



MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE **AMENDED AGENDA**

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, B-105, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403

Committee Members: Jacob Langenhahn (Chair); Allen Drabek (Vice-Chair); Rick Seefeldt; David Oberbeck; Mike Ritter; Andrew Venzke; Tony Sherfinski; Kim Ungerer; Marilyn Bhend (Towns & Villages Association Rep)

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. (Last updated 12-20-05).*

Environmental Resources Committee Mission Statement: *Provide leadership for the implementation of the County Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to environmental resource initiatives of Marathon County. (Revised: 04/17/12)*

Strategic Plan Goals 2018 - 2022 Objective 5.2 - Promote sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth.

Objective 6.3 - Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference ten (10) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

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

1. **Call meeting to order.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Public Comment (15-minute limit)** *(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 in writing, 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. The topic must be relevant to the committee's area of jurisdiction.)*
4. **Public Comment for Farmland Preservation Plan Draft**
<https://www.marathoncounty.gov/services/conservation/farmland-preservation>
5. **Approval of January 30, 2024, Committee minutes**
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 Norman and Margaret Borntreger - G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate -Town of Wien
 2. Tim Vreeland on behalf of Dennis and Deborah Janz - R-E Rural Estate and G-A General Agriculture to G-A General Agriculture and R-E Rural Estate - Town of Spencer
 3. Town of Plover – Text Amendment Changes to Chapter 17
 4. Shad Harvey – Text Amendment Change to Chapter 15 – Private Sewage Systems
 5. Shad Harvey – Text Amendment Change to Chapter 21 – Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Code
 - B. Review and Possible Recommendations to County Board for its Consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.)
 1. Town of Wausau – Chapter 17 Amendment Update – Sec. 17.44 AT-1/40 Agriculture Transition District

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

1. Budget transfer request to accept Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Grant funds in the amount of \$99,760 for the aerator and monitoring at the Big Eau Pleine
2. Budget transfer request to accept Nature Conservancy Challenge Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for incentives to farmers in the Big Eau Pleine watershed for implementation of conservation practices
3. Budget transfer request to accept Department of Agriculture and Consumer Trade Protection Nutrient Management Grant in the amount of \$1,350 for incentives for farmers to implement practices related to nutrient management.
4. Budget transfer request to accept the Good Idea Mini-Grant in the amount of \$ 8,000 to implement phosphorus-reducing filter strips.

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), Conservation, Planning and Zoning

1. Brief Aerator Update
2. Groundwater Plan Update: Sampling, Eastern Groundwater Meeting, & Potential for Marathon County ARPA funds for well mitigation efforts
3. Brief Update on Farmland Preservation Plan

8. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination

9. Next meeting April 2, 2024, 3:00 pm Assembly Room and future agenda items:

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
- B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

10. Adjournment

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 at least one business day before the meeting.

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Date: 02/27/2024
Time: 2:00pm

By: _____
Date/Time/By: N D _____

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Presiding Officer or Designee

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County Clerk