



Marathon County
Joint Human Resources, Finance, & Property Committee/ Solid Waste Management Board/ Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI

Environmental Resources Committee:		<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>		Rick Seefeldt	X	
		Allen Drabek	X	
		Dave Oberbeck	X	
		Andrew Venzke	X	
		Tony Sherfinski	X	
		Kim Ungerer	X	
		Mike Ritter	X	
		Marilyn Bhend	X	
		Rodney Roskopf	X	

Human Resources, Finance & Property Committee:		<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>		John Robinson	X	} Via in person, Webex Or phone
<i>Vice-Chair</i>		Alyson Leahy	X	
		Kurt Gibbs	X	
		Gayle Marshall	X	
		Kody Hart	X	
		Ann Lemmer	X	
		Yee Leng Xiong	X	

Solid Waste Management Board Committee:		<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>		Thomas Seubert	X	} Via in person, Webex Or phone
<i>Vice-Chair</i>		Jean Maszk	X	
		David Baker	X	
		Kerry Brimmer	X	
		Brad Lenz	X	
		Myron Podjaski	X	
		Dennis Gonnering	X	
		Ashley Lang	X	
		Allen Drabek	X	

Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins, Nicole DeLonay, Shad Harvey, and Garrett Pagel– Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Jamie Polley– Parks Department; Lance Leonhard – County Administrator; Chris Holman – Deputy Administrator; Mike Puerner – Corporation Counsel; Meleesa Johnson, and Dave Hagenbucher – Solid Waste Department, Margaret Fuentes

1. **Call to order** – Environmental Resources Committee called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:00 p.m. Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee called to Order by Chair Robinson at 3:00 p.m. Solid Waste Management Board Committee called to order by Chair Seubert at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Environmental Resources Committee, Human Resources, Finance, & Property Committee, & Solid Waste Management Board Determination**
 - A. **Motion** / second by Sherfinski/ Seefeldt to go into closed session (roll call vote was taken) pursuant to §§ 19.85(1)(e) and (g) for the purpose of conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, and for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the

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governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, to with: discussion and strategy regarding potential legal or contractual action relative to Marathon County Solid Waste facility.

Motion by Xiong, Second by Lemmer to go into closed session for HRFC, motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Motion by Maszk, second by Gonnering to go into closed session for SWMB, motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

- B. ERC **Motion** by Drabek/Ritter to Return to Open Session (roll call vote not required)
 - HRFC **Motion** by Xiong/Lemmer to Return to Open Session (roll call vote not required)
 - SWMB **Motion** by Maszk/Gonnering to Return to Open Session (roll call vote not required)

C. Announcements and/or Action Regarding Closed Session Discussion

ERC Action: **Motion** / second by Ungerer/Drabek to recommend to County Board to authorize staff to take all necessary actions to acquire landfill gas rights and direct HRF to identify funding.

SWMB Action: **Motion** / Second by Maszk/Brimmer to recommend to County Board to authorize staff to take all necessary actions to acquire landfill gas rights and direct HRF to identify funding.

HRFC Action: No action at this time.

~~5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution for the Environmental Resources Committee and the Solid Waste Management Board:~~

~~A. Review and Possible Recommendations to County Board for its Consideration—~~

- ~~1. Resolution to execute the negotiated siting agreement between the Town of Ringle and Marathon County Solid Waste Department for Phases 6-8 of Bluebird Ridge~~

~~Action: None.~~

~~Follow Through: Tabled to January 31st ERC meeting.~~

6. Adjournment of the Human Resources, Finance, & Property Committee, and Solid Waste Management Board

SWMB: **Motion** Mazak second by Baker to **adjourn** at 5:10 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

HRFC: **Motion** Hart second by Leahy to **adjourn** at 5:10 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

7. Approval of November 29, 2022, Environmental Resources Committee minutes

Motion / second by Drabek/Roskopf to approve of the November 29, 2022, Environmental Resources Committee minutes.

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

8. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution for the Environmental Resources Committee:

A. Public Hearings, Review, Possible Actions, and Possible Recommendations to the County Board for its Consideration (County Zoning changes)

- 1. Aaron Karlen on the behalf of Tim & Tracey Karlen - G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Wien

Discussion: Harvey was sworn in and noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Harvey reviewed the rezone request shown on the Preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) that was submitted with the petition. Harvey 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 of Wien has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person.

Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 5:49 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt/ Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Karlen 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 Zoning District. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. Based on the proposed land division and existing land uses onsite the rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. The committee made their recommendation of approval based on the information, findings of fact, and conclusions of law as described in the CPZ staff report included in the ERC packet.

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

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2. Tim Vreeland on behalf of Margaret Fuentes - R-E Rural Estate to R-R Rural Residential - Town of Knowlton

Discussion: Harvey noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Harvey 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 of Knowlton has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

Margaret Fuentes was sworn in and stated she is available for any questions.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person.

Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 5:56 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: Motion / second by Ritter/ Roskopf to recommend approval to County Board, of the Fuentes 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 Zoning District. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. Based on the proposed land division and existing land uses onsite the rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. The committee made their recommendation of approval based on the information, findings of fact, and conclusions of law as described in the CPZ staff report included in the ERC packet.

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

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

3. Richard Kersten & Cristy Wick - G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential - Town of Knowlton

Discussion: Harvey noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Harvey 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 of Knowlton has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person.

Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: Motion / second by Drabek/ Roskopf to recommend approval to County Board, of the Wick 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 Zoning District. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. Based on the proposed land division and existing land uses onsite the rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. The committee made their recommendation of approval based on the information, findings of fact, and conclusions of law as described in the CPZ staff report included in the ERC packet.

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

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

- B. Review and Possible Recommendation to County Board for its Consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.)

1. Town of Weston – RR-2 Rural Residential to RR -5 Rural Residential

Discussion: Harvey stated the Town of Weston is town zoned, intended to change the zoning classification/district to RR- 2 Rural Residential to RR-5 Rural Residential

Action: Motion / second by Seefeldt/ Ritter to recommend approval to County Board of the Town of Weston zone change.

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

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

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Per Chair Langenhahn's request, we will be scheduling a special ERC meeting to get through items C.1 & 2, and 9. 1 & 2. An email will be sent to confirm the best time available for committee members.

C. Review and Possible Recommendations to County Board for its Consideration –

1. Resolution for use of Environmental Impact Funds to fund Groundwater Plan efforts
Follow through: Will discuss at upcoming special ERC meeting.
2. Resolution for use of Environmental Impact Funds to fund replacement of aerators at the Big Eau Pleine
Follow through: Will discuss at January 31, 2023, ERC meeting.

9. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports and Environmental Resources Committee Discussion

- A. Department Updates: Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Parks Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Solid Waste
1. Educational Presentation on the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APPHIS); Jim Tharman, USDA APPHIS
Follow through: Will be rescheduled to February 28, 2023, ERC Meeting
 2. Chapter 15, 17, & 18 Updates: Review Summary of Proposed Changes and Schedule for Final Commenting
Follow through: Will discuss at upcoming special ERC meeting.

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

- A. Development of Policy on County Support of Events and revisions to Ordinance 12.04 – Assemblies
Discussion: Administrator Leonard is looking for volunteers to assist with the development of a Policy on County Support of Events and Revisions to Ordinance 12.04.

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

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

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
- Chair Langenhahn proposed that a Special ERC Meeting be held this week to discuss the remaining sections from today's ERC meeting agenda, depending on the availability of committee members.
- B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

12. Adjourn – Motion Seefeldt second by Ungerer to **adjourn** at 6:10 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Laurie Miskimins, CPZ Director

For Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

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

LM/nd