



MARATHON COUNTY
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING TASK FORCE MEETING
MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: Marathon County Public Library - 300 N. First St., Wausau, Community Room - 2nd Floor, Wausau, WI 54403

Task Force Members: Allen Drabek, Gerry Fitzgerald, Gayle Marshall (virtual), Tom Rosenberg, Jean Schult (virtual), Jacob Langenhahn.

Others Present: Lance Leonhard, Ann Lemmer (virtual)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Taskforce member Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 5:12 pm and presided as Chair for the balance of the meeting.

2. Public Comments (15 Minute limit) – none offered.

3. Approval of the October 23, 2023 Minutes

The Chair noted that approval of the meeting minutes would be deferred to the next meeting, as the minutes were not circulated prior to the meeting. No action taken.

4. Educational Presentations - None

5. Committee Discussion

A. Discuss/Define Marathon County's Role in the Following TID Matters:

1. Extensions of TID Timeline

Discussion:

Discussion is had amongst members. Ultimately, the following two suggestions were made:

- Presumption should be that Marathon County's representative on the Tax Increment District review board oppose TID extension requests
- Marathon County Board of Supervisors should adopt a position opposing requests to the legislature to extend TID life

Some members allude to the following concerns for potential further discussion:

- How does this impact situations where a TID has negative growth?
- Does this approach take into account the potential benefit of future sales tax?
- Should we have a different consideration based on the makeup of the TID (residential, industrial park)

Action:

No formal motion made, or action taken at this time.

2. Exceedance of Valuation Limits

Discussion:

Discussion is had amongst members. Ultimately, the following suggestion was made:

- Marathon County Board of Supervisors should adopt a position opposing valuation limit exceedance requests to the municipality and the legislature.

Action:

No formal motion made, or action taken at this time.

3. Utilization of Donor TIDs

Discussion:

Discussion is had amongst members. Ultimately, no formal suggestion is made at this time. There is a request to hear from a representative of Wausau on the thought process for utilizing a TID as a donor prior to the taskforce formulating a formal policy suggestion.

Action:

No formal motion made, or action taken at this time.

Discussion:

During discussion of the above items, representatives made reference to the following questions for further discussion:

- What can the County do to ensure that the remaining Joint Review Board entities appoint appropriate representatives with sufficient background and knowledge?
- How can the County support the appointment of representatives with sufficient courage to vote “no” when appropriate.
- What recommendations are appropriate for this body to make, if any, to the County Board that would call for a request for the State of Wisconsin to take action?
- Has there been an extension request that has ever been voted down by the Joint Review Board?

6. **Future Meeting Dates and Times**

- The next meeting was scheduled for November 28, 2023 at 5pm.

7. **Adjournment**

Marshall made a motion, second by Fitzgerald, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes provided by Lance Leonhard, County Administration.