



MARATHON COUNTY

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

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

Task Force Members Present: Chair David Oberbeck, Allen Drabek, Gerry Fitzgerald, Lisa Rasmussen, Jacob Langenhahn, Jean Schult (virtually).

Also Present: Kurt Gibbs, Peter Weinschenk, Lance Leonhard

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Oberbeck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Public Comments (15 Minute limit)** – Peter Weinschenk offers comments, including suggestions regarding recommendations for the Task Force to consider.

3. **Approval of the February 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Administrator Leonhard notes the error in the minutes relative to the time the meeting was called to order, explaining that the minutes should reflect that the meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

MOTION BY RASMUSSEN; SECOND BY FITZGERALD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SET FORTH IN THE PACKET, WITH THE CORRECTION NOTED BY ADMINISTRATOR LEONHARD. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Educational Presentations** - None

5. **Committee Discussion and Possible Action**

A. Finalize policy recommendations to be considered by the County Board of Supervisors relative to:

1. Guidance for the County's Representative on the Joint Review Board while performing their duties, including, but not limited to, specific guidance in the following areas:
 - a) Extensions of TID Timelines
 - b) Exceedance of Valuation Limits
 - c) Use of successful TIDs as Donor TIDs
2. Specific Recommendations for the County Board to consider forwarding to the State Legislature regarding potential changes in TIF and TID laws
3. Any other recommendations to be made to the County Board in connection with the Task Force's work

Discussion:

- Task force members have discussion regarding each of these three items concurrently, using a document provided by Task Force member Lisa Rasmussen as a basis from which to frame discussions.
- Members share several various thoughts on guidance to provide to the county's JRB representative, including that they should expressly consider the criteria set forth in the Department of Revenue manual to guide their decision making and they should require a clear schedule of anticipated performance for each TID (as required by Act 12), including payback and closure dates.
- Members also discuss specific areas for potential legislative advocacy, including expanding the JRB representation to include a County Board member at large and a School Board member at large and to limit the number of lifespan expansions for which a TID could be approved to one.

Action: No formal action taken

Follow up: Chair Oberbeck requests that all members review the document prepared by Task Force Member Rasmussen and be prepared to refine the recommendations at the next meeting.

Chair Oberbeck schedules the next Task Force meeting for March 11, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the Library. Staff to confirm location availability.

6. **Adjournment**

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DRABEK; SECOND BY LANGENHAHN. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:29 PM