



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

Attendance:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....		X(Excused)
<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(Excused)
	Marilyn Bhend		
	Tom Mueller.....		X(Excused)

Via in person,
Webex
Or phone

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Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins, Shad Harvey, Nicole Delonay, Dave Decker and Garrett Pagel- Conservation Planning and Zoning; Lance Leonhard – Administrator, Chris Holman - Deputy Administrator, Michael Puerner -Corporation Counsel; Parks and Recreation – Jamie Polley, Kurt Gibbs – County Board Chair, Chris Dickinson, County Board Vice Chair, Michael Gosse, Sue Gosse,

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Vice Chair Ritter at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of July 2 & 16, 2024, Committee minutes** (0:01)

Motion / second by DeBroux/ Schoenborn to approve of the July 2 & July 16, 2024, Environmental Resources Committee minutes. 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. Tim Vreeland on behalf of Randall Gorski – G-A General Agriculture to R-E Ryrak Estate - Town of Easton (0:06)

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

Dave Decker 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 3:12 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: Motion / second by Drabek/Kroll to recommend approval to County Board, of the Randall Gorski rezone request. Noting the reasoning provided in the staff report and conclusions of law, the Committee



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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.

2. Dennie & Linda Davis - R-R Rural Estate & R-E Rural Estate to G-A General Agriculture
- Town of Easton (0:12)

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 of Easton 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 3:15 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Kroll/ Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Dennie & Linda Davis 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.

3. Riverside Land Surveying Nathan Wincentsen PLZ on the behalf of ON-Q Holsteins LLC – G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate - Town of Easton (0:15)

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 of Easton 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 3:19 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Kroll/ Schoenborn to recommend approval to County Board, of the On-Q Holsteins LLC 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



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

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

4. Michael and Sue Gosse - 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 (0:20)

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 of Hull 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 3:28 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Drabek/ DeBroux to recommend approval to County Board, of the Michael & Sue Gosse 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

1. Petition of Tyler Seehafer – Text Amendment Changes to Chapter 17 (0:29)

Action: **Motion** / Second by Kroll/Schoenborn motion to forward with the recommended language and addition of DATCP approval language in the adopting ordinance to the County Board for consideration.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, one dissent.

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

6. Educational Presentations/ Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion

- A. Department Updates: Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Parks Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Solid Waste –
 1. Workday Review of Second Quarter Department Budget versus Actuals (0:50)



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7. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration** – None.
8. **Next meeting date, time & location, and future agenda items:**
Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 3:00 p.m. *Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street Wausau WI (see below)*
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence
 1. Upcoming Outreach on Comprehensive Plan Amendment related to the recently adopted Farmland Preservation Plan Update. (1:01)
9. **Adjourn – Motion/** second by Kroll/ Drabek to **adjourn** at 4:04 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