



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 2, 2024
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....	X	
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Mike Ritter.....	X	
	Randy DeBroux.....	X	
	Al Drabek.....	X	
	John Kroll.....	X	
	Jay Schoenborn.....	X	
	Kim Ungerer.....		X(Excused)
	Rick Seefeldt.....	X	
	Marilyn Bhend	X	
	Tom Mueller.....	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 – Administrator, Chris Holman - Deputy Administrator, Michael Puerner -Corporation Counsel; Kurt Gibbs – County Board Chair, Jamie Polley – Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Dave Hagenbucher – Solid Waste Department, Dustin Vreeland, Keith Ziemba, Al Christensen, Jessica Tlusty, Leon Falkowski, Diane Wolff

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**
4. **Approval of June 4, 2024, Committee minutes** (0:01)
Motion / second by Kroll/Drabek to approve of the June 4, 2024, Environmental Resources Committee minutes with corrections provided by Supervisor Kroll. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
5. **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. ~~Michael and Sue Gesse – CV-RC Conservancy and Recreation to F-P Farmland Preservation and CV-RC Conservancy and Recreation and F-P Farmland Preservation to L-I Light Industrial Town of Hull~~
 2. Tim Vreeland on behalf of Kieth Ziemba - L-D-R Low Density Residential to R-R Rural Estate and G-A General Agriculture - Town of Knowlton (0:07)

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

Dustin Vreeland, Bob Swieda and Keith Ziemba were sworn in and provided testimony. There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The



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testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:15 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

The public hearing was reopened at 3:17pm.

Shad Harvey & Mike Puerner were sworn in and provided clarification to the Public Hearing Notice and Agenda.

The committee continued discussions and deliberated.

Action: Motion / second by Seefeldt/Ritter to recommend approval to County Board, of the Keith Ziemba 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.

3. Marathon County - H-I Heavy Industrial or, in the alternative, a specified Solid Waste or Landfill Gas designation specific to the landfill gas processing facility located on site - Town of Ringle (0:19)

Discussion: Mike Puerner provided information regarding the Marathon County - H-I Heavy Industrial rezone or, in the alternative, a specified Solid Waste or landfill gas designation specific to the landfill gas processing facility located on site within the Town of Ringle.

The public hearing was reopened at 3:25pm.

Jessica Tlusty was sworn in.

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 3:29 p.m. The committee deliberated.

Action: Motion / second by Kroll/Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Town of Ringle rezone to H-I Heavy Industrial. The committee made their recommendation of approval based on the information and testimony presented as well as information contained in the meeting packet.

Motion **carried** by roll call vote: Mueller - No, Schoenborn - No, Kroll - Yes, Drabek - Yes, Seefeldt - Yes, Ritter - Yes, Langenhahn – Yes, DeBroux - No. Motion passed by roll call vote 5 to 3.

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

1. Marathon County Assemblies Ordinance (12.04): Review of Draft Update & Consideration of forwarding to County Board (<https://www.marathoncounty.gov/services/zoning>) (0:56)

Action: Motion / Second by Drabek/Schoenborn motion to send back to the Assemblies Ordinance Workgroup, with suggestions to look further at fee structures and engage the Dairy Breakfast group.

Follow through: Proceed with an educational presentation to Public Safety and Infrastructure Committees.

6. Educational Presentations/ Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion

Commented [SH1]: Since this is not a normal rezone there was no staff report/conclusions of law this process was derived from 59.69(9)a



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- A. Department Updates: Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Parks Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Solid Waste –
 - 1. 2024 1st Quarter Financial Reports (Budget to Actual) for Departments of Jurisdiction (1:33)
 - 2. Comprehensive Plan Update to incorporate updated Farmland Preservation Plan (2024-2033) (1:40)
 - 7. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration**
 - A. Discussion regarding 2025 Annual Budget Development and policy recommendations from the committee, including Review of the Mandatory / Discretionary Program document and discussion of Rates and Fees (1:43)
 - 8. Next meeting date, time & location, and future agenda items:**
 - Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 8:30 a.m. *Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street Wausau WI (see below) &***
 - Tuesday, July 30, 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
 - 1. Scheduling Special ERC Meeting for Educational Topics Only on July 16, 2024, 8:30AM at Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI.
 - 9. Adjourn – Motion/** second by Seefeldt/Ritter to **adjourn** at 4:56 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