



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 30, 2024
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Attendance:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....	X	
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Allen Drabek.....	X	
	Rick Seefeldt.....	X	
	Dave Oberbeck.....	X	
	Andrew Venzke.....		X
	Tony Sherfinski.....	X	
	Kim Ungerer.....	X	
	Mike Ritter.....	X	
	Marilyn Bhend.....	X	

} Via in person,
Webex
Or phone

MEETING RECORDING

Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins, Shad Harvey, Nicole Delonay, and Garrett Pagel- Conservation Planning and Zoning; Lance Leonhard – County Administrator; Mike Puerner – Corporation Counsel, Kurt Gibbs – County Board Supervisor, Timothy Burkholder, and Chad Billeb – Marathon County Sheriff’s Office; Kevin Behnke

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Public Comment for Farmland Preservation Plan Draft** – None.
5. **Approval of January 5, 2024, Committee minutes (0:01)**
Motion / second by Sherfinski/Ritter to approve of the January 5, 2024, Environmental Resources Committee minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
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. Lawrence Olson on behalf of Bach Properties LLC - G-A-General Agriculture to L-D-R Low Density Residential -Town of Holton (0:04)

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 Holton has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:12 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the



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decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt/ Sherfinski to recommend approval to County Board, of the Lawrence Olson 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.

1. Jon Sundermeyer on behalf of Bach Properties LLC - G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential - Town of Holton (0:09)

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 Holton has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:16 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 Jon Sundermeyer 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.

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



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1. Opportunity for providing recommendations relative to items to be included in the Administrator's 2024 Annual Work Plan (0:13)
2. Marathon County Assemblies Ordinance (12.04): Review of Draft Updates & Consideration of forwarding to County Board (0:22)
- D. Review and Possible Action – None.
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. General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County: Overview of Draft Updates – Chapter 15 – Private Sewage Systems & Chapter 21 – Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Code (CPZ) (1:39)
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:**

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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.
 - B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence
10. **Adjourn – Motion/** second by Seefeldt/ Drabek to **adjourn** at 4:48 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