from them now and in the future.

The remainder of this chapter is written to help communicate how the Forest is managed on an integrated resource approach.

810 SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

"the practice of managing dynamic forest ecosystems to provide ecological, economic, social and cultural benefits for present and future generations" NR 44.03(12) Wis. Adm. Code and s. 28.04(1)(e), Wis. Stats.

For the purpose of this chapter, sustainable forestry will be interpreted as the management of the Forest to meet the needs of the present without knowingly compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (economic, social, and ecological) by practicing a land stewardship ethic which integrates the growing, nurturing, and harvesting of trees for useful products with the conservation of soil, air and water quality, and wildlife and fish habitat. This process is dynamic, and changes as we learn from past management.

810.1 TOOLS IN INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

810.1.1 Compartment Recon

The County will support and utilize the compartment reconnaissance procedures as set forth by the DNR Public Forest Lands Handbook 2460.5. WisFIRS serves as the database for housing recon information.

810.1.2 Forest Habitat Classification System

The Forest Habitat Classification System (*A Guide to Forest Communities and Habitat Types of Northern Wisconsin Second Edition; Kotar, et al.*) is a natural classification system for forest communities and the sites on which they develop. It utilizes systematic interpretation of natural vegetation with emphasis on understory species.

The Forest Habitat Classification System is an ecological tool promoting a common language for interpreting site capability based on potential natural vegetation. Its primary use is the assessment of biological potential of upland forest sites. Through the application of Forest Habitat

Classification, land managers are better able to assess site potential of current stands, identify ecological and silvicultural alternatives, predict the effectiveness of possible silvicultural treatments, assess feasible management alternatives, and choose appropriate management objectives.

Data will be collected in order to classify the entire forest. This information should be included in the compartment reconnaissance system during regular field inspections. This data should also be compared to soil survey information in order to associate the relationships between forest habitat types and soil types.

810.1.3 Soil Surveys

Forestry staff's knowledge of forest ecology and their experience across the landscape can assist in associating forest habitat types and site indices with soil type information. These associations can be beneficial in determining management prescriptions for specific sites. WisFIRS contains soil survey data, and this information can also be found on the NRCS website-based soil survey.

810.1.4 Ecological Landscapes of Wisconsin

The Wisconsin DNR uses Ecological Landscapes of Wisconsin (WDNR Handbook 1805.1) which is an ecological land classification system based on the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (NHFEU). Ecological landscapes distinguish land areas different from one another in ecological characteristics. A combination of physical and biological factors including climate, geology, topography, soils, water, and vegetation are used. They provide a useful tool and insight into ecosystem management. Land areas identified and mapped in this manner are known as ecological units.

Generally accepted silvicultural systems are prescribed on a stand level scale, in recognition of the position within an ecological landscape.

810.1.5 Integrated Pest Management

“The maintenance of destructive agents, including insects, at tolerable levels, by the planned use of a variety of preventive, suppressive, or regulatory tactics and strategies that are ecologically and economically efficient and socially acceptable”.

The Committee has the authority to approve and direct the use of pesticides and other reasonable alternatives in an integrated pest management program on the Forest. Refer to Chapter 600 (610.3) for more detailed discussion and integrated pest management strategies.

810.1.6 Best Management Practices for Water Quality

The most practical and cost-effective method to assure that forestry operations do not adversely affect water quality on the County Forest is to utilize "best management practices" (BMP's) as described in *Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality. Publication number FR-093 2010.*

Consistent with the aforementioned manual (page 6), Marathon County will use BMP's on the Forest with the understanding that the application of BMP's may be modified for specific site conditions with guidance from a forester or other natural resource professional. Modifications will provide equal or greater water quality protection or have no impact on water quality. Areas with highly erodible soil types, close proximity to streams or lakes, or steep slopes may require mitigating measures in excess of those outlined in the manual. All Marathon County employees practicing forestry will receive BMP training. Additionally, Marathon County will encourage BMP training of all logging contractors that operate on County timber sales.

810.1.7 Fire Management

810.1.7.1 Uncontrolled Fire: Refer to Chapter 600.

810.1.7.2 Prescribed Fire

Prescribed burning on the County Forest may play an important role in management. Many of the plant communities present today are the result of wild fires.

As the needs are presented to regenerate or maintain timber types or other plant communities, the Committee will examine the costs and benefits of each opportunity. Increased regulations, the county's cost of completing the burn, and the risk of breakouts and uncontrolled fires will have to be considered with any benefits of vegetation management through prescribed burning.

All prescribed burning will be done in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 26.12, 26.14, and the DNR Prescribed Burn Handbook 4360.5 and in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources per section 605.5 of this plan.

810.1.8 Outside Expertise, Studies and Survey

Additional data necessary to make management decisions on the County Forest will be sought from agencies or individuals, who have the best capability and technical expertise, including, but not limited to:

1. Water Resources: WDNR
2. Wildlife Resources: WDNR
3. Soil Resources: NRCS
4. Mineral Resources: WDNR
5. Wetland Resources: WDNR, Army Corps of Engineers, County Zoning
6. Navigable Streams: WDNR, Army Corps of Engineers, County Zoning
7. Floodplains: County Zoning
8. Cultural Resources: WDNR, State Historical Society
9. Entomology / Pathology: WDNR
10. Endangered Resources: WDNR
11. Forestry: Cooperative Field Trials, see WDNR website
12. Local Citizen Involvement: Public and Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee
13. Other subjects as needed

810.1.9 Local Silvicultural Field Trials

To date, numerous field trials have been completed or are ongoing on the Marathon County Forest. These trials include:

1. Red Oak growth study completed by UWSP Professor Mike Demcheck in Ringle and Elderon Forest Units.
2. Seeded tamarack in strip clearcuts at Nine Mile Forest after Black Ash was harvested.
3. Completed CFI plots in Ringle Forest Unit to determine Red Oak regeneration.

815 MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS TO REDUCE LOSS

815.1 RISK FACTORS

815.1.1 Wind

The first order of business after a wind event is to clear and open roads, trails and recreational sites. As those tasks are completed, efforts are then turned to cleaning up and salvaging damage done to the forest.

Storm-damaged pine stands should be top priority when deciding where to start. Salvaging pine is much more urgent than oak or other hardwood stands because damaged pines will quickly begin to stain, and insects and disease will rapidly infest the damaged trees. As areas with pine are salvaged, the focus can turn to hardwoods and other types of timber. Stands with a high percentage of oak should follow oak harvesting guidelines if possible.

Uprooted trees and those with completely broken tops, will die and should be salvaged. Standing trees with some broken branches are judgment calls. A general rule is to salvage the tree if more than 50% of the crown or top is broken, but there may be situations when these damaged trees could be left to help the forest recover. Trees that are leaning may have broken roots or broken stem fibers and should be considered for salvage. Hail damage associated with wind storms may not be apparent until the following spring. Dieback, and mortality associated with storms could continue for 2-3 years after the event. As a result, stands will continue to be monitored for several years, especially if additional stresses occur in the year or years after the storm damage occurred.

815.1.2 Flooding

Flooding and high water can cause mortality by reducing the amount of oxygen in the soil, depriving trees with submerged roots of the oxygen needed for growth and respiration. Along with submerged roots, trees can also die from uprooting and from subsequent insect and disease attack following flooding stress. DNR Forest Health Specialist's may be consulted in flood-damaged stands and it may become necessary to conduct salvage harvests in flooded stands where appropriate. Access to wet or flooded sites can be difficult and may require frozen ground conditions. This is of greatest concern in stands where salvage harvests are needed to capture value, such as stands impacted by insects like emerald ash borer.

815.1.3 Fire

See Chapter 600, Section 605.

815.1.4 Climate Change

Northern forests may be affected by climate change during the next century. Marathon County recognizes that these potential changes to our climate can impact our forest and the various programs that we manage. A proactive approach will be followed with consideration being given to how changing conditions could impact forest composition, management of roads and recreational trails, wildlife habitat, watersheds, invasive species and forest pests/diseases. Timber management may include goals such as encouraging ecosystems with a variety of species on the landscape whenever possible, and giving consideration to forest types that will be less impacted by changing climate patterns.

815.1.5 Timber markets

Generally, the number of mills utilizing raw forest products in Wisconsin has declined significantly over the last 20 years. However, this decline has been somewhat offset by an increased demand for export logs and lumber. As transportation costs continue to rise, short distance hauls to a mill become more desirable for timber producers. With a pulp/paper mill (hardwood) and an OSB mill located in Tomahawk; a pulp/paper mill (hardwood) in Rothschild and a pulp/paper mill (softwood) in Mosinee, the Marathon County Forest is situated well for small diameter lower quality raw material markets. The Marathon County Forest also has several markets for hardwood saw logs and saw bolts and softwood saw logs within close proximity. Considering the location of the Marathon County Forest, demand for its forest products should remain strong into the future.

820 PLANT COMMUNITIES MANAGEMENT

Marathon County recognizes the importance of maintaining the diversity of the forest under an ecosystem approach. The process involved in making management decisions to encourage or not encourage specific species or communities is complex. It includes an understanding of:

1. Objectives of the County
2. Integration of landforms, soils, climate, and vegetative factors
3. Habitat classification
4. Past, present and future desired condition
5. Surrounding ownership patterns and general objectives

6. Wildlife habitat and other values
7. Social needs

820.1 SILVICULTURAL PRACTICES/TREATMENTS

Silviculture is the art and science of controlling forest composition, structure, and growth to maintain and enhance the forest's utility for any purpose. These practices are based on research and general silviculture knowledge of the species being managed. The goal is to encourage vigor within all developmental stages of forest stands, managed in an even aged or uneven aged system. The application of silviculture to a diverse forest needs a unified, systematic approach. The DNR Public Forest Lands Handbook (2460.5) and DNR Silvicultural Guidance will be used as guidelines for management practices used on the County Forest.

820.1.1 Natural Regeneration

Where feasible, natural regeneration will be encouraged through the use of silvicultural methods that promote regrowth and recruitment of the forest. Examples include: clearcuts, shelterwood cuts, strip cuts, scarification, prescribed burning, select cuts, and seed tree cuts. These practices can be enhanced by additional treatments, including the cutting of non-merchantable trees following harvest, by scarification before or after cutting for natural seeding, by prescribed burning, and by chemical treatment. These treatments can be used alone or in combination, depending on the needs of the site. In general, the particular silvicultural method chosen will depend on the biological functions of the target species or forest type.

820.1.1.1 Clearcutting/Coppice

Clearcutting is a silvicultural method used to regenerate shade intolerant species. Complete, or nearly complete removal of the forest canopy will stimulate the regeneration and growth of species such as aspen, jack pine and white birch. This method is also used as a final rotation removal in species such as red oak, red pine and others. Tree retention guidelines are followed when prescribing clearcut or coppice cuts.

820.1.1.2 Shelterwood / Seed Tree

Shelterwood harvest is a method used to regenerate mid-shade tolerant and shade tolerant species. Partial canopies stimulate regeneration, enhance growth and can provide seed source. Canopies are eventually removed. This method is used for white birch, white pine, red oak, and northern hardwood (when managing even aged).

820.1.1.3 All Aged Regeneration Harvests

All aged regeneration harvests are used in shade tolerant species. Gaps in the forest canopy allow regeneration to occur throughout the stand. Over time, multiple entries into the stand will create multiple age class structure with the intent of creating a fully regulated stand. All aged regeneration harvests may be prescribed in the form of single tree selection, group selection or patch selection. This method is used in northern hardwood and occasionally in swamp hardwoods (when managing for all aged).

820.1.1.4 Prescribed Burning

Prescribed burning may be utilized as a tool to promote regeneration. A number of forest types in Marathon County are ecologically tied to fire. Burning may create seeding conditions or release regeneration from competing vegetation. Prescribed fire may be used for regeneration of red oak, jack pine or white pine. See Chapter 600, Section 605.4.

820.1.1.5 Soil Scarification

Scarification is a technique used to prepare a seedbed beneath forest stands scheduled for harvest and regeneration. This mechanical disturbance that exposes bare mineral seedbeds and creates conditions necessary for regeneration of pine species. Disturbance that mixes seed into duff and soil layers creates optimal conditions for regeneration of oak, white birch, fir and others. Marathon County utilizes salmon blades, root rakes, straight blade, anchor chain or any others to accomplish soil scarification.

820.1.1.6 Other

Other natural regeneration techniques may be considered where necessary and appropriate. New methods for natural regeneration are continually tested for effectiveness.

820.1.2 Artificial Regeneration

When natural regeneration fails, or when tree species present do not coincide with management objectives for the site, artificial means will be employed to establish a desirable stand of trees. Artificial regeneration on a site usually requires some form of site preparation followed by seeding or planting. Cost effectiveness of any method of site preparation will be considered when deciding the appropriate method to use.

820.1.2.1 Mechanical Site Preparation

Mechanical site preparation includes the use of soil disturbance equipment such as a disc, roller chopper, patch scarifier, disk trencher or V-plow prior to tree planting or seeding. These types of equipment are used to reduce logging debris to a smaller size, incorporate debris into the soil, clear brush and debris from the site to facilitate planting or seeding, and to reduce competition from other vegetation.

820.1.2.2 Chemical Site Preparation

Herbicide application can be an effective means of controlling unwanted vegetation in order to establish seedlings or plantations. It should be used sparingly, in situations where mechanical treatment is not expected to provide the level of vegetative control needed. Chemicals will be selected and applied in strict accordance with label recommendations, requirements, and under the oversight of a certified applicator. The objective of herbicide use is not to kill all competing vegetation, but rather to kill or set back competing vegetation only enough to establish a reasonable stocked stand of desirable trees. Proximity to private lands, residences, highways, and other public use areas must be considered in selecting both the herbicide and the means of application. Herbicides can be applied with hand-held equipment, by motorized ground-based equipment, or aircraft. A written prescription for each herbicide application will be prepared, kept on file, and be made available to the primary applicator.

820.1.2.3 Prescribed Burning

Prescribed burning for site preparation can be used to reduce logging debris, clear the site, reduce competing vegetation, and to release nutrients into the soil. DNR fire control staff will be the major source of guidance and direction for use of fire as a tool.

820.1.2.4 Tree Planting / Seeding

Both machine and/or hand planting/seeding will be utilized to insure adequate regeneration. The selection of species will be determined according to the specific management objectives and capabilities of each site. Planting or seeding will primarily occur in areas where natural regeneration is inadequate or conflicts with the management goals of the site. County will make all reasonable efforts to source seeds/seedlings from local genetics.

820.1.3 Intermediate Treatments

Intermediate treatments are those practices used to enhance the health and vigor of a forest stand.

In general, intermediate treatments are applied to forest stands managed as even aged.

820.1.3.1 Mechanical Release

Mechanical release is the removal of competing vegetation by means other than herbicide or fire. Mechanical may include releasing young pine plantations from competing vegetation using chain saws or other hand-held equipment; or mowing to release regeneration.

820.1.3.2 Chemical Release

Chemical Release is the removal of competing vegetation from desirable trees through the use of herbicides. It should be used sparingly and in situations where mechanical treatment is not expected to provide the level of vegetative control needed. Chemicals will be applied in strict accordance with label recommendations, requirements and under the oversight of a certified applicator. A written prescription for each herbicide application will be prepared and kept on file.

820.1.3.3 Non-Commercial Thinning (TSI)

In general, most thinning needs are accomplished through commercial harvest operations. Non-commercial thinning may be considered if the individual site requirements, funding and/or available labor make it desirable.

820.1.3.4 Thinning / Intermediate Cuts

Management of some even aged forest types necessitates the use of commercial thinning, also known as intermediate harvests, to maintain forest health and vigor. Thinning is generally prescribed in forest types such as red pine, red oak, and in cases of even aged hardwood management. Thinning may be prescribed on other even aged types as appropriate and where feasible. Intermediate harvests include prescriptions for residual densities, marking priorities, spacing, crown closure, diameter distribution, or other measurements.

820.1.3.5 Pruning

Pruning is the removal of limbs from lower sections of trees to increase log quality. Major pruning efforts were conducted in the past but it is not generally recognized as economically viable on the forest.

820.2 SILVICULTURAL PRESCRIPTIONS

820.2.1 Even-Aged Management

A forest stand composed of trees having relatively small differences in age. Typical cutting practices include: clear cutting, shelterwood cutting and seed-tree cutting. Even aged management is generally required to manage shade intolerant, early successional forest types.

820.2.1.1 Aspen

These are types where aspen trees comprise of more than 50% of the stems. On the forest, aspen types may be dominated by quaking or big tooth aspen or a combination of both. Aspen stands contain a wide variety of associated hardwood and conifer species.

<u>Shade tolerance:</u>	Intolerant
<u>Habitats:</u>	AVb, ATM
<u>Intermediate treatments:</u>	None
<u>Median rotation age:</u>	45
<u>Primary regeneration method:</u>	Natural
<u>Harvest method:</u>	Clearcutting with coppice
<u>Habitat value:</u>	Early successional related species
<u>Economic value:</u>	Fiber production / bolts
<u>Insect disease considerations:</u>	Hypoxylon and other cankers
<u>Trends:</u>	General declines on statewide acreage, -increasing slightly on Marathon County Forest
<u>Landscape considerations:</u>	Retain and/or convert acreages to hardwoods where possible

820.2.1.2 Red Pine

These are types where red pine comprises 50% or more of the basal area in saw timber and pole timber stands, or 50% or more of the stems in sapling or seedling stands.

<u>Shade tolerance:</u>	Intolerant
<u>Habitats:</u>	AVb-V, PArVAa
<u>Intermediate treatments:</u>	Yes, thinnings
<u>Median rotation age:</u>	80
<u>Primary regeneration method:</u>	Artificial
<u>Harvest method:</u>	Clearcutting then planting
<u>Habitat value:</u>	Thermal cover for wildlife species
<u>Economic value:</u>	Fiber production/bolts/sawlogs/utility and cabin poles

<u>Insect disease considerations:</u>	Heterobasidion, Leptographium
<u>Trends:</u>	General increase on statewide acreage, increasing slightly on Marathon County Forest
<u>Landscape considerations:</u>	Retain acreages where possible

820.2.1.3 Red Oak

These are types where Red Oak trees comprise 50% or more of the basal area in pole timber and saw timber stands, or 50% or more of the stems in seedling and sapling stands.

<u>Shade tolerance:</u>	Intolerant
<u>Habitats:</u>	AVb
<u>Intermediate treatments:</u>	Yes, thinnings
<u>Median rotation age:</u>	100
<u>Primary regeneration method:</u>	Natural
<u>Harvest method:</u>	Shelterwood
<u>Habitat value:</u>	Mast Acorns
<u>Economic value:</u>	Fiber production/bolts/sawlogs
<u>Insect disease considerations:</u>	Oak Wilt, Gypsy Moth
<u>Trends:</u>	General declines on Statewide acreage and on Marathon County Forest
<u>Landscape considerations:</u>	Retain and increase acreages to Red Oak

820.2.1.4 Red Maple

These are types where Red Maple trees comprise 50% or more of the basal area in pole timber and saw timber stands, or 50% or more of the stems in seedling and sapling stands.

<u>Shade tolerance:</u>	Mid-tolerant
<u>Habitats:</u>	ATM
<u>Intermediate treatments:</u>	Yes, thinnings
<u>Median rotation age:</u>	75-80
<u>Primary regeneration method:</u>	Natural
<u>Harvest method:</u>	Coppice or on better sites - shelterwood
<u>Habitat value:</u>	Structural support for nesting, seeds for songbirds
<u>Economic value:</u>	Fiber production/bolts/sawlogs
<u>Insect disease considerations:</u>	Long Horned Beetle
<u>Trends:</u>	General increase on Statewide acreage and on Marathon County Forest
<u>Landscape considerations:</u>	Retain acreages of Red Maple

820.2.2 Uneven-Aged Management

A forest stand composed of trees in various age and size classes. The typical cutting practice is selection cutting, where individual trees are removed from the stand. Regeneration is continually

occurring after the stand is cut. Uneven-aged management is generally used to manage shade tolerant forest types.

820.2.2.1 Northern Hardwood

These are stands dominated by shade tolerant and mid-shade tolerant species. In Marathon County, northern hardwood stands are typically dominated by sugar maple, ash, and basswood.

<u>Shade tolerance</u>	Tolerant to mid-tolerant
<u>Habitats:</u>	ATM, AH
<u>Intermediate treatments:</u>	None
<u>Median rotation age:</u>	N/A
<u>Primary regeneration method:</u>	Natural – all aged regeneration
<u>Harvest method:</u>	Single tree, gaps, group selection
<u>Habitat value:</u>	Variety of breeding birds, mammals, etc.
<u>Economic value:</u>	High, fiber/bolts/sawlogs
<u>Insect disease considerations:</u>	Emerald ash borer, gypsy moth, many others
<u>Trends:</u>	General decrease in Statewide acreages and on Marathon County Forest
<u>Landscape considerations:</u>	Retain or increase acreages if possible on fair to good quality sites

820.3 LOCALLY UNCOMMON TREES / FOREST TYPES

The presence or lack of a particular tree species is dependent on land capability, climate, natural range, natural or human disturbance and many other factors. The following trees and types are considered uncommon on the Marathon County Forest and likely across the general region. These trees may be left as reserves in even aged management prescriptions, or in thinnings and all aged regeneration harvests.

820.3.1 American Elm (*Ulmus americana*.) is scarce primarily due to Dutch elm disease. Healthy looking elm may be left uncut in hope that they may continue on the landscape as potential resistant seed sources.

820.3.2 Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*) primarily occurs on the Burma County Forest and is declining due to butternut canker. Healthy individuals that appear to be canker free will be reserved in the forest as potential resistant seed sources.

820.3.3 Eastern Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*) is a highly preferred deer and small mammal browse species. Regeneration is difficult and remnant stands will be retained to provide seed sources for future management activities.

820.4 FOREST TYPES REQUIRING INTENSIVE EFFORT TO REGENERATE

There are certain forest types within the County Forest that are difficult to regenerate. In many cases, this difficulty may be related to the exclusion of fire from the landscape, deer browsing or other factors. The following list itemizes forest types with difficult regeneration and County management goals:

820.4.1 White birch

White birch (paper birch) is shade intolerant species generally found in stands of timber of similar age. A mineral seedbed appears necessary to regenerate white birch and it is assumed most white birch present on the forest is of fire origin. Drought conditions of 1989 and 1990, coupled with unseasonably warm temperatures and secondary pathogens, resulted in significant mortality of the white birch on the Forest. Existing stands of white birch should be considered for scarification coupled with shelterwood harvests.

820.4.2 Northern red oak

Northern red oak is a shade intolerant to mid tolerant species found in primarily even aged stands. Northern red oak appears to require disturbance to regenerate and deer browsing appears to be a limiting factor on regeneration success. The County is committed to retain as much of the existing acreage of northern red oak as possible. Regeneration efforts will focus on timing soil scarification with good acorn crops and shelterwood harvests. Regeneration may require prescribed burning to release seedlings from competing vegetation.

820.5 INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES OF CONCERN

Invasive plants can cause significant damage to the forest. Invasive species can displace native plants and hinder the forest regeneration efforts. Preventing them from dominating forest understories is critical to the long-term health of the forest. There are a number of invasive plant species in varying densities on the County Forest. Some warrant immediate and continual treatment efforts while others may be allowed to remain due to extent and financial ability to control them. The County will continue to train staff in invasive species identification as well as attempt to secure funding sources to control them as much as is practical. A current list of the

common invasive species found on the Marathon County Forest can be found in Chapter 600, Section 610.5.

820.6 LEGALLY PROTECTED AND SPECIAL CONCERN PLANT SPECIES

There are plants in Wisconsin that are protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act, the State Endangered Species Law, or both. On County Forest, no one may cut, root up, sever, injure, destroy, remove, transport or carry away a listed plant without a valid endangered or threatened species permit. There is an exemption on public lands for forestry, agriculture and utility activities under state law. The County will, however, make reasonable efforts to minimize impacts to endangered or threatened plants during the course of forestry/silviculture activities (typically identified in the timber sale narrative).

The Wisconsin Department Natural Resources Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation tracks information on legally protected plants with the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) program. The NHI program also tracks Special Concern Species, which are those for which some problem of abundance or distribution is suspected, but not yet proven. The main purpose of this category is to focus attention on certain species before they become threatened or endangered.

The County searches the public portal. If something comes up it gets flagged and sent to DNR for further review. The County is committed to reviewing this database for endangered resources that may occur within proposed land disturbing project areas.

820.7 TREE RETENTION GUIDELINES

Silvicultural practices are designed to manipulate vegetation to achieve management objectives. Retention of some trees, both alive and dead, has associated ecological benefits. Marathon County will implement tree retention guidelines consistent with the DNR Silvicultural Handbook (#2431.5)(Chapter 24 – Marking Guidelines) with the following variances:

1. Green tree retention on even-aged harvests varying from 3% - 15% of crown cover or stand area.
2. Retention will occur at the “Harvest Unit” level. Harvest Unit is defined as the stands within a timber sale. Riparian management zones (RMZ) and stands excluded from harvesting (Z prefix stands) occurring within or adjacent to the Harvest Unit can provide retention opportunities.

3. Retention will be encouraged in stands 10 acres in size or less managed as even-aged, but will not be required.

820.8 BIOMASS HARVESTING GUIDELINES

The Purchaser shall comply with all General Guidelines as described in “Wisconsin’s Forestland Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines” published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-435-09, unless specifically provided otherwise below. The publication can be found on the Council on Forestry website at <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/biomass/>

825 ANIMAL SPECIES MANAGEMENT

For the purpose of this plan, wildlife will include all native birds, mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles, and insects with a strong focus on the natural communities in which they live. Wildlife biologists will emphasize habitat management that interrelates and benefits wildlife, and complements sound forestry practices. Concerns about biological diversity on the County Forest and how it fits in the regional, continental, and global perspective may cause wildlife management to place increased emphasis on segments of the forest community. Practices such as old-growth, snag and den tree management, access management, forest openings maintenance, oak management, and aspen maintenance, can be priorities in the dynamics of forest management. A primary goal of wildlife management on the Marathon County Forest is to provide a diversity of healthy ecosystems necessary to sustain native populations for their biological, recreational, cultural and economic values. The Forest will be managed primarily to provide habitats for a suite of species rather than focusing on a specific species, with exceptions made for Federal or State listed endangered or threatened species.

825.1 TECHNICAL PLANNING

Management of wildlife populations on the Marathon County Forest falls under the jurisdiction of the DNR. Planning will be a cooperative effort of the County Forest staff, DNR liaison forester and wildlife manager in formulating management plans and utilizing forest and wildlife management techniques to accomplish desired forest and wildlife management goals.

The wildlife manager will submit an annual wildlife work plan to the Committee for approval by December 1 for each calendar year. The plan will contain specific management practices and locations for proposed projects affecting County Forest. The DNR wildlife work plan will also

indicate new policy directions or policy changes which may affect County Forest (i.e. deer management unit population goals, trail mowing and opening maintenance, wood duck house maintenance) during the plan period.

The Forest Administrator may coordinate other wildlife management projects with the wildlife manager through the Forestry Division annual work plan or individual project requests or proposals approved by the Committee.

825.2 GUIDELINES

DNR operational handbooks including the Public Forest Lands Handbook (2460.5), manual codes and guidance documents are important references and guidelines to utilize in fish and wildlife planning efforts.

825.3 INVENTORY

Habitat needs will be determined by analysis of forest reconnaissance information. Population estimates will be conducted periodically by DNR wildlife, endangered resources personnel, and other trained cooperators. Currently, Department Wildlife staff conduct the following surveys on or adjacent to the Marathon County Forest:

1. Biotic Inventories
2. Summer deer observations
3. Brood surveys
4. Furbearer tracking
5. Bear genetic population
6. Snapshot Wisconsin

825.4 PROJECTS FUNDING

All approved wildlife management projects will be eligible for funding through Wildlife Habitat Grants (nickel an acre), County Fish and Game, their successor programs or other applicable federal, state, or private funding sources. These projects may include: access control or development; cooperative projects on lands adjacent to County Forest which benefit County Forest wildlife populations; inventory, geographic information systems (GIS) and geographic positioning systems (GPS); flowage development; habitat development, maintenance, protection, or restoration; endangered and threatened species management; land acquisition; bow and gun ranges; nature trails; wetland mitigation; or any other wildlife management project approved by

the Wildlife Biologist, Forest Administrator, and Committee.

825.5 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR WILDLIFE

The following areas of focus are identified for achieving plan objectives and for benefit of wildlife.

825.5.1 General Management Policies

Forest management practices may be modified to benefit wildlife and diversity. The following will be considered when planning for management activities:

1. Even-aged regeneration harvests (clearcuts) should vary in size and shape and include retention considerations.
2. A diversity of stand age, size and species.
3. Mast-bearing trees and shrubs, cavity trees, and an adequate number and variety of snags.
4. Cull trees (future snag or den trees) not interfering with specific high value trees.
5. Timber types, habitat conditions and impacts on affected wildlife.
6. Access management.
7. Best management practices for water quality (BMP's).
8. Opportunities to develop and maintain vertical structure and coarse woody debris.
9. Technical advice for endangered, threatened, and non-game species management.

825.6 IMPORTANCE OF HABITATS

Important habitat types are those cover types known to be of importance to certain native wildlife and whose absence would make that wildlife significantly less abundant. These shortages may be on a local or broader scale. Early, mid, and late successional stages of all forest cover types are important to sustain wildlife populations. The following habitat types can be considered important:

825.6.1 Non-forested wetlands

The Marathon County Forest contains a minimal amount of non-forested wetland types. However, they provide a variety of habitats for common, rare and endangered species. Emergent wetland, sedge meadow, muskeg bog and deep marsh provide habitat for species such as wood turtle, black tern, American bittern, and numerous other species.

825.6.2 Aquatic habitats

The Marathon County Forest includes 437 acres of lakes, rivers, streams, ponds and other aquatic habitats. Open water provides habitat for species such as wood duck, boreal chorus frog, water shrew and many other species reliant on water related resources.

825.6.3 Riparian and other non-managed areas

Undisturbed shoreline and riparian areas present on the forest and provide habitat for species such as red shouldered hawk, green frog, and woodland jumping mouse.

825.6.4 Early successional forests

Management of aspen, white birch, jack pine and other shade intolerant species creates habitat for a large suite of wildlife species that benefit from early successional forests. On the Marathon County Forest there are currently 14,925 acres of these forest types present. This is a key habitat used for recreational hunting activities providing conditions favorable for American woodcock, ruffed grouse, white-tailed deer and non-game species such as golden-winged warbler, Kirkland's warbler and black-billed cuckoo.

825.6.5 Conifers

Conifers, whether jack pine, white pine, spruce, fir or other types appear to be an important habitat for a number of wildlife species. The Marathon County Forest currently has 1464 acres of coniferous habitat. Connecticut warbler, red crossbill, northern flying squirrel, and many others utilize conifer types. Jack pine areas can be managed to provide temporary barrens habitat providing habitat for Kirtland's warbler and other barren related species.

825.6.6 Oak management

Oak is an important mast producing food source on the forest, providing acorns for a wide variety of game and non-game species. The Marathon County Forest has 2606 acres of oak habitat. It is considered a critical resource to retain on the landscape for both its timber and wildlife value, providing habitat for species such as scarlet tanager, wood thrush, red headed woodpecker, and black bear.

825.6.7 Uneven/all aged management

Management of uneven aged stands provides for multi-storied canopies, diverse age structure and potentially older forest characters. The Marathon County Forest has 1774 acres being managed under an all aged management system. Species such as Canada warbler, little brown bat, black throated blue warbler and many others benefit from these forest type, In addition, numerous amphibian and reptiles utilize these forest types.

825.6.8 Large forest blocks

Large blocks of County Forest provide habitat for numerous interior species. Gray wolf, black throated blue warbler, Canada warbler and least flycatcher are a few examples of animals that rely on these large blocks.

825.6.9 Grasslands, openings, upland brush

Wildlife openings, grass rights-of-way, natural openings, upland brush and other upland open habitats provide for diversity and unique habitats benefitting pollinators, numerous species including upland plover and whip-poor-will. Marathon County Forest currently has 567 acres identified as open grassland or upland brush habitat.

825.6.10 Lowland Brush/Alder

The Marathon County Forest contains 5540 acres of lowland brush/alder stands. Alder benefits many game and non-game species including grouse, American woodcock and others. Shearing tag alder has been an emphasis on the forest to improve habitat for woodcock.

825.6.11 Forest Game Species

The management of forest game (white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, black bear, turkey, snowshoe hare, and furbearers) is centered on maintaining early successional species such as aspen, jack pine, white birch, and oak; with aspen and oak being the primary species of importance.

Foresters, in concert with wildlife biologists will continue to monitor forest game species and adjust land management prescriptions where appropriate.

825.6.11.1 Beaver Management

The Committee supports allowing beaver and their dams in an amount and in locations where damage to forest productivity, roads, or trout fishery values are not extensive. Where applicable, natural succession to forest types other than aspen will be encouraged next to trout streams.

825.6.11.2 Waterfowl Management

The Committee supports DNR's program to provide and maintain waterfowl flowages on the Nine Mile, Harrison-Hewitt, and Bern Wetland Forest Units for wetland enhancement, waterfowl production, hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing opportunities they provide. Grasslands next to flowages will be maintained to provide nesting habitat for mallards, blue-wing teal, and grassland birds. Local wildlife managers will work with liaison forester and Forest Administrator in identifying, recommending, and planning projects.

825.7 INTENSIVE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

825.7.1 Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan / Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

In addition to species listed as endangered, threatened or special concern within the NHI database, the Department also maintains a statewide list of species of greatest conservation need.

This list includes species that have low or declining populations and may be in need of conservation action. The list includes birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects that are:

1. Already listed as threatened or endangered
2. At risk due to threats
3. Rare due to small or declining populations
4. Showing declining trends in habitat or populations

The WWAP working list can provide information on how management activities may impact, or in many cases benefit species of greatest conservation need. More information is available on the WWAP website: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/actionplan.html>.

825.7.2 Bern Wetland Management

Marathon County purchased the 269-acre Bern Wetland to develop a waterfowl flowage (impoundment). The DNR is responsible for managing the flowage and maintaining the dam. Forest stands next to the flowage will be managed for a natural appearance. Forest stands will

also be managed to develop old trees and especially maintain trees with cavities for birds and mammals.

825.7.3 Bitzke Waterfowl Management

The Bitzke Refuge is an area of about 300 acres with flowages (impoundments) developed for waterfowl production and protection as a cooperative project between Marathon County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with funding from Ducks Unlimited, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Marathon County, and DNR. The Wisconsin Conservation Corps assisted with nature trail development.

The refuge Bitzke will be maintained in a condition which will promote the development of a complete wetland ecosystem featuring waterfowl. Interpretive signs, boardwalks, benches, an observation tower, and flowage structures were developed to enhance the use of the area by the public. ~~The DNR will determine refuge status and closed dates.~~

The visual horizon (from the top of the observation tower) will be maintained in as naturally appearing conditions as possible. The DNR may use artificial nesting platforms and boxes or other wildlife management techniques. ~~within the refuge.~~

825.7.4 Ruffed Grouse Area Management

Marathon County in cooperation with the Ruffed Grouse Society and the Department of Natural Resources has developed a special ruffed grouse management area in the Leather Camp Forest Unit north of the Little Eau Claire River (approximately 3,163 acres). The primary intent of this project is to maintain intolerant forest types primarily aspen, in stand sizes less than 20 acres when feasible, with a variety of size and age classes to promote ruffed grouse, American woodcock, and other species associated with the aspen forest.

Marathon County has developed and will maintain a trail system to allow the harvest of small areas. These trails will remain closed to motorized use except for approved snowmobile or ATV trails in winter and by permit for persons with disabilities, or other contract or permit (timber management, beaver control, etc.).

Although aspen management will dominate this area, appropriate aesthetic management practices will be used to reduce negative visual impacts from aspen regeneration harvests if possible.

825.8 FISH AND WATERS MANAGEMENT

Public waters will be managed to provide for optimum natural fish production, opportunities for quality recreation, and healthy balanced aquatic ecosystems. Emphasis will also be placed on land-use practices that benefit the aquatic community. Management of County Forest lands will attempt to preserve and/or improve fish habitat and water quality.

825.8.1 Technical Planning and Surveys

Management of all waters within the County Forest is the responsibility of the DNR. Technical assistance will be provided by the local fisheries biologist. Studies and management will be conducted in the manner described in DNR Fish Management Handbook 3605.9. Water and Population Surveys fall under the jurisdiction of the Department and will be conducted as needed by fisheries biologists.

825.8.2 Special Projects

There have been no special fisheries related projects due to limited water resources on County Forest lands.

825.8.3 Shoreland Zoning

The Marathon County Shoreland zoning ordinance will be followed on all management activities on the County Forest. The ordinance can be found in the appendix.

825.8.4 Access and development

Access and development of County Forest waters will be limited to those activities consistent with the above water management policies.

825.8.5 Important Water Resources

Management activities adjacent to these water resources, or in areas with sensitive soils or severe slopes, should consider measures above and beyond the customary BMP practices. A “soil erosion rates by watershed map” identifying these more sensitive areas of the Forest can be found in the appendix. County staff may work with their liaison forester in cooperation with the local DNR water resources staff to develop site-specific measures where appropriate. An inventory of water resources can be obtained from DNR Water staff for the County.

825.8.6 COUNTY FOREST STREAMS

MARATHON COUNTY FOREST STREAMS				
FOREST UNIT	STREAM NAME	LEGAL	LENGTH *	DESCRIPTION
Bern Wetland	Trib. To Black Creek	Sec. 29,30 T30N-R3E	.94 mi.	Warm - flowage
Harrison-Hewitt	Skulen Pond Creek	Sec.7,17,20,30,T30N-R9E	3.60 mi.	Warm - flowages
Harrison-Hewitt	Trappe River	Sec. 3, T30N-R9E	.77 mi.	Warm
Kronenwetter	Johnson Creek	Sec. 24, T27N-R8E	2.66 mi.	Warm
Kronenwetter	Johnson Creek	Sec. 18, 19, T27N-R9E		
Kronenwetter	Sampson Creek	Sec. 11, 12, T27N-R8E	2.06 mi.	Warm
Leather Camp	LittleEauClaire River	Sec. 12, T26N-R8E	1.00 mi.	Warm
Miller	Big Sandy Creek	Sec. 18, T29N-R9E	.28 mi.	Warm
Nine Mile	Four Mile Creek	Sec. 36, T28N-R6E	.39 mi.	Cold, Class 2 Trout Stream
Nine Mile	Four Mile Creek	Sec. 1, T27N-R6E	.18 mi.	Cold, Class 2 Trout Stream
Nine Mile	Four Mile Creek	Sec. 5,6, T27N-R7E	1.24 mi.	Cold, Class 2 Trout Stream
Nine Mile	Black Creek	Sec. 28,33, T28N-R7E	2.17 mi.	Cold, Class 2 Trout Stream
WI River Unit	WI River	Sec. 13,14,24, T30N-R7E	1.16 mi.	Warm
TOTAL			16.45 mi.	
*Length estimated from Marathon County GIS Basemap				

830 EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCES, UNIQUE AREAS

Exceptional resources include such things as wild rivers and lakes, natural areas, ruffed grouse management areas, Karner blue butterfly recovery areas, areas of unique geological features, historical, and archeological sites. It is the policy of Marathon County to manage these type resources to enhance and protect their individual exceptional features.

See 300.2.6 Fish and Wildlife on descriptions of the ruffed grouse management area in Leather Camp and the Bern Wetland and Bitzke. ~~Waterfowl Refuge.~~

830.1 AREAS RECOGNIZED BY STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The areas that have been recognized by State or Federal Government are listed below with management prescriptions if applicable.

830.1.1 Wisconsin State Natural Areas

The County Forest manages a variety of property designations. The State Natural Area (SNA) system represents the wealth and variety of Wisconsin's biological diversity. SNA's are unique in that they can exist as stand-alone properties or be designated within the boundaries of another property type. DNR Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation staff will work cooperatively with the County Forest by coordinating educational, monitoring, and research activities. Management will protect the unique character of the area. Presently, there are no State Natural Areas on the County Forest. However, the importance of State Natural Areas has been recognized on County Park property by cooperating with department staff in designating and managing 105 acres at Big Eau Pleine Park and 40 acres at Eau Claire Dells Park for SNA sites.

830.1.2 Species Concentration Areas

In cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources a series of flowages were developed primarily to benefit waterfowl. In 1985 the DNR designated the Bitzke Flowages as a waterfowl refuge to provide resting areas for migrating birds. **In 2022, DNR determined that the Bitzke Flowages no longer required refuge status and this designation was lifted.**

830.1.3 Endangered Species Habitats

Marathon County will take steps necessary to protect habitat for species that are identified as rare, threatened, endangered or greatest conservation need.

830.1.4 Rare communities

Nine Mile Forest contains a large wetland and shrub carr complex. Characteristics include an A rank reach of fast, soft, cold water stream and large areas of B ranked northern sedge meadow and shrub carr. It is unlikely that any active forest management will occur in this area and Best Management Practices for water quality will be applied when conducting management around the wetland.

830.2 AREAS RECOGNIZED BY COUNTY OR LOCALLY

Marathon County may contain areas that are locally considered exceptional or unique. Some are recognized by other agencies, while others are designated only within this Plan. These resources may include wild rivers, lakes, natural areas, geological features or historical/archeological sites.

830.2.1 Forests with Old Growth Characteristics

Presently, there are no known old growth stands on the County Forest.

830.2.2 Wildlife Sites (Hibernacula, Rookeries, Special Habitats)

Presently, there are no known wildlife sites as referenced above known on the County Forest.

830.2.3 Savannas, Barrens, etc.

Presently, there are no savannas or barrens on the County Forest.

830.2.4 Geological Features of Significance

Presently, there are no known geological features of significance on the County Forest.

830.2.5 Waterfalls, Wild Rivers, Wild Lakes

Presently, there are no known waterfalls, wild rivers or wild lakes on the County Forest.

830.2.6 Unique Forest Types

There are numerous scattered eastern hemlock stands on the County Forest ranging from less than one to more than ten acres. These stands will be managed to protect and regenerate this species if possible.

The County Forest may contain some individual white pine relics that will not be harvested unless are diseased or pose a significant hazard to forest users.

Nine Mile Forest contains approximately 48 acres of natural origin red pine that will continue to be actively managed.

830.2.7 Locally Significant Sites

Presently, there are no known locally significant sites known on the County Forest.

It is the policy of Marathon County to manage these type resources to enhance and protect their individual exceptional features. A review of the State Historical Society databases will be conducted on all timber sales.

830.3 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES

830.3.1 Burial mounds, cemeteries

Presently, there are no known burial mounds or cemeteries on the County Forest.

830.3.2 Logging Camps, Dams

Presently, there are no documented logging camps on the County Forest. One low hazard dam at Bern Forest Unit is owned by Marathon County and cooperatively managed with DNR as a waterfowl flowage. A Memorandum of Agreement between the County and DNR is in place.

830.3.3 Landmarks

Presently, there are no special landmarks on the County Forest.

852.3.4 Other

A review of the DNR intranet site that houses archeological and historical data was conducted for any significant sites on the County Forest. No “hits” on County Forest were found. Additional specific information will be gathered during the implementation of individual projects.

835 AESTHETICS

Public perception of forestry has changed over the last planning period and in general it appears that the public is much more accepting of the visual impact of sound forestry. In response to this, aesthetic management planning is intended to be much more simplified in this Plan.

835.1 AESTHETIC MANAGEMENT

Aesthetic management techniques may be applied in areas of high visibility or high public use. Altered management, visual screens, slash disposal, conversion to other species, no cut zones or other methods may be employed, depending on the circumstances of the specific site.

835.2 AESTHETIC MANAGEMENT ZONES

Aesthetic Management Zones include areas where there may be high levels of public presence because of scenic attraction, or some use of the area that would be enhanced by special timber management practices.

835.2.1 Aesthetic Management Zone Examples

1. Park and recreation areas, including access routes
2. Lakes and rivers with significant recreational use
3. Roads with heavy traffic or scenic drive.

835.2.2 Aesthetic Management Prescriptions/Options

1. Adjustment timing of timber harvesting
2. Slash restrictions/requirements
3. Staggered Harvests / Visual Screens
4. Forced conversion to longer lived species
5. Irregular harvest lines, interrupted sight distances
6. Tree plantings randomly placed

840 LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

The County will make efforts to evaluate surrounding landscapes while managing the County Forest. The County will strive to provide management that compliments the landscapes, but also try to provide for resources or forest types that are lacking or declining within surrounding landscapes.

840.1 CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

For the purposes of this plan, biological diversity will be interpreted to reference the variety and abundance of species, their genetic composition, and the communities, ecosystems, and landscapes in which they occur. Forest management activities on the Marathon County Forest enhance biological diversity by managing for a wide variety of habitat types, age structures and by attempting to perpetuate and protect declining forest types.

840.2 HABITAT FRAGMENTATION

For the purposes of this plan, habitat fragmentation is interpreted as conversion of forests to land uses other than forestry. Lands enrolled in the County Forest Law help protect against habitat fragmentation. A continued program of encouraging land acquisition within the forest blocking boundary is intended to decrease the conversion of forest land to other uses. The adoption of management plans and strategies developed cooperatively with neighboring forest owners and managers will help to consider fragmentation on a landscape level.

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900 RECREATION

Recreation is an integral part of the management of the Marathon County Forest and recreation uses are referenced in most of the previous chapters. Due to the tremendous growth in recreational demands over the duration of the last several planning periods, this Plan recognizes the importance of more intensive recreational planning and emphasizes its importance with a separate chapter.

905 PLANNING

In addition to this Plan, the Marathon County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) also guides the recreation program. This plan is revised every five years and is made part of this Plan. The Marathon County Outdoor Recreation Plan includes, but is not limited to, activities on the County Forest. It incorporates campgrounds, parks and boat landings, recreational maintenance and development plans and other recreation surveys and reports. The Outdoor Recreation Plan, Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), public input, and other local or regional planning documents will be used as resources in recreational planning and development efforts. The responsibility for recreational planning, development and maintenance on the County Forest will rest with the Committee.

910 AUTHORITY

The Marathon County Code of Ordinances and s. 28.11 Wis. Stats, authorize the Committee to provide recreational opportunities for the public. This authority is further recognized in the mission statement for the County Forest Plan (Chapter 100), which specifically identifies outdoor recreational opportunities. This mission statement also charges the Committee to conduct activities in a manner that prevents or minimizes environmental damage and degradation of natural resources.

Maps of the recreational facilities managed through the Marathon County Forest program are appended or referenced in Chapter 1000.

915 ENTRANCE AND USER FEES

The Committee is empowered and shall have responsibility for establishing entrance, camping and other user fees on recreational facilities maintained by the County Forest. Camping, entrance or other fees shall be comparable to fees charged by (similar private facilities, other adjacent counties) and are subject to periodic change by the Committee or Commission. Fees, where appropriate, will be utilized to assist in the maintenance of recreational facilities.

920 RECREATIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS

It is permissible for the Committee to contract with clubs or individuals to provide for recreational maintenance or services to the public. As part of the Plan, the County contracts **or have agreements in place** for the following services:

1. Snowmobile trail grooming and maintenance.
2. ATV/UTV trail grading and maintenance.
3. Mountain bike trail grooming and maintenance.
4. Nordic ski trail grooming and maintenance.

925 RECREATIONAL USE PERMITS FOR ORGANIZED EVENTS

Any event on the Forest which is advertised to the public, for which a fee is charged, or is otherwise organized as an event, requires a permit or authorization by the Committee. Permits may be issued by the Committee provided the use is consistent with management activities and will not cause resource damage. Appropriate levels of event liability insurance is required.

930 EXTENSIVE RECREATIONAL USE OF THE FOREST

Extensive recreation includes those informal activities for which the County generally does not provide a facility or service. These uses include activities such as hunting, fishing, picnicking, horseback riding, photography, nature study, hiking and others. These uses do not require a permit but must be conducted in compliance with ordinance. The Forest Administrator and the Committee shall periodically review such uses and enact ordinances as necessary to protect from resource damage.

930.1 HUNTING AND TRAPPING

The entire County Forest is open to hunting and trapping with the exception of areas which are developed for high public use, such as Shooting Range Park, within 300 feet of the Nine Mile trailhead, chalet and maintenance garage or other areas designated by the Committee. In addition, Bitzke ~~Waterfowl Refuge~~ **Birdwalk Nature Trail Area** is closed to hunting ~~and trapping~~ from September 1 through November 15. From November 16 through August 31 the ~~refuge area~~ **refuge area** is open to all hunting and trapping seasons designated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with the exception of waterfowl hunting which is closed year round.

The Marathon County Code of Ordinances regulates activities relating to hunting. Refer to Chapter 1000 for a full text of the Ordinance or it may be found here: <http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/departments/countyclerk/codeofordinances>. In general the following activities are regulated:

1. Tree Stands
2. Ground Blinds
3. Elevated Platforms (Freestanding)
4. Access Trail Identification
5. Shooting Lanes
6. Target Shooting
7. Trail Cameras
8. Waterfowl Blinds
9. Watercraft
10. Motorized Use

930.2 FISHING

All lakes and streams within the forest are available for fishing unless otherwise listed in state regulations.

930.3 PICNICKING / DAY USE

Picnicking and other day uses, outside of established facilities is allowed. The Marathon County Code of Ordinances also regulates day use. In general, the following activities are regulated:

1. All litter, trash or rubbish must be removed.
2. Cutting or harvesting vegetation is not permitted.
3. Fires may not be left unattended unless the ground is 100% snow covered.

930.4 CAMPING

A permit is required to camp on the County Forest. Permits are available from the County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Office and on the County website. In general, the following activities are regulated:

1. Littering or site destruction is not allowed.
2. The Committee will set the permit fee.
3. The maximum permitted time period is 14 days for any location.

930.5 MOTORIZED TRAVEL

The Marathon County Code of Ordinances regulates motorized uses on the County Forest. In general the following regulations apply to motorized travel outside of a developed recreational trail system.

1. It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle on a trail designated closed with a gate, earthen berm, sign, or other closure.
2. Two-wheeled motorized travel (motorcycles, mini bikes, dirt bikes) is not permitted anywhere on the County Forest unless the machine is street legal and operating on a County Forest Road (gas tax).

930.6 OTHER USES

Other uses of the County Forest are permitted provided they are not specifically addressed with the County Code of Ordinances. The County Board may, at any time, enact ordinances to protect the forest should damage begin to occur.

935 INTENSIVE RECREATION AREAS/USES

Intensive recreation includes those uses for which the County provides a trail or facility. The Marathon County Forest has developed sites and areas to accommodate a fairly high degree of public use. The Committee may prohibit other recreation activities that are not compatible with the intent of the developed facilities.

The Committee and the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department has noted a marked increase in demand for recreation facilities. Marathon County may attempt to develop additional facilities and will maintain its currently developed facilities.

935.1 CAMPGROUNDS

There are no designated camping areas on County Forest.

935.2 YOUTH CAMP

There are no youth camps on County Forest.

935.3 PICNIC / DAY USE AREAS

There are no designated picnic or day use areas on County Forest.

935.4 SWIMMING AREAS / BEACHES

There are no designated formal swimming areas on County Forest.

935.5 BOAT LANDINGS

There are no boat landings on County Forest.

935.5.1 Undeveloped Water Access Points

One undeveloped water access point for canoes and boats currently exists at the Wisconsin River Forest Unit. This is used routinely to hand launch boats or canoes but has not been developed for boat trailer launching. This site is not routinely maintained and may be closed if erosion damage becomes severe. All new sites for developed water access must be reviewed and approved by the Committee.

935.6 SKI/TUBING HILLS

There are no ski or tubing hills on County Forest.

935.7 SHOOTING RANGE PARK

The archery and gun range was developed and is maintained and administered by the Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on the south end of the Nine Mile Forest Unit. The Committee will cooperate with the Commission to assist to the extent possible in the maintenance of the land and facilities within the park boundaries.

940 RECREATION TRAIL ACCESS

This trail network provides access for many recreational opportunities in the Forest. An important role of the Forest is to provide sustainable recreational trails that do not cause long-term natural resource damage and that are compatible with other uses. The Committee has the authority to open, close, or relocate trails. Non-motorized use of groomed snowmobile trails is not recommended due to serious safety concerns. Trail systems are identified in Chapter 1000.

945 DEMAND DEVELOPMENT/EXCLUSION

If a deficiency exists in trail mileage for a given user group, the Committee will receive recommendations and evaluate new trail proposals, with full consideration for resource protection, safety and potential for user conflicts due to County Forests being multiple use areas. An existing trail may be reclassified to satisfy demand consistent with the Fifteen-Year Plan or Comprehensive

Outdoor Recreation Plan. Trails may be closed or their use designation changed if they fail to satisfy the intended purpose or are found to be contributors to resource degradation.

950 TRAIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Requests for recreational trails will be reviewed by the Committee. Groups requesting specific trail development or use must present a plan for the long-term funding and maintenance of proposed trails.

Beginning in 2002 the Committee adopted a policy to restrict new trail expansion for all user groups at Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area due to the density and trail mileages that currently exist. Improvements and reconstruction of trails within the same footprint will be considered by the Committee. Relocation of some trails for resource protection and safety will also be considered. In these cases the rerouted sections will be permanently closed and allowed to revegetate naturally. Total trail mileage will remain the same or similar following the rerouted sections. Trail connections to Rib Mountain State Park will be considered to allow new trail development for connection to the State Park.

Construction or maintenance of any recreational trail in which the activity would increase the erosion potential of one acre or more of land is subject to state and federal stormwater runoff requirements (NR216, Wis. Adm. Code and s. 283.33, Wis. Stats.). Construction or development for silvicultural purposes is presently exempt from these requirements. Recreational trail development in Marathon County meeting these parameters will employ best management practices for water quality (PUB-FR-093-2010) to mitigate any adverse impacts. In addition, an erosion control plan will be prepared for each project depicting the location of the project and surrounding wetlands and what erosion control measures will be employed.

955 ORGANIZED TRAIL USE/SPECIAL EVENTS

The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department reserves the right to impose a bond for damage to the forest. Organized trail uses and group-sponsored activities must protect Marathon County with \$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage and provide a certificate of insurance as proof of coverage. Organizers may apply to hold special events by completing a Facility Use Agreement form. Special events will be considered by the Committee based upon the Nine Mile County Forest Event and Use Policy. Both the Facility Use Agreement Form and Event and Use Policy can be found in Chapter 1000.

960 DESIGNATED RECREATION TRAILS

Designated recreation trails are those for which the County provides a designated trail and/or facility. The County currently provides trail systems that accommodate a high degree of public use. The Committee may prohibit other activities on these trails that are not compatible with the intent of the development.

Whenever possible, multiple uses of various trail systems are encouraged and are subject to policy review of the Committee. The Committee will consider the primary purpose for which trails were developed and regulate use for the safety and enjoyment of the public and maintenance and protection of the Forest, including temporary or permanent trail closures. Wherever possible, attempts will be made to avoid user conflicts. Recreational users, however, will frequently encounter forest management activities instrumental to the existence and future of the County Forest. Management activities adjacent to designated recreation trails will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Where deemed necessary, alterations may be made to accommodate the recreational use. Trail systems are identified in Chapter 1000.

960.1 NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION TRAILS

The Marathon County Forest is a multiple use forest. Non-motorized recreation trails are a legitimate use of the forest. Design and maintenance of these trails may highlight natural features present on the Forest, should minimize damage, and reduce user conflict. Trail use and development must be compatible and sustainable with the characteristics of the landscape. It is the policy of the Committee to manage non-motorized recreation trails on the County Forest.

960.1.1 Hiking Trails

960.1.1.1 Undesignated Hiking Trails

All portions of the County Forest are open to hiking or foot travel unless marked with signs closing an area.

960.1.1.2 Designated Hiking Trails

Bitzke Bird Walk

This 1.9-mile walking trail in the Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit meanders through a series of wetlands and flowages created for wetland animals. ~~Designated as a waterfowl refuge by the Department of Natural Resources in 1985,~~ The area has a history which includes logging, fire,

draining, and agriculture. As farming failed, nature began to reclaim the wetland. Aspen trees grew up on surrounding uplands which provided food for beaver. This trail is open to the public year round, ~~but because of the refuge status, the public is required to stay on the marked trail from September 1 through November 15~~ and to abide by posted regulations. Maintenance of the walking trail is shared between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the County.

Boy Scout Hiking Trail

This 10.2-mile trail, of which 7.5 miles are designated, in the Nine Mile Forest Unit primarily follows an existing snowmobile and cross-country ski trails. The nature trail was built by the Boy Scouts to fulfill a need for a sanctioned metered course in the North Central Wisconsin area. Merit badge requirements make it compulsory that a scout travel a pretabulated course in compiling part of the mileage necessary for the award. A map of the Boy Scout hiking trail can be found in Chapter 1000.

960.1.2 Mountain Bike Trails

960.1.2.1 Undesignated Mountain Bike Trails

All trails, roads, and fire lanes are open for recreational bicycle use. Off-trail mountain bike use is prohibited to minimize the potential for erosion or other environmental damages.

960.1.2.2 Designated Mountain Bike Trails

Summer Nine Mile Forest Bike Trail

It is the policy of the Committee to provide public designated mountain biking opportunities at Nine Mile County Forest. There are approximately 33.45 miles of designated trails, including over 13.45 miles of single track and 20 miles of cross-country ski trails designated open for bicycling. The trails open May 1 – May 15 to October 15 each year depending on trail conditions. ~~During the first three weeks of May,~~ trails open at Noon to allow safe and quality spring turkey hunting opportunities. Biking at Nine Mile requires the user to purchase a trail pass. A map of the designated bike trails can be found in Chapter 1000. Maintenance of the single track trails is primarily completed by volunteers of the Central Wisconsin Off Road Cycling Coalition (CWOCC) with approval by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Maintenance of the cross country ski trails is primarily completed by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Additionally, other opportunities for mountain biking in Marathon

County include trails at Big Eau Pleine Park, Sylvan Hill Park and at the Marathon County Ringle landfill.

Winter Nine Mile Forest Fat Tire Bike Trails

There are about 7.6 miles of designated winter fat tire bike trails open for biking. The trails open when there is enough snow as determined by the Department but no earlier than the ski trails open which is typically mid-December depending on trail conditions. Winter biking at Nine Mile requires the user to purchase a trail pass. A map of the designated trails can be found in Chapter 1000. Maintenance and grooming of the winter bike trails is primarily completed by volunteers of the Central Wisconsin Off Road Cycling Coalition (CWOCC) with approval by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Additionally, other opportunities for winter fat tire biking include trails at Big Eau Pleine Park, and at the Marathon County Ringle Landfill.

960.1.3 Equestrian Trails

960.1.3.1 Undesignated Equestrian Trails

All trails, roads, and fire lanes are open for recreational horseback trail riding except in the Harrison-Hewitt, Bern Forest along with the Nine Mile cross-country and bike trails where horseback riding is prohibited. Off-trail horseback riding is also prohibited to minimize the potential for erosion, introduction of exotic species, and other environmental damage.

960.1.3.2 Designated Equestrian Trails

It is the policy of the Committee to provide public designated horseback riding trails at Nine Mile, Kronenwetter, and Leather Camp Forest Units. The snowmobile trail, approximately 10 miles at Nine Mile Forest, is signed and designated as a horseback riding trail. Additionally, both the Kronenwetter and Leather Camp Forest Units have approximately 18 miles designated for horseback riding although these trails are not signed. Maintenance of the equestrian trails is completed by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. A map of the designated equestrian trails can be found in Chapter 1000. Additionally, equestrian trails are developed for use at Big Eau Pleine Park.

960.1.4 Ski Trails

960.1.4.1 Undesignated Cross Country Ski Trails

All trails, roads, and fire lanes are open for cross-country skiing. Undesignated cross-country ski trails are not signed or maintained. Off trail cross-country skiing is permitted on the County Forest.

960.1.4.2 Designated Cross Country Ski Trails

It is the policy of the Committee to provide designated cross-country skiing opportunities in the County Forest. Nine Mile Forest offers 19.5 miles of regularly groomed ski trails that offer both skate skiing and diagonal skiing and facilities which provide a variety of terrain and scenery. ~~Additionally, Marathon County also maintains ski trails at Sylvan Hill.~~ Cross-country skiing on Nine Mile designated trails requires the user to purchase a trail pass. Donations are accepted at Sylvan Hill. Dog use on groomed cross-country ski trails is prohibited when such trails are open for skiing except while hunting in accordance with Department of Natural Resources regulations.

Maintenance of the cross country ski trails is primarily completed by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Volunteers from the Wausau Nordic Ski Club also provide assistance preparing the trails for the cross country ski season with approval by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. A map of the designated cross country ski trails can be found in Chapter 1000.

960.1.5 Snowshoe Trails

960.1.5.1 Undesignated Snowshoe Trails

All trails, roads, and fire lanes are open for snowshoeing except on the Nine Mile cross-country ski trails. Undesignated snowshoe trails are not signed or maintained. Off-trail snowshoeing is also permitted on the County Forest.

960.1.5.2 Designated Snowshoe Trails

It is the policy of the Committee to provide public designated snowshoeing opportunities on the County Forest. Nine Mile Forest offers approximately 6.7 miles of signed snowshoe trails which include a variety of terrain and scenery. Snowshoeing on designated trails requires the user to purchase a trail pass. Generally, no maintenance is required on snowshoe trails. If required, it would be completed by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. A map of the designated snowshoe trails can be found in Chapter 1000.

960.1.6 Other Non-Motorized Use

All County Forest trails are designated for non-motorized use except by permit, posted as closed, or as otherwise designated by the Committee. Gates and/or barriers will be constructed and

strategically located to allow optimum maintenance while restricting motorized vehicular travel. Trail maintenance may be conducted in cooperation with the DNR Wildlife Manager.

960.1.7 Future Non-Motorized Trail Systems

The development of additional non-motorized trail systems will include careful consideration of public demand, analysis of user conflicts and potential damage to the natural resource. New trail proposals will be evaluated as indicated in Section 945.

Non-motorized trail systems generally are not supported by statewide grant programs. The County will require proof of an organized club, or user group, with the ability to assist with maintenance and support of the trail and associated facilities. Appropriate trail passes, or other user fees, may be implemented as indicated in Section 915.

960.2 MOTORIZED RECREATION TRAILS

Motorized travel on trails can be legitimate use of the forest if these trails are designed and maintained in a manner to minimize damage to the environment and reduce user conflict. Trail use and development must be compatible and sustainable with the characteristics of the landscape. It shall be the policy of the Committee to consider opportunities for the following motorized trail use:

1. Snowmobiles.
2. All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's).
3. Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV's)

960.2.1 Designated Snowmobile Trails

Designated snowmobile trails are those recognized by the Committee as the official trails within the County. The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department manages the snowmobile trail system in Marathon County. Annual agreements outline the operation, maintenance and insurance obligations between the County and local clubs. The County contracts with the following snowmobile/ATV clubs for trail maintenance:

1. A & H Sno-Mobilers
2. Athens Sno-Pak
- ~~3. Birnamwood Trail Riders~~
- 3.4. Eau Pleine Riders Inc.
4. 5. Elderon Sno-Angels
5. 6. Emmet Sno-Drifters

- ~~6.7.~~ Frankfort Freedom Riders
- ~~7.8.~~ Glandon Snow Barons
- ~~8.9.~~ Green Valley Stump Jumpers
- ~~9.10.~~ Hamburg Rainbow Riders
- ~~10.11.~~ Hatley Snowmobile Club
- ~~11.12.~~ KK Riders
- ~~12.13.~~ Kelly Snowshoes
- ~~13.14.~~ Krecji City Cruisers
- ~~14.15.~~ Little Rose Riders
- ~~15.16.~~ Midnight Riders
- ~~16.17.~~ Nutterville Sno-Nuts
- ~~17.18.~~ Peplin Unlimited
- ~~18.19.~~ Pike Lake Wilderness Unlimited
- ~~19.20.~~ Poniatoski Dare Devils
- ~~20.21.~~ Rib Knights
- ~~21.22.~~ Rib Riders
- ~~22.23.~~ Rothschild Urbanaires
- ~~23.24.~~ Rozellville Wilderness Riders
- ~~24.25.~~ Shantytown Snowmobile Club
- ~~25.26.~~ Spencer Swamp Stompers
- ~~26.27.~~ Stratford Sno-Runners
- ~~27.28.~~ Trailmates Snowmobile Club
- ~~28.29.~~ WI Valley Sno-Jets

The Marathon County Code 7.09 regulates snowmobile trails. A summary of rules and regulations relating to snowmobile trails is as follows:

1. All groomed snowmobile trails are closed to cars and trucks unless vehicle use is approved by Marathon County.
2. The ~~Motorized~~ Recreation Coordinator will make determinations to officially open and close snowmobile trails based on snow, trail maintenance conditions, and information provided by the clubs.
3. Snowmobile trails used for logging access during snowmobile season will be posted with signs warning users of activity and every attempt will be made to leave at least 3 inches of

snow pack on the trail. However, they may be plowed down to the trail base in certain circumstances.

4. Trail width shall not exceed 16 feet.

Marathon County recognizes the following categories of snowmobile trail:

960.2.1.1 Trail Types

The County recognizes several different classifications of snowmobile trail:

State Funded Trails – these are State approved and funded trail miles on designated trails that are part of a Statewide network of trail systems. Snowmobile registration fees, trail pass sticker fees and gas tax allotments fund grants that support maintenance, rehabilitation and development of these trails. There are approximately 791 miles of funded trails in Marathon County, with approximately 42.28 miles on County Forest Lands.

Unfunded Club Trails – these are segments of trail that are maintained to the same standards as a funded trail but do not meet the State’s eligibility requirements for a funded trail system. There are approximately 67 miles of unfunded trails in Marathon County, with approximately .11 miles on County Forest lands in the Leathercamp Forest Unit. It is recommended that the County continues to apply for grants to include these in the funded system.

960.2.1.2 Trail Maintenance

Marathon County contracts with Marathon County snowmobile clubs to groom the funded snowmobile trails. The County will maintain State trails in cooperation with the Marathon County Snowmobile Council and snowmobile clubs with funds provided by the DNR. The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department will coordinate and administer the County-wide snowmobile trail program under s. 23.09(11) and (26) and 350.12(4), Wis. Stat., Natural Resources Code NR 50.09, and County General Code 7.09.

The County shall inspect and monitor bridges and other infrastructure on the trail system and attempt to secure funding from grants, or other sources, to periodically replace or rehabilitate as needed.

DNR's Trail Signing Handbook will be used as the guide for posting standardized signs and will assist in promoting uniformity for trail signing throughout the County. Only trail signs that provide information for safety, regulations, or trail directions will be permitted. Private and business signs are not authorized on the Forest. All trail signs must be mounted on wooden or metal posts.

960.2.1.3 Future Snowmobile Trails

The Committee shall have jurisdiction over any trail development proposals. It is recommended that future trails be considered only after careful consideration of costs, benefits and impacts and as part of a larger planning effort.

Marathon County deems that the existing number of snowmobile trail miles is sufficient to satisfy public demand.

Proposals to relocate trails or to make adjustments to the existing trail system will be encouraged where there are concerns of public safety or environmental damage. Unfunded and club trails may be evaluated for maintenance funding application.

960.2.2 Undesignated Snowmobile Trails

There are no undesignated snowmobile trails on County Forest. Snowmobile use is permitted on designated trails only.

960.2.3 Designated ATV Trails

Designated ATV Trails are those recognized by the Committee as official trails within the County. These may lie on County, private, or other agency lands. Annual agreements outline the operation, maintenance and insurance obligations between the County and local clubs. The County contracts with the following snowmobile/ATV clubs for trail maintenance:

1. Mid-Wisconsin Trail Blazers Club

There are numerous types of designated ATV trails managed by Marathon County.

960.2.3.1 Trail Types

The County recognizes several different classifications of ATV trail. Maps are appended in Chapter 1000 for reference.

1. Funded Winter ATV Trails – State funded snowmobile trails on the County Forest are also designated and funded as winter use ATV trails. There are approximately 699.5 miles of winter funded ATV trail managed by Marathon County, with 42.28 miles on County Forest lands.

Designated snowmobile trails are open for winter ATV use during the snowmobile season if the air temperature is 28°F or colder. ATV's are permitted on designated snowmobile trails on County Forest 10 days following the opening of the trails. The trails remain open until the snowmobile trails are closed or if the trail base can no longer support ATV use.

2. Funded Summer ATV Trails – these are trail systems funded for only summer use. These trails are open from May 1 – September 30. There are approximately 20.75 miles of summer use ATV trails managed by the County with 11 miles on the County Forest.
3. Funded Year Round ATV Trails - these are trail systems funded for both winter and summer use. There are approximately ~~699.5~~ 11 miles of year round funded ATV trails managed by Marathon County with 11 miles on the County Forest.
 - a. The Burma Road Forest Unit trails are designated for year-round use. Summer trails are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. May 1 through September 30 and winter trails are open from December 1 through March 15. Burma Forest ATV/UTV trails are open Dec. 1 – March 15 regardless of air temperature.
4. Funded UTV Trails – UTV's, or side by sides, are not allowed on snowmobile/winter ATV trail systems. Marathon County allows for UTV's on 20.75 miles of the trail system within the County with 11 miles on the County Forest. (Burma County Forest Unit and Edgar to Fenwood Trail.)
5. Funded Trout/Hybrid Trails – The ATV/UTV program does not allow for full maintenance funding on ATV/UTV trails that are open to highway traffic (cars, trucks, etc.) ATV trails with this dual use that were maintained and funded prior to August 1, 2012 are still funded at 100% of the annual per mile maintenance rate. Trails funded after

August 1, 2012 allow for partial funding under the following categories:

- a. County Forest Gas Tax Roads – these are gas tax roads used as a connector to trails or services and are funded at a rate determined by the full per mile funding rate, less gas tax funding rate, not to exceed 50% of the full maintenance funding rate. Marathon County maintains 0 miles of County Forest Road Troutes.
- b. Hybrid Trails – these are trails designated as ATV trails, opened after August 1, 2012, that also permit highway vehicle traffic. These are funded at 50% of the annual maintenance funding rate. Marathon County maintains 0 miles of Hybrid/Troute trails.
- c. Club Trails – These trails are not funded under the State ATV program. In some cases these are trails that are maintained and may be added as a funded trail at a future date. Marathon County recognizes 0 miles of club trails.
- d. State Trails – There are no State trails either funded or unfunded in Marathon County.

6. Undesignated ATV/UTV Trails

There are no undesignated ATV or UTV trails on County Forest. ATV and UTV use is permitted on designated trails only.

960.2.3.2 ATV Trail Maintenance

For the purpose of ATV trails, the term sustainability is intended to mean the development of a trail surface that is maintainable. It appears evident there are no circumstances where an ATV trail can be considered sustainable without intensive maintenance. Of primary importance, trail surfaces need to be conducive to periodic grading or restoration that promotes water runoff from the trail surface and eliminates the opportunity for water flow to gain velocity, causing erosion.

The County has contracts with local clubs and organizations for the grooming, brushing, signing, and maintenance of these trails. Funding for maintenance is provided by the State ATV program.

The County shall inspect and monitor trails, bridges and other infrastructure and attempt to secure funding from grants, or other sources, to periodically replace improvements or rehabilitate trail surfaces or bridges as needed.

960.2.3.3 Future ATV Trails

The use and popularity of ATV's and UTV's increased dramatically over the period of the 2006-2020 County Forest Plan. Increased usage of trail systems proved a tremendous need for much higher levels of trail maintenance in order to manage environmental damages.

The Marathon County Forest has ten different Forest Units with Burma Forest being the only one with summer ATV/UTV trails. During the last planning process 2006 – 2020 it was determined that no new summer ATV trails would be considered due to the reasons below:

1. Unsuitable soil types
2. User conflicts
3. Small forest units without capability to connect trail systems to other counties/trail systems.
4. Only looped trail opportunities
5. Maintenance issues
6. Impacts on natural resources
7. Impacts on other users/user groups

It shall be the policy of the Committee to continue to allow summer ATV/UTV use at Burma Road. No other summer ATV/UTV use shall be approved.

It is critical that trail layout and design is done in such a way as to prevent erosion and soil loss. Trails must be developed sustainably. For the purpose of this plan, sustainability is defined as follows:

Sustainability – For the purpose of ATV trails, the term sustainability is intended to mean the development of a trail surface that is maintainable. It appears evident there are no circumstances where an ATV trail can be considered sustainable without intensive maintenance. Of primary importance, trail surfaces need to be conducive to periodic grading or restoration that promotes water runoff from the trail surface and eliminates the opportunity for water flow to gain velocity, causing erosion. Trails will be built with a slight crown and appropriate ditching to allow for adequate and proper water dispersal. To this end, the construction/development and

maintenance of ATV trails are to comply with the WCFA ATV/ORV Trail Standards, which is appended in Chapter 1000 to this Plan.

960.2.4 Designated Motorcycle Trails

There are no designated motorcycle trails on County Forest.

960.2.5 Other Motorized Recreational Vehicle Trails

1. Designated

There are no designated other motorized recreational vehicle trails on County Forest.

Other motorized recreational use on the County Forest is prohibited.

2. Undesignated

There are no other undesignated motorized recreational vehicle trails on County

Forest. Other motorized recreational use on the County Forest is prohibited.

960.2.6 Recreational Access with Persons with Disabilities

The Committee supports recreational access for persons with permanent disabilities. Federal and State disabled access guidelines will be met when required.

Requests for access in non-motorized areas will be considered on a case-by-case basis and be limited to ATV's/UTV's or snowmobiles. No other motorized access will be allowed. Permits may be granted if:

1. The Permittee provides proof as disabled under DOT or DNR guidelines. Requires Class A, B or C disabled hunter permit or disabled DOT license plate.
2. The requested use will not damage soil or vegetation in the area of use.
3. The requested use will not endanger other users.
4. The requested use will not significantly impact other users of the Forest.

Additionally, if a permit is granted, the ATV/UTV or snowmobile must be clearly marked with a sign provided by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department that reads "Disabled" or "Disabled Hunter". The permit shall be limited to a specific entry point and area. The permit shall not exceed two weeks.

Permits are granted by the Committee under County General Code 16.08(9)(c). A copy of the permit can be found in Chapter 1000.

960.3 RECREATION TRAIL PERMITS

960.3.1 Storm Water Discharge

In general, any trail construction or rehabilitation activities that disturb one acre or more of land will require a Storm Water Discharge Permit. There have been instances of inconsistent application of permit requirements Statewide. In order to further define the County's understanding and implementation of permit requirements, the following current acceptable process will be used for determining when a permit is needed.

1. The 1 acre threshold will be determined by measuring/estimated new disturbance or disturbance of previously grassed surfaces.
2. Periodic grading of impervious or non-grassed trail surfaces is not considered disturbance.
3. Restoration of water filtration/diversion devices, such as sediment traps or catch basins is considered maintenance and not disturbance.
4. Reconstruction of previously grassed ditch lines as part of trail rehabilitation is considered disturbance.

960.3.2 Chapter 30

Permits are required for new bridges or culvert crossings of navigable waterways. These permits will either be classified as general or individual depending on specific site conditions. These permits are not required for culvert or bridge crossings of non-navigable or intermittent streams, nor or they required to install a clear span bridge over wetlands.

960.3.3 Wetland Fill

Permits are required at any time that fill is placed in a wetland. Permits are available to fill small wetlands for recreation trail purposes. Wetland fill must be less than 10,000 square feet and the permit does not require wetland mitigation. Clear span bridge and boardwalks placed on pilings generally do not require a wetland fill permit. Puncheon style bridges do require a permit.

965 RECREATION PROGRAM FUNDING AND GRANTS

965.1 RECREATION AREA FUNDING

Funding for recreation areas is generally fee based. Aid for Development of Local Parks (ADLP) funding is available for facility development or enhancement but there is normally a very high level of competition for these funds.

965.2 RECREATION TRAIL FUNDING

965.2.1 Non-motorized trail systems

At this time, there is very limited access to any grant funds that will assist with non-motorized recreational trail maintenance. The County relies on user fees and/or funds maintenance out of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry operating budgets.

965.2.2 Motorized trail systems

There are numerous grant programs available to offset motorized trail system costs. Marathon County utilizes the following funding sources. As of ~~October 2020~~ **December 2023** the rates are:

1. Snowmobile Maintenance - \$300/mile
2. ATV Summer Maintenance - \$600/mile
3. ATV Winter Maintenance - \$100/mile
4. UTV Maintenance - ~~\$200~~ **\$400**/mile
5. ATV Rehabilitation - 100% grants
6. ATV Development - 100% grants

RESOLUTION #R - 73 - 23

COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, Marathon County ratified a two-year agreement wherein it joined with the counties of Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood in a region known as the Central Wisconsin Housing Region to implement and deliver Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) housing programs within the geographical boundaries of the region; and

WHEREAS, under that cooperative agreement, Marathon County submitted jointly with the Central Wisconsin Housing Region an application for funds under the CDBG housing program of the Wisconsin Division of Housing (DOH) for the purpose of meeting housing needs within Marathon County; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County and the Central Wisconsin Housing Region entered into a written cooperative agreement with each other to participate in such CDBG program. That agreement affords the option for any member county of the region to automatically renew the agreement for two-year terms, with each member county remaining able to terminate membership in said agreement at each county’s convenience; and

WHEREAS, adopting the automatic, two-year renewal option provides Marathon County with a more expedient method for delivering services under the CDBG program without compromising the County’s ability to exit the region should it choose to do so; and

WHEREAS, under the agreement, Juneau County acts as the applicant (Lead) and has the ultimate responsibility to assume all obligations under the terms of grant sought, including assuring compliance with all applicable laws and program regulations and performance of all work in accordance with grant contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.0301, Marathon County agrees to continue its membership within the Central Wisconsin Housing Region, and Marathon County and the Central Wisconsin Housing Region agree to cooperate in the submission of applications for CDBG funds and agree to cooperate in the implementation of the submitted CDBG program, as approved by the Department of Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said membership shall continue to renew on an automatic basis for two-year terms until Marathon County elects to exit the region or until the agreement is otherwise terminated. Marathon County reserves its right to terminate this agreement and exit the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing contained in this agreement shall deprive any municipality of any power of zoning, development control or other lawful authority which it presently possesses.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Fiscal Impact: None

Resolution #R-74-23
RESOLUTION AMENDING 2024 BUDGET RESOLUTION LANGUAGE PURSUANT TO
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (DOR) REQUEST

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2023, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors approved its 2024 Budget and Property Tax Resolution, R-62-23; and

WHEREAS, incorporated within Marathon County's 2024 budget was the \$190,000.00 unused levy amount from 2023, or the difference between the County's allowable levy in 2023 and its actual levy for that fiscal year, as permitted by Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(f)1; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Department of Revenue guidelines require the County Board of Supervisors to specifically indicate in its Budget and Property Tax Resolution that it approves adjusting its allowable tax levy for 2024 by the \$190,000.00 difference between the County's actual and allowable levy in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue has requested that the County Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution outlining this specific adjustment before December 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will not affect the levy amounts or tax rates approved as part of the 2024 budget; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee voted to recommend the County Board adopt this resolution to update the County's 2024 Budget and Property Tax Resolution to specifically indicate the County's use of the \$190,000.00 unused levy amount from 2023, or the difference between allowable and actual levy in 2023, as an adjustment to the County's 2024 allowable tax levy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors updates its 2024 Budget and Property Tax Resolution to specifically indicate, as permitted under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(f)1, its use of the \$190,000.00 unused levy amount from 2023, or the difference between allowable and actual levy from 2023, as an adjustment to its 2024 allowable tax levy.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of December, 2023

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Fiscal Note: This Resolution makes no adjustments to the 2024 budget, levy, and tax rates as adopted by the County Board of Supervisors on November 9, 2023.

Legal Note: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(f)3, this Resolution requires a simple majority vote.

RESOLUTION # R-75-23
APPROVE AMENDMENT TO 2023 AND 2024 BUDGETS ACCEPTING
WISCONSIN LEAD SAFE-HOMES PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, Section 65.90(5)(a) dictates that appropriations in the Marathon County budget may not be modified unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Health Department is the recipient of a grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services in the amount of \$15,600.00 through the Lead-Safe Homes Program to fund county projects related to lead investigation, intervention, and abatement; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds would support and enhance the Health Department's required lead abatement activities, activities that are required to be performed by local health departments pursuant to Wisconsin Administrative Code DHS 254; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee voted to accept the \$15,600.00 grant funds and recommended to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors to transfer the grant funds into the Health Department budget for use in lead investigation, intervention, and abatement activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Marathon County Board of Supervisors authorize and direct the budget amendment as listed below for 2023 and 2024:

Transfer from:	Grant Funds
Transfer to:	Health Department
Amount:	\$15,600.00
Re:	Wisconsin Lead-Safe Homes Program Grant funds

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Class 1 Notice of this transaction shall be published within (10) days of its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Marathon County Clerk to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Marathon County Treasurer to honor said checks.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of December, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Fiscal **Note**: This resolution modifies the revenues and expenditures for health department funds by including accepted grant funds into the operational budget. There is no additional County tax levy appropriated in this resolution.

RESOLUTION #R-76-23

Segregating Funds for the Purposes of Accessing State of Wisconsin Funds for the Construction of the Regional Forensic Science Center Project (RFSC) and Directing Staff to Take Action with Respect to the Future Construction of the RFSC

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has previously taken action to study the creation of a Forensic Science Center in Marathon County that would provide forensic autopsy services, most directly through the creation of the Morgue Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors previously authorized the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 to serve as a portion of the funding plan for a Regional Forensic Science Center; and

WHEREAS, state funding for a Regional Forensic Science Center was awarded by the Wisconsin Legislature as a part of the state's budget process, in the amount of \$7 million in matching funds, and additional funds have been applied for through the Congressionally Directed Spending process in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County staff have had ongoing discussions with Northcentral Technical College (NTC) regarding a location for a Regional Forensic Science Center on or near property currently owned by NTC and near that college's existing campus in the City of Wausau. NTC remains willing to engage Marathon County in a transaction relative to land for the Regional Forensic Science Center and is interested in developing an operational partnership with County staff to provide for significant professional educational experiences at the future Forensic Science Center site; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to action by the Board of Supervisors, the previously referenced Marathon County funds have been utilized to procure design services and we are nearing completion of construction design and bidding documents; and

WHEREAS, staff have been working diligently to be in a position to release the request for bids for the construction of the Regional Forensic Science Center in January/February of 2024, consistent with the direction of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the current construction estimates for the project indicate that the project is anticipated to be \$14.8 million, and whereas the State of Wisconsin funding allocated through the budget is contingent upon the State Building Commission making a determination that Marathon County has secured additional funding for the project of at least \$7,800,000 from non-state revenue resources; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Morgue Task Force and staff have continued to seek outside funding through grants (securing approximately \$1,170,000 in additional funding as of December 1, 2023, with numerous other grant applications in consideration) and local matching sources (including North Central Technical College's expressed commitment for \$400,000 in funding for IT equipment) to support the project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish the funding strategy for the project to move forward, should the desire of the Board of Supervisors remain that the request for bids for construction of the project be released in January/February of 2024 and that construction commence thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee and the HR, Finance & Property Committee have met and considered the funding strategy to be employed with respect to the Regional Forensic Science Center and have recommended that:

- (A) An amount not to exceed \$4,230,000 of the Social Improvement Fund Balance is hereby segregated as Committed Social Improvement Fund Balance for purposes of demonstrating the local match required for the County to access the \$7,000,000 in funds through the State of Wisconsin Building Commission, with the understanding that staff and representatives of the Morgue taskforce will continue to seek outside funding for the RFSC project and that any amounts pledged for the project would reduce the county's use of Social

Improvement Fund reserve;

- (B) Staff are directed to engage the State of Wisconsin Building Commission to seek the determination sufficient to authorize the disbursement of the \$7,000,000 in project funding;
- (C) Staff are directed to release a Request for Bids for construction of the project in January/February of 2024;
- (D) Staff are authorized, should the competitive bids received provide for a construction cost that would result in an overall project cost not to exceed \$14,800,000, select the best qualified subcontractor bids in accordance with Marathon County Procurement Code from those submitted; and
- (E) Staff are authorized to proceed with the purchase of long-lead time items using previously authorized funding, to mitigate project delays.
- (F) The previously authorized encumbrance of any balance remaining of the previously allocated \$2,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the project is continued through June 30, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors expresses its continued support for the creation of a Regional Forensic Science Center, to be operated by the Marathon County Medical Examiner's Office and to be located on the North Central Technical College campus in Wausau and resolves as follows:

- (A) An amount not to exceed \$4,230,000 of the Social Improvement Fund Balance is hereby segregated as Committed Social Improvement Fund Balance for purposes of demonstrating the local match required for the County to access the \$7,000,000 in funds through the State of Wisconsin Building Commission, with the understanding that staff and representatives of the Morgue taskforce will continue to seek outside funding for the RFSC project and that any amounts pledged for the project would reduce the county's use of Social Improvement Fund reserve to fund the project;
- (B) Staff are directed to engage the State of Wisconsin Building Commission to seek the determination sufficient to authorize the disbursement of the \$7,000,000 in project funding;
- (C) Staff are directed to release a Request for Bids for construction of the project in January/February of 2024;
- (D) Staff are authorized, should the competitive bids received provide for a construction cost that would result in an overall project cost not to exceed \$14,800,000, select the best qualified subcontractor bids in accordance with Marathon County Procurement Code from those submitted; and
- (E) Staff are authorized to proceed with the purchase of long-lead time items using previously authorized funding, to mitigate project delays; and
- (F) The previously authorized encumbrance of any balance remaining of the previously allocated \$2,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the project is continued through June 30, 2024.

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution segregates \$4,230,000 of the Social Improvement Fund Balance as Committed Social Improvement Fund Balance for purposes of the Regional Forensic Science Center Project. The resolution also extends the encumbrance of previously allocated but unexpended American Rescue Plan Act funds through June 30, 2024.

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2023 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

A Region of Reasons

Conceptual Rendering



Support Learning. Foster Healing. Transform Lives. Prepare Communities.

Capital Campaign

for the Marathon County Regional Forensic Science Center

The Project

Since 2017, Marathon County's Regional Morgue Task Force has embarked on a transformative journey towards establishing the **Regional Forensic Science Center (RFSC)**. This visionary initiative aims to revolutionize death investigations, **support grieving families**, enable **life-saving tissue donation**, facilitate meaningful **educational opportunities** for our current and future workforce, and serve as a **regional resource** positioned to serve the communities of Northern Wisconsin in the event of a mass fatality event.

But, we can't do it alone. Join us in making this dream a reality and providing yet another premier service to the citizens of Marathon County and northern Wisconsin.



Support learning

where **Education meets Empathy.**

This facility, along with our partnership with Northcentral Technical College and the Medical College of Wisconsin will be instrumental in raising up our future workforce. With a significant decline in enrollments in various medical professions, forensic pathology, funeral science, and emergency medical services, the Regional Forensic Science Center will be a key asset in helping sure we not only grow our workforce here in Central Wisconsin, but that we also keep our talent here by partnering students with local employers.

Transform lives

through **Medical Autopsies + Tissue Donation.**

The facility's dedicated Tissue Donation suite will play a crucial role in providing closure for families and medical professionals caring for the decedent. In the past, the absence of such a facility within a reasonable distance often hindered families from having the opportunity to give the gift of life when they've lost a loved one.

The Regional Forensic Science Center will not only help families find solace in knowing that their loved one's legacy lives on through tissue donation, but it will also address health risks. As part of a medical autopsy, the Pathologist is able to identify undiagnosed medical conditions and potential hereditary conditions that impact a family's understanding of their medical history. This also assists medical professionals in gaining a deeper understanding of disease patterns and the effectiveness of treatment.

Furthermore, medical autopsies and tissue donation contribute to a broader picture of enhancing population health. With a more accessible option, we not only aid individuals in need of life-saving tissues but also gather valuable data that provides insights into prevention measures and disease mitigation strategies. This not only benefits individual families but also the entire community, fostering a healthier and more proactive approach to well-being.



Foster Healing

through **Grief Support.**

In moments of profound loss, families often find themselves grappling with the sudden and traumatic nature of death. Whether it's the aftermath of a tragic accident, a heart-wrenching suicide, or unexplained circumstances, these are the times when the role of a Coroner or Medical Examiner becomes vital.

Our commitment to the well-being of our community extends beyond the scope of forensic and medical investigations. Within the walls of the Regional Forensic Science Center, we are creating a haven of support and compassion – **the Comfort Room**. This space, meticulously designed with a trauma-informed care approach, serves as a refuge where investigators, pathologists, and authorities can meet with grieving families. It is more than a room; it is a source of solace and healing. By fostering a sense of understanding and empathy, the Comfort Room also opens doors to collaboration with mental health providers and community partners.

Adjacent to the facility, the Grief Garden will be a serene outdoor space open to all who seek solace in nature while cherishing the memory of their loved ones. As we envision this space, opportunities for memorial stones, trees, and other features abound. We invite our community to join us in shaping the future of this meaningful garden – a place where shared memories will flourish, and healing will take root.

Preparing Communities

through **Mass Fatality Preparedness.**

The Regional Forensic Science Center will play a pivotal role in enhancing mass fatality preparedness for the Northern Wisconsin region. In the unfortunate event of a mass fatality incident, such as a natural disaster or a large-scale accident, the center's expertise in forensic analysis, identification, and coordination with local authorities is invaluable. The Center's well-trained staff and state-of-the-art facility will enable efficient processing and storage of remains and timely identification, providing closure to families and aiding disaster response efforts.

This project is not possible without the generous support of our community. To date, we've secured over \$10.5 million in local and state funding, leaving us with **approximately \$4.3 million** left to make this facility a reality.

Tax-deductible contributions may be made to the "Regional Forensic Science Center" fund at the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. For more information on naming rights and other recognition opportunities, please contact Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard at 715-261-1402.

Project Gifts

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FOUNDATION
OF NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN

Economic Impact Summary

of the **Regional Forensic Science Center**

The development of the Marathon County Forensic Science Center is expected to directly create **five new jobs**, four jobs at the proposed facility and one job at the Northcentral Technical College (NTC) Campus in Wausau. Four county staff would be hired to operate the facility, (Two full-time forensic pathologists, one full-time autopsy supervisor and a full-time death investigator) while NTC would add one staff person for ongoing educational programming related to this facility.

To measure the impacts of adding these five jobs, an Impact Scenario was conducted using economic modeling software. The scenario estimates that the five jobs added as a direct result of the Center will lead to an **additional three jobs** being created, for an estimated total of eight jobs created as a result of the project. These new additional jobs will lead to an estimated job earnings of \$706,467 in Marathon County.

Job Creation

5 Direct Jobs

3 Indirect Jobs

Total annual payroll:
\$706,467

Area Spending

\$330,000 in hotel stays,
dining + local funeral
homes

\$60,000 local supplies +
services

Area spending will increase because of the facility. Additional trips from users of the facility and spending during the construction phase will impact the area. **Over \$330,000 in annual spending** is anticipated, in addition to nearly \$50,000 during the construction phase.

Visits from outside of Marathon County would also benefit the greater community. Between gasoline and restaurant purchases and occasional hotel stays, **about \$20,000 annually** would be spent locally.

Local funeral homes are expected to experience an increased volume of cases through trade services. We assume all county originated autopsies and half of the non-county autopsies would be handled by local funeral homes. Combined that amounts to about 250 autopsies and about **\$312,500 in local spending** in that sector.

Data prepared by North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

This information is summarized from an economic input-output model called Lightcast, as well as some basic economic impact techniques. See the Impact Scenario and memo for more information.

Time + Travel Savings

Based on the Strategic Business Plan, over 300 trips would be made to the new facility instead of traveling to Madison. Those trips would be shorter and less time-consuming, thereby saving time and money. Using the current volume, **Marathon County would save over \$43,000 annually**, while all facility users would save over **\$213,000 combined**.

Broken down, staff savings over all users - **3,185 hours** - would save over **\$162,000 annually**, while decreased travel distance would save another **\$51,000 annually**. In addition, less travel - **over 87,500 less vehicle miles** - would result in less emissions, which helps the environment.



\$51,000
Mileage Savings



87,500
Miles Saved



3,185
Hours Saved



\$162,000
Staff Cost Savings

Annual Impact
\$1.3 million

We estimate at minimum an annual impact of about **\$1.3 million** for the area resulting from the proposed Marathon County Regional Forensic Science Center, in addition to a variety of unquantifiable benefits to the area. This type of facility is much needed in northern Wisconsin and gives the area a unique advantage over other areas of the state.

All these impacts are derived from Marathon County leveraging its existing budget of approximately \$400,000 to secure a \$14.8 million-dollar facility, in addition to fully funding the operation of the facility from user fees. All without impacting the tax levy. From an economic impact perspective this is a win-win for Marathon County and the region.

Other Considerations



Education programs will be elevated, increased student enrollments expected.



Enhanced Public Safety for the region.



25% increase in decedents qualifying for tissue donation due to a local facility.

Preparing Communities

through **Mass Fatality Preparedness**



The Regional Forensic Science Center will play a pivotal role in mass fatality preparedness and management for the northern portion of the state. With the ability to offer comprehensive services during a mass fatality event, the Center can provide mutual aid support to counties experiencing such events, thereby alleviating the strain on local resources. This holistic approach not only eases the burden on affected families but also ensures dignified handling of the deceased.

Training + Education

The Center will host training events for local, state, and federal partners, recognizing that preparedness is not only about having the right facilities, but also ensuring that personnel are well-prepared to handle the unique challenges of mass fatality incidents. Training activities will include tabletop exercises and hands-on training opportunities, in addition to enhancing existing training opportunities taking place throughout the region. Furthermore, the Center's partnership with Northcentral Technical College will expand and enhance training opportunities for students, public safety professionals, and healthcare providers by addressing areas such as mass fatality triage, patient treatment, and transportation.

Facility Capabilities

The facility will be equipped with the following features to best support the region in the event of a mass fatality incident:

- Refrigerated decedent storage, along with freezer decedent storage that can be converted to refrigeration, providing the capacity to store over 50 decedents.
- A loading dock to accommodate a refrigerated trailer for additional decedent storage and transportation from the scene to the facility.
- A sally port designed for DMORT response, complete with electrical cord drops from the ceiling and strategically placed doors to ensure the continuity of facility operations.
- A cart washroom for cleaning response equipment.
- A secondary decedent decontamination area for non-hazardous substances.
- The ability to convert the tissue donation suite into an emergency autopsy station, enhancing the facility's capacity.
- The capability to evaluate decedents to initiate the identification process.
- A Lodox system for full-body X-rays, complemented by a portable X-ray machine.
- A training room that can function as an incident command center or a family information center.
- A backup generator to ensure operational continuity during incidents.



Transforming lives

through **Tissue Donation**

One donor can impact up to **75 people** with their gift of tissue.

Tissue includes bone, skin, ligaments, tendons, veins, heart valves, and eyes.

Bone and connective tissue: Bone tissue can be used to repair bone defects or fractures. It is widely used to restore mobility, reconstruct limbs and rebuild jaws in dental procedures. Connective tissues such as ligaments, tendons, and cartilage can be used to repair joints and restore cartilage surfaces in patients injured through sporting activities, by trauma, or through arthritis or other diseases.

Skin and membrane tissues: Skin can be used as a life-saving covering for severe burns. Membrane tissues can be used in open heart and urological surgeries, in abdominal wall repair, and in post-mastectomy breast reconstruction.

Cardiovascular tissues: The transplantation of heart valves can be a life-saving procedure for patients suffering from inherited heart defects or damage due to infection. Veins and arteries are used during heart bypass surgery to re-establish blood circulation in patients with coronary artery disease, and donated veins can help avoid amputation.

Eyes: Corneas can be used to restore sight for patients with diseases like glaucoma, or as a result of traumatic injury.

More than
2,500
tissue transplant
surgeries are
performed daily in
the United States.

Nearly 1 million people across the country **require a transplant** each year. These tissue transplants offer patients **a second chance** for **healthy and active lives.**





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RESOLUTION #R-77-23

Authorizing Boat Procurement with ARPA Funds Pursuant to DNR Boat Enforcement Patrol Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources offers Boat Enforcement Patrol Grants, which are issued to Wisconsin counties or municipalities that participate in boating enforcement efforts. The grant provides law enforcement aids for reimbursement of up to 75% of the net costs of the purchase of a patrol boat; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is an eligible applicant for Boat Enforcement Patrol Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Sheriff's Office has identified the purchase of a Sea Ark MVJT 1872 with a jet-outboard engine as essential to overcoming the limitations of its current patrol fleet, which includes a G3 patrol boat and a Dive Team Jon Boat. The purchase of a Sea Ark MVJT 1872 would better position the Sheriff's Office to patrol and operate on all navigable waters in Marathon County; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Sheriff's Office has had multiple calls for service in some of the areas its current boats cannot operate, including the search for a missing vehicle involved in a homicide and a drowning. The purchase of a Sea Ark MVJT 1872 would allow the personnel to respond to service calls such as these; and

WHEREAS, when unable to respond to a service call in these cases due to the lack of equipment, the Sheriff's Office has had to rely on the DNR to supply its jet boats and, due to a loss of a DNR warden position in the county, it has become more challenging for the DNR to respond to these requests and arrive on scene in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office recreational safety team has consulted with the DNR and put together a list of required items a new boat would need to overcome the shortcomings of the existing fleet's current limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has received approval from the DNR for the purchase of a boat under the Boat Enforcement Patrol Grant; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County would be required to pay the up front costs relative to purchase of the boat, and, through the Boat Enforcement Patrol Grant, the DNR would reimburse the county for up to 75% of the costs of the purchase over a five year period; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is the recipient of funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Marathon County is authorized to expend ARPA funds pursuant to rules promulgated by the United States Department of the Treasury and Section 602(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office, its recreational safety team, and citizens and visitors of Marathon County would greatly benefit from the provision of a new patrol boat that provides a greater ability to respond to incidents regardless of location; and

WHEREAS, use of ARPA funds to pay the up front purchase costs of this procurement is a permitted use of ARPA funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors approves the use of up to \$48,137 of the county's ARPA funds to procure a Sea Ark MVJT 1872 Patrol Boat for use by the Marathon County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board authorizes the amendment of the 2023 budget to reflect the encumbrance and expenditure of the funds identified herein.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution authorizes the expenditure of \$48,137 in ARPA funds to procure a Sea Ark MVJT 1872 Patrol Boat for the Marathon County Sheriff's Office.

LEGAL NOTE: The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2023 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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Proposal for Purchase of SeaArk MVJT 1872 Jet Outboard Boat

Please consider the following request to purchase a SeaArk MVJT 1872 boat with jet-outboard engine for the Sheriff's Office. The benefits it brings are believed to be well worth the purchase price. These benefits include boat patrols, gaining the ability to access more waterways in the county for patrol and rescue operations, and increased capabilities.

Current Equipment Shortcomings:

Our current equipment, the G3 patrol boat and the dive team's Jon Boat, do their role well, but have trouble when it comes to shallow water or riparian operations, and patrol operations respectfully.

The large motor and deeper draft of the G3 make it great for lake environments and waters in depths greater than two feet. It is needed for patrol operations on the rough waters which can be experienced on Lake Dubay. However, it is not the best for shallow waterways such as the rib river west of Trails-End Bar, the Mosinee Flowage north of Mosinee, the Wisconsin River north of the former Village of Brokaw, and the Big Eau Pleine River west of Balsam Road. In recent years we have had multiple calls for service in some of these areas, including the search for a missing vehicle involved in a homicide and a drowning north of Brokaw.

The dive team's Jon Boat is great for dive operations, however it's thin design and tiller set up limits its use. The tiller motor on the back does not allow boat patrol operations to be done effectively due to the position of the driver needs to be in to control the boat, limiting the boat to dive team use only.

Dependency on DNR Boats

During previous calls for service where our current boats could not go, we relied on the DNR to supply their jet boats. However, with recent changes in DNR staffing where we lost a warden position in the county, it will be harder for us to request the jet boats they possess, and we'll have to wait longer for them to arrive on scene.

Overcoming These Equipment Shortcomings

The recreational safety team put together a list of things a new boat would need to have to overcome the current shortcomings of our current equipment, that list included:

1. Boat's draft to be less than 12 inches (preferably 9 inches or less.)
2. Easy for solo man launch (21' in length or less, preferably 18')
 - a. Small enough for river use, but large enough still to handle patrol on Lake Dubay.
3. Jet-Drive Engine for river use
4. Diver door, swim ladder/platform, or other easy boat access for diver/rescue.
5. Collapsible overhead canopy
6. Console Driven, Preferably Center Console in design.

SeaArk MVJT 1872 Jet Outboard

After looking at multiple boats and consulting with the DNR, we agreed SeaArk makes a boat that would fit our needs. The DNR is happy with the SeaArk boats in their fleet, and we have seen one in action north of Brokaw. In speaking with Gary Klingler at Foster Bros Marine, and Ox-Bo Marine and discussing our uses for the boat they recommended the SeaArk MVJT 1872 with a jet-outboard engine for the following reasons:

1. The boat's draft allows it to operate in waters as shallow as four inches.
2. The boat is 18' in length with a 95" beam, which is large enough for rescue operations yet small enough for solo man boat patrol operations.
3. The hull design gives a weight rating of 10 persons or 1352 pounds allowing it to hold more equipment for rescue operations.
4. It will have a high horsepower jet drive outboard engine to use in riparian environments, so we don't have to rebuild the lower unit of the G3 for a fourth or fifth time. Yet be strong enough to catch boats stopped during patrol operations.
5. The rear of the boat has 2 "pods" with swim ladders which will allow for easy recovery of distressed swimmers.
6. There is a collapsible canopy available for the boat.
7. The boat has a center console design which is the best design for patrol operations, allowing us to approach boats on either side and have maximum maneuverability.

Additional Items

There are 2 additional items added onto the boat which are included in the purchase price of the boat. They include a trolling motor and hummingbird side imaging sonar unit.

The trolling motor would be used to get the boat out of very shallow waters where use of the jet motor is prohibited due to sand being sucked up into the impeller, which would damage it. It would also serve as a backup in case the main engine breaks, like the trolling motor on the G3.

The Hummingbird sonar unit would allow another boat to use side imaging sonar in the search and recovery missions. The DNR has shown us multiple times that this sonar unit can locate the bodies of drowning victims. Having a unit on this boat would be very beneficial to assist the dive team, as now two boats will be able to do sonar search, instead of just one which could help reduce search time. This is also for safety to allow us to know what depth we are operating in.

Cost Reimbursement

The DNR offers a maximum reimbursement of 75%. This would have to get preapproval and the 75 % is a max. Sometimes the reimbursement decreases slightly. The reimbursement is paid out over a 5-year period.

Estimate / Quote

Please see the two attached quotes, one from Ox-Bo Marine for \$48,137.00 and one from Foster Brothers Marine for \$53,149.00. We are attempting to get a third quote but are struggling to find another Sea Ark dealer nearby.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the recreational safety team as well as the citizens and visitors of Marathon County would greatly benefit from the shallow water and riparian uses of this boat. It would greatly assist the department with adding a second boat for patrol operations and to assist the dive team periodically with added equipment carrying capacity and diver recovery.

Sincerely,

Chief Deputy William Millhausen

Foster Bros. Marine

820 Babcock Blvd W.

Delano MN 55328

(763) 972-3199

Buyer's Order

Date

Deal No.

Salesperson Gary Klingler

Lienholder None

Marathon County Sheriff's

500 Forest Street
Wausau, WI 54403

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C 7152976718

Email brian.modrzejewski@co.marathon.wi.us

I hereby agree to purchase the following unit(s) from you under the terms and conditions specified. Delivery is to be made as soon as possible. It is agreed, however, that neither you nor the manufacturer will be liable for failure to make delivery.

Unit Information

New/U	Year	Make	Model	Serial No.	Stock No.	Price (Incl factory options)
New	2024	SeaArk	872 RXJT		SA-Quote-M	\$53,149.00
New	2024	Mercury	80HP Jet		MO-Quote_M	\$0.00
New	2024	Marine Maste	872 Galvanized		TI-Quote	\$0.00

Options:

Dealer Unit Price	\$53,149.00
Factory Options	\$0.00
Added Accessories	\$0.00
Freight	\$0.00
Dealer Prep	\$0.00

Cash Price	\$53,149.00
Trade Allowance	\$0.00
Payoff	\$0.00
Net Trade	\$0.00
Net Sale (Cash Price - Net Trade)	\$53,149.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00

Bimini Top, Auto Bilge Pump, SST Ladder, 36 Gallon fuel tank	\$0.00	D
Olive Drab, Line-x, 4-6" SST Cleats, Leaning Bench, 6-Eye Rings, Horn	\$0.00	D
Trailer with swing tongue, LED Lights, Spare Tire and Tie Downs	\$0.00	D
SST Grabrail around windshield, Hydraulic Steering, Pods	\$0.00	D
Terrova 80/US2/IP/BT45", Helix 10 CHIRP MSI GPS G4N FSI, 2 Deep Cycle Batteries	\$0.00	D
MinnKota MK-318PCL Charger, TM Quick Release Bracket, Lakemaster Chip	\$0.00	D

Total Other Charges	\$0.00
Sub Total (Net Sale + Other Charges)	\$53,149.00
Cash Down Payment	\$0.00
Amount to Pay/Finance	\$53,149.00

Notes:

Trade Information

NOTICE TO BUYER: (1) Do not sign this agreement before you read it or if it contains any blank spaces to be filled in. (2) You are entitled to a completely filled in copy of this agreement. (3) If you default in the performance of your obligations under this agreement, the vehicle may be repossessed and you may be subject to suit and liability for the unpaid indebtedness evidenced by this agreement.

TRADE-IN NOTICE: Customer represents that all trade in units described above are free of all liens and encumbrances except as noted.

*With Approved Credit. Interest rates and monthly payment are approximate and may vary from those determined by the lender.

Customer(s) Signature _____ Dealer Signature _____

Thank You for Your Business!

Date Printed 12/01/2023 4:15 PM



N5350 Club Grounds Road
 Juneau, WI 53039
 Phone (920) 386-0175 Fax (920) 386-0191
www.oxbomarine.com

Quotation

DATE 10/3/2023
 PRICES QUOTED ARE CASH.
 DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS ADD
 4% SURCHARGE.

TO: Marathon County Sheriff's Dept

Quotation valid until: 10 days

Prepared by: CAB

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	\$
1	SeaArk MVJT1872 - Standard Paint - OD Green	8,890.00	8,890.00
1	Treadplate Floor	1,928.00	1,928.00
1	Flat Top Center Console w/Storage	1,356.00	1,356.00
1	No Feed Back Steering - Hydraulic Steering is not necessary.	95.00	95.00
1	Bow Fuel Tank w/Storage Combo	2,332.00	2,332.00
1	Windshield & Grab Rail	289.00	289.00
1	SeatTrack Full Width on Back Bench	49.00	49.00
2	Millennium Seats - Gray	125.00	250.00
2	Seat Swivels	27.00	54.00
2	Seat Track Adaptors for Seat Track	96.50	193.00
1	Flotation Pods w/Ladder, Line X Finish & Grab Rail for Boarding	1,047.00	1,047.00
1	Safety Grab Rails on Sides of Boat	482.00	482.00
1	Rear Hinged Lid - Raised	317.00	317.00
1	Line X Interior	975.00	975.00
4	Stainless Steel Cleats	28.00	112.00
4	Eye Rings for Cap Rail Track System	43.00	172.00
1	Bimini Top	1,902.00	1,902.00
1	Trolling Motor Bracket - LOOSE	118.00	118.00
1	Mercury Controls	878.00	878.00
1	Dealer Freight & Prep	1,450.00	1,450.00
1	Mercury 80hp Jet	9,613.00	9,613.00
1	Vance Jet Outboard Bracket	437.00	437.00
1	Fuel/Water Filter	150.00	150.00
1	Marine Master Galvanized Trailer	3,425.00	3,425.00
1	Swing Tongue, LED Lights, Boat Buckles, Spare Tire, EX Long Guides	790.00	790.00
1	Minnkota Terrova 24V TM-US2/iPilot/GPS, Quick Rel Brkt & Circuit Breakers	2,290.00	2,290.00
1	2 - Batteries w/Trays & Trolling Motor Connection Kit	391.00	391.00
1	MK-318 PCL Battery Charger	300.00	300.00
1	Humminbird Helix 10 CHIRP-MEGA SI+ GPS, Ram Mount, LakeMaster Chip	2,345.00	2,345.00
1	Dealer Install Electronics	750.00	750.00
1	Commercial Grade 2200GPH Bilge Pump System w/Auto Flote	569.00	569.00
1	Commercial Grade Electrical System w/Battery, Switch, Expandable Panel	1,331.00	1,331.00
1	Commercial Grade LED Nav Light System w/ Seelite Hole Runner Housing	1,313.00	1,313.00
1	Trolling Motor Wiring to Bow	507.00	507.00
1	Turbo Swing XXL - Tow Bar	1,000.00	1,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

SUBTOTAL	\$ 48,100.00
TAX RATE	
SALES TAX	
LICENSE	37.00
TOTAL	\$ 48,137.00

If you have any questions contact Carla, 920-386-0175, boats@oxbomarine.com

**INITIAL RESOLUTION
REGARDING SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL
REVENUE BOND FINANCING FOR
WI RNG VDG LLC RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS
PRODUCTION PLANT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Section 66.1103 of the Wisconsin Statutes (the “Act”) authorizes Marathon County, Wisconsin (the “Issuer”), to authorize the issuance and sale of bonds by the Issuer to construct, equip, re-equip, acquire by gift, lease or purchase, install, reconstruct, rebuild, rehabilitate, improve, supplement, replace, maintain, repair, enlarge, extend or remodel industrial projects; and

WHEREAS, WI RNG VDG LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and/or a related entity, and/or a limited liability entity to be formed (collectively, the “Borrower”), desires to complete a project to be owned by the Borrower consisting of financing the (i) design, development, construction and operation of a solid waste disposal facility for the purpose of converting dairy cattle waste to natural gas for sale on property owned by Van Der Geest Dairy Cattle, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, at 5555 County Road A in the Village of Maine, Marathon County, Wisconsin (the “Project Site”), (ii) the lease of the Project Site to the Borrower for the production of renewable natural gas, (iii) acquisition and installation of an anaerobic digester and related equipment at the Project Site, (iv) capitalized interest during the construction period, (v) funding of a Debt Service Reserve Fund and other funds, if necessary, and (vi) payment of certain professional fees and costs of issuance (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project to be financed with one or more issues or series of tax-exempt and/or taxable industrial development revenue bonds (the “Bonds”) issued under the Act does not exceed \$45,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested that the Issuer now approve an initial resolution (the “Initial Resolution”) providing for the financing of the Project in an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is a county organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and is authorized to enter into revenue agreements with eligible participants with respect to the Project whereby eligible participants agree to cause said Project to be constructed and to pay the Issuer an amount of funds sufficient to provide for the prompt payment when due of the principal and interest on said industrial development revenue bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Marathon County, Wisconsin, as follows:

1. Based upon representations of the Borrower, it is the finding and determination of the Board of Supervisors that the Project is a qualified “project” within the meaning of the Act and that the Borrower is an “eligible participant” within the meaning of the Act. The Issuer shall:

(a) Finance the Project in an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000; and

(b) Issue industrial development revenue bonds in one or more series of tax-exempt and/or taxable bonds (the “Bond(s)”), in an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000 in order to finance costs of the Project.

2. The aforesaid plan of financing contemplates, and is conditioned upon, the following:

(a) The Bonds shall never constitute an indebtedness of the Issuer within the meaning of any state constitutional provision or statutory limitation;

(b) The Bonds shall not constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the Issuer or a charge against its general credit or taxing powers;

(c) The Project shall be subject to property taxation in the same amount and to the same extent as though the Project were not financed with industrial development revenue bonds;

(d) The Borrower shall find a purchaser for all of the Bonds;

(e) The County’s out-of-pocket costs, including but not limited to legal fees and trustee’s fees, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds shall be paid by the Borrower; and

(f) A notice of public hearing required by federal law for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Marathon County and a public hearing shall be held to provide interested individuals or parties the opportunity to testify as to the Project and the issuance of the Bonds.

3. The aforesaid plan of financing shall not be legally binding upon the Issuer nor be finally implemented unless and until:

(a) The details and mechanics of the same are authorized and approved by a further resolution of the Board of Supervisors which shall be solely within the discretion of the Board of Supervisors;

(b) The County Clerk shall cause notice of adoption of this Initial Resolution, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in Marathon County, and the electors of Marathon County shall have been given the opportunity to petition for a referendum on the matter of the aforesaid bond issue, all as required by law;

(c) Either no such petition shall be timely filed or such petition shall have been filed and said referendum shall have approved the bond issue;

(d) The County Clerk shall have received an employment impact estimate issued under Section 238.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

(e) All documents required to consummate the financing have been duly authorized and delivered.

4. Pursuant to the Act, all requirements that the Project be subject to the contracting requirements contained in Section 66.1103 are waived, the Borrower having represented that it is able to negotiate satisfactory arrangements for completing the Project and that the Issuer's interests are not prejudiced thereby.

5. The County Clerk is directed, following adoption of this Initial Resolution (i) to publish notice of such adoption not less than one time in the official newspaper of Marathon County, Wisconsin, such notice to be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and (ii) to file a copy of this Initial Resolution, together with a statement indicating the date the Notice to Electors was published, with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation within twenty (20) days following the date of publication of such notice.

6. This Initial Resolution is an "initial resolution" within the meaning of the Act and official action toward issuance of the Bonds for purposes of Sections 103 and 144 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Furthermore, it is the reasonable expectation of the Issuer that proceeds of the Bonds may be used to reimburse expenditures made on the Project prior to the issuance of the Bonds. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project on the date hereof is \$45,000,000. This statement of official intent is made pursuant to Treasury Regulations §1.150-2.

Dated: December 14, 2023

Approved as to Form:

Corporation Counsel

Finance Director

County Administrator

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of Marathon County, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors at a meeting of said County held in open session in accordance with the requirements of Subchapter V of Chapter 19 of the Wisconsin Statutes on December 14, 2023

Kim Trueblood, County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Supervisors of Marathon County, Wisconsin (the “Issuer”), at a regular meeting held at the Marathon County Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, Wisconsin, on December 14, 2023, adopted an Initial Resolution pursuant to Section 66.1103 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, expressing the intention to issue not to exceed \$45,000,000 of industrial development revenue bonds of the Issuer (the “Bonds”) on behalf of WI RNG VDG LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and/or a related entity, and/or a limited liability entity to be formed (collectively, the “Borrower”). The Borrower desires to complete a project consisting of financing the (i) design, development, construction and operation of a solid waste disposal facility for the purpose of converting dairy cattle waste to natural gas for sale on property owned by Van Der Geest Dairy Cattle, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, at 5555 County Road A in the Village of Maine, Marathon County, Wisconsin (the “Project Site”), (ii) the lease of the Project Site to the Borrower for the production of renewable natural gas, (iii) acquisition and installation of an anaerobic digester and related equipment at the Project Site, (iv) capitalized interest during the construction period, (v) funding of a Debt Service Reserve Fund and other funds, if necessary, and (vi) payment of certain professional fees and costs of issuance (collectively, the “Project”). The Borrower has represented that the net number of full-time equivalent jobs which the Project is expected to create on the Project site within three years is 10.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 66.1103 of the Wisconsin Statutes, all requirements that the Project be subject to the contracting requirements contained in Section 66.1103 are waived, the Borrower having represented that it is able to negotiate satisfactory arrangements for completing the Project and that the Issuer’s interests are not prejudiced thereby.

THE BONDS SHALL NEVER CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ISSUER, NOR SHALL THE BONDS GIVE RISE TO ANY PECUNIARY LIABILITY OF THE ISSUER, NOR SHALL THE BONDS BE A CHARGE AGAINST THE GENERAL CREDIT OR TAXING POWERS OF THE ISSUER. RATHER, THE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES AND OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE DERIVED PURSUANT TO THE REVENUE AGREEMENT RELATING TO SAID PROJECT TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE ISSUER AND THE BORROWER.

The Initial Resolution may be inspected in the office of the County Clerk at 500 Forest Street, Wausau, Wisconsin, during business hours.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE ELECTORS OF MARATHON COUNTY MAY PETITION FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF THE BOND ISSUE. Unless within thirty (30) days from the date of the publication of this Notice a petition signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the registered electors of Marathon County is filed with the County Clerk requesting a referendum on the question of the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer will issue the Bonds without submitting the proposition for the electors' approval. If such petition is filed as aforesaid, then the Bonds shall not be issued until approved by a majority of the electors of Marathon County voting thereon at a general or special election.

Kim Trueblood, County Clerk
Marathon County, Wisconsin



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OF
STANDING COMMITTEES



MARATHON COUNTY EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

Rick Seefeldt	Excused
Becky Buch	Present
David Baker	WebEx
Bobby Niemeyer	Absent
Tom Rosenberg	Present
Kim Ungerer	Excused
Crystal Bushman	WebEx

Staff Present: Administrator Leonhard, Chris Holman, Kurt Gibbs, Mike Puerner. WebEx: Kristie Heidenreich, Laurie Miskimins, Jeremy Solin

Others Present: Getel Stock, Kimm Weber, Reed Rayome, Supervisors Robinson, Aarrestad, Morache, Lemmer

[Meeting Recording](#)

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Seefeldt called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – (00:01)
3. **Public Comment** - None
4. **Approval of the October 5, 2023, Extension, Education & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes** – (00:01.34)
Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Buch to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
 - A. Consideration of Request from WI RNG VDG LLC for Adoption of Initial Resolution Regarding Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bond Financing for Renewable Natural Gas Production Plant Project – (00:02.5)
 - B. Marathon County Government’s Role in Providing Affordable High-Quality External Child Care – (00:17.5)
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Discussion of Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee’s 2024 Proposed Budget and Possible Recommendations Regarding Modifications – (00:19.34)
No action taken.
 - B. 2023 Housing Resolution – (00:36.25)
No Action taken.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. UWSP Campus Status – (00:57.27)
 - B. MCDEVCO’s Monthly Report – (01:07)
 - C. Library Monthly Report – (1:11)
 - D. UW – Extension Monthly Report – (1:12)
 - E. UWSP – Wausau Report – (1:13)
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items** – (1:14)
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 3:00pm
9. **Adjournment**
Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Buch to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Kelley Blume, Deputy County Clerk



MARATHON COUNTY EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

Rick Seefeldt	Present
Becky Buch	Present
David Baker	WebEx
Bobby Niemeyer	Absent
Tom Rosenberg	Present
Kim Ungerer	Present
Crystal Bushman	WebEx

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Michael Puerner, Chris Holman, Jeremy Solin, Leah Giordano, Miranda Gentry-Siegel

Others Present: Kimm Weber, Supervisor Lemmer

[Meeting Recording](#)

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Seefeldt called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of the November 2, 2023, Extension, Education & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes** – (0:01.00)
Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Buch to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:** None
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Marathon County's Role in Providing Affordable Housing
 1. 2023 Housing Resolution – (0:01.40)
Motion made by Rosenberg, second by Buch to forward the amended Resolution to the full County Board. Motion carried.
 - B. Consideration of Initial Resolution Digester Project – (0:14.25)
Motion made by Rosenberg, second by Bushman to except the initial Digester Resolution and present to the whole County Board. Motion carried.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. MCDEVCO's Monthly Report - (0:26.45)
 - B. Library Monthly Report – (0:36.45)
 - C. UW – Extension Monthly Report – (0:48.12)
 - D. UWSP – Wausau Report – (:51.50)
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items** – (0:53.38)
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2023, at 3:00pm
9. **Adjournment**
Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Buch to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Kelley Blume



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Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, December 5, 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 (Excused)	
	Dave Oberbeck.....	X		
	Andrew Venzke.....	X		
	Tony Sherfinski.....	X		
	Kim Ungerer	X		
	Mike Ritter.....	X		
	Marilyn Bhend.....	X		

MEETING RECORDING

Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins, Shad Harvey, Kirstie Heidenreich, Nicole Delonay, Garrett Pagel, Diane Hanson, Matt Repking, & Jeff Prichard - Conservation Planning and Zoning; Jamie Polley & Tom Lovlien – Parks and Department; Ann Lemmer – County Board Supervisor, Lance Leonard – County Administrator, Rich Grefe, Betty Hoenisch – Village of Maine, Adam Freihoefer, Mark Kaczorowski, Bernard Michaud – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Tim Vreeland, Mitch Gumz, Carrie Simonis

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:05 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Approval of October 31, 2023, Committee minutes**
Motion / second by Ritter/ Sherfinski to approve of the October 31, 2023, Environmental Resources Committee minutes. (0:01)
 Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
5. **Special Education**
 - A. DNR Information Related to Digestors in Marathon County (0:01)
6. **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 behalf of Paul and Carrie Simonis – G-A General Agriculture and R-R Rural Residential – Town of Guenther (1:03)

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 Guenther has reviewed the application and recommends approval



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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 4:14 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Ritter/Sherfinski to recommend approval to County Board, of the Paul & Carrie Simonis 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 behalf of Mitch Gumz — from G-A General Agriculture and F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential, F-P Farmland Preservation to G-A General Agriculture, and G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Hull (1:09)

Discussion: Pagel 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 Hull has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

Tim Vreeland was sworn in and stated he is the surveyor for this property and gave the reasoning for the rezone.

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 4:20 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Ungerer/ Venzke to recommend approval to County Board, of the Mitch Gumz 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



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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.

3. Tim Vreeland on behalf of Gladys Martin - F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential - Town of Brighton (1:18)

Discussion: Pagel 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 Brighton 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 4:26 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 Gladys Martin 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 plan. 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.

- ~~4. Chris Fieri on behalf of Seehafer Farms LLC Tyler Seehafer - F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential - Town of Marathon (1:22)~~
5. Keith Baxter on behalf of Clara Miller - G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential - Town of Green Valley (1:22)

Discussion: Pagel 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 refraining from a recommendation until the town of Green Valley gets the opportunity to discuss this rezone request. The Town Green Valley has reviewed the application and recommends an extension at this time.



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The testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 4:30 p.m.

Follow through: Will discuss when more information is received from the town.

B. Review and Possible Recommendation to County Board for its Consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.)

1. Texas – Town Zoning Ordinance (1:25)

Action: **Motion** / Second by Sherfinski/Drabek to approve the Town of Ringle Zoning update.

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

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

2. Ringle – Town Zoning Ordinance Update on Kennels (1:26)

Action: **Motion** / Second by Ritter/Sherfinski to approve the Town of Ringle Zoning Ordinance update.

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

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

C. Review and Possible Recommendations to County Board for its Consideration

1. Approval of Annual County Forest Work Plan (1:28)

Action: **Motion**/Second by Drabek/Venzke to forward to the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

2. Application for County Forest Acreage Share Loan Payment (1:30)

Action: **Motion**/Second by Venzke/ Ritter to forward to the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

3. County Fish and Game Projects (1:33)

Action: **Motion**/ Second by Sherfinski/Venzke to forward to the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

4. Amending the Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (1:35)

Action: **Motion**/ Second by Venzke/Ungerer to forward to the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

~~5. Amendments to Chapter 19 of Marathon County General Code (Parks)~~

6. Consideration of Initial Resolutions for Proposed Digester Projects (1:44)

Action: **Motion**/ Second by Sherfinski/Venzke to forward the initial resolution to the County Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

D. Review and Possible Action

1. Stormwater Cooperative Agreement 2024-2028(CPZ) (2:10)

Action: **Motion**/ Second by Ritter/Sherfinski

2. Agreement with DNR on the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan (Parks) (1:40)

Action: **Motion**/ Second by Ritter/ Venzke to approve the agreement with the DNR on the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan.



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7. Educational Presentations/ Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion

- A. Department Updates: Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Parks Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Solid Waste –
 - 1. Chapter 15, 21 & 22 Updates (CPZ) (2:14)

8. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration -None

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

Friday, January 5, 2023, 1:00 p.m. Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street Wausau WI

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
- B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence (2:21)

10. Adjourn – Motion/ second by Venzke/Sherfinski to **adjourn at 5:27 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



MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

Michelle Van Krey	Excused
Jennifer Aarrestad	Present
Ron Covelli	Present
Dennis Gonnering	WebEx
Donna Krause	Present
Alyson Leahy	WebEx
Bobby Niemeyer	Absent

Staff Present: Administrator Leonhard, Chris Holman, Dave Mack, Gary Olsen, Christa Jensen, Michael Puerner (WebEx)

Others Present: Supervisor Morache, Supervisor Marshall, Supervisor Robinson

[Meeting Recording](#)

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Vice-Chair Aarrestad called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** - None
4. **Approval of the October 4, 2023, Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes** (:00.30)
Motion by Covelli, second by Krause to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination** - None
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. 2024 85.21 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Grant Application (:01.20)
Motion made by Covelli, second by Gonnering to forward the Grant Application to the full County Board. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
 - B. Resolution supporting Senate Bill 328, Health care price transparency (:06.50)
Motion made by Covelli, second by Krause to adopt the Resolution supporting Senate Bill 328, and forward to the full County Board. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
 - C. Discussion of Human, Resources, Finance, and Property Committee's 2024 Proposed Budget and Possible Recommendations Regarding Modifications – (:29.15)
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Update regarding Residential Facility Services for the Developmentally Disabled population and Wausau Adult Day Services (ADS) from North Central Health Care (:12.45)
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 3:00pm
9. **Adjournment**
Motioned by Covelli, second by Krause to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Kelley Blume, Deputy County Clerk



MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

Michelle Van Krey	Present
Jennifer Aarrestad	Present
Ron Covelli	Present
Dennis Gonnering	Present
Donna Krause	Present
Alyson Leahy	WebEx
Bobby Niemeyer	Present

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Mike Puerner, Laura Scudiere, Gary Olsen, Christa Jensen, Dale Grosskurth

Others Present:

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Van Krey called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of the November 1, 2023, Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes (:00.45)**
Motion by Krause, Second by Aarrestad to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
 - A. Consideration of the Opioid Settlement fund deployment recommendations from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (:01.15)
HHSC would like to hold a joint meeting in January with Public Safety to discuss this further. No action taken.
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Lead Safe Homes Grant (:26.15)
Motion made by Aarrestad, second by Gonnering to forward to HRF. Motion carried, unanimously.
 - B. Cooperation Agreement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (:40.34)
Motion made by Covelli, second by Krause to adopt resolution and forward to the County Board.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Update regarding recent meeting with local State legislators regarding nursing home supplemental payments and other state funding (:45.00)
 - B. Marathon County Radon Mitigation Activities (:56.08)
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion. (1:01:35)
 - B. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 3:00pm
9. **Adjournment**
Motioned by Gonnering, Second by Covelli to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Kelley Blume



MARATHON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm**

Meeting Location: **Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

John Robinson	Present
Alyson Leahy	Present (W)
Kurt Gibbs	Present
Gayle Marshall	Present
Kody Hart	Present
Ann Lemmer	Present
Yee Leng Xiong	Excused

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Michael Puerner, Kim Trueblood, Kristi Palmer, Gerry Klein

Meeting Recording

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment - None**
4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
5. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Items for Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC
 1. Approval of Temporary and Utility Easement for Aerial Utility Access at 201 River Drive Property (:01)
Motion by Gibbs, Second by Hart to approve the Utility Easement. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 - B. Items for Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC to Forward to County Board
 1. Resolution Supporting Applications to PSC for Broadband Expansion (:04)
Motion by Gibbs, Second by Lemmer to approve the resolution and forward to the full board with corrections as noted.
 2. Establish Salaries for County Board Supervisors for 2024 and 2025 (:19)
Motion by Gibbs, Second by Lemmer to approve the resolution and forward it to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote but was not unanimous.
6. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
7. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 3:00 pm
8. **Adjournment – Motion by Hart, Second by Lemmer to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk



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HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 3:00 pm**

Meeting Location: **Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

John Robinson	Present
Alyson Leahy	Present (W)
Kurt Gibbs	Present
Gayle Marshall	Present (W)
Kody Hart	Present
Ann Lemmer	Present
Yee Leng Xiong	Present (W)

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Michael Puerner, Kim Trueblood, Kristi Palmer, Gary Olsen, Jamie Polley, Jason Hake, Jim Griesbach

Others Present: Supervisor Baker, Supervisor Morache (W)

[Meeting Recording](#)

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** - None.
4. **Approval of Minutes from the October 24 and November 2 HRFC meetings** – Motion by Hart, Second by Lemmer to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Items for Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC
 1. Approval of October claims and questioned costs – Motion by Gibbs, Second by Lemmer to approve the claims and questioned costs. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 2. Claim Disallowance – Dylan Lyon – Motion by Gibbs, Second by to approve the disallowance of the claim consistent with our insurer’s recommendation. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 - B. Items for Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC to Forward to County Board
 1. Amending the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget for the Marathon County Jail Kitchen Project (:05) – Motion by Lemmer, Second by Gibbs to approve the amendment. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 2. Proposed Budget Amendments
 - a. Resolution on Social Improvement Fund (Baker) (:14)
 - b. Resolution on Consolidation and Sale of Property (Marshall) (1:08)
 - c. Other Budget Amendments as Presented
Questions regarding the library amendment that was sent to the board – (1:27)
 3. Amended Budget Resolution (2:48)
 4. Amending the Proposed 2024 Budget CIP Fund
 - a. Sheriff’s Training Resource Center (2:05) – Motion by Gibbs, Second by Lemmer to support and move to the full board the amendment to the CIP. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 - b. County Highway N Bridge Replacement (2:07) – Motion by Gibbs, Second by Hart to support and move to the full board the amendment to the CIP. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 - c. Eastgate Hall Improvements (2:28) – Motion by
 - d. Eau Claire Dells Park Improvements (2:20)
 - e. Big Eau Pleine Park Improvements (2:16)
Motion by Gibbs, Second by to Lemmer to fund Eastgate Hall and Dells of the Eau Claire Park improvements using ARPA funds. Motion carried on a voice vote, but was not unanimous.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion. (2:49)
 - B. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 3:00 pm
9. **Adjournment** – Motion by Gibbs, Second by Lemmer to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk