



**Marathon County  
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

| <b>Attendance:</b> | <b><u>Member</u></b>   | <b><u>Present</u></b> | <b><u>Not present</u></b> |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Chair</i>       | Jacob Langenhahn ..... |                       | X ( <i>excused</i> )      |
| <i>Vice-Chair</i>  | Sara Guild .....       | X                     |                           |
|                    | Rick Seefeldt.....     | X                     |                           |
|                    | Bill Conway .....      | X                     |                           |
|                    | Allen Drabek.....      | X                     |                           |
|                    | Randy Ffrick .....     | X                     |                           |
|                    | Dave Oberbeck .....    | X                     |                           |
|                    | Marilyn Bhend .....    | X                     |                           |
|                    | Rodney Roskopf.....    | X                     |                           |

} via Webex or phone

Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins, Robert Hoffman, Andrew Lynch, Jeff Pritchard, Kirk Langfoss, Nicole DeLonay and Cindy Kraeger – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); David Hagenbucher – Solid Waste Department; Kurt Gibbs – County Board Chair; Lance Leonhard – County Administrator; Jean Maszk, Jean Kopplin – County IT; Jamie Polley – Parks, Recreation and Forestry (PRF); Stacey Morash, Jeff Kussow – Cedar Corporation, Dorothy Olson, Bruce Wineman, Al Christensen, Leon Falkowski, Myron Podjaski, Dennis Frank, Carla Mannigel and Dominique Swangstu.

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Vice-Chair Guild at 3:00 p.m. via WEBEX.

2. **Public Comment** – None.

3. **Approval of January 4, 2022 Committee minutes**

**Motion** / second by Drabek / Oberbeck to approve of the January 4, 2022 Environmental Resources Committee minutes as distributed.

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

4. **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. Jason Pflieger Northcentral Land Surveying LLC on behalf of Jonathan Shanak – R-E Rural Estate to H-I Heavy Industrial – Town of Hewitt

Discussion: Hoffman was sworn in and noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Hoffman reviewed the rezone request of Lot #1 on the preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) that was submitted with the petition. The rezone request is related to the adjusting a property line that runs through an existing building that is zone H-I Heavy Industrial. Hoffman 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.

Hoffman stated James Griesbach, Marathon County Highway Commissioner, submitted an email stating the seasonal weight limits beginning ½ mile north of STH 52 in which there will be no change to the seasonal posting, no oversize loads will be permitted during this time. Hoffman stated the rezone request will be to adjust a property line, subsequently no development is being proposed in association with the rezone.

The Town of Hewitt 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. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:20 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Ffrick / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Jason Pflieger Northcentral Land Surveying LLC on behalf of Jonathan Shanak 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 plan and is not located in

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the Farmland Preservation Zoning District. 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. Public hearing on text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code <https://bit.ly/3K0t1a6>

Discussion: Miskimins was sworn in and discussed the changes related to the annual text amendments to Chapter 17 Zoning Code. At the previous committee meeting on January 4, 2022, the committee was briefed on the proposed revisions. There were no questions from committee members. CPZ held an open house on January 18, 2022. In January, the Town Chair of Elderon shared with CPZ he was not in favor of the new text amendment changes to shipping/storage containers. The Town of Plover shared they are favor of the new text amendment changes to the shipping/storage containers. Discussion occurred regarding the shipping/storage containers and how the concern may be around numbers and appearance.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to the text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code virtually or in person. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:40 p.m. Committee deliberated.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Oberbeck to postpone the text amendment revisions to the Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code.

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

Follow through: Staff directed to look at additional text amendment options regarding the shipping containers and bring back possible changes to the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code at the next scheduled meeting. This might include a suggestion to not move any changes to the shipping/storage container language forward this year.

3. Public hearing on the Town of McMillan recommended changes on the town zoning district map <http://www.townofmcmillan.com/index.php>

Discussion: Miskimins reviewed the memo that was included in the meeting packet regarding the timeline of the Town of McMillan, and why these rezones were before the committee.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to the Town of McMillan recommended changes on the town zoning district map virtually or in person. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:52 p.m. Committee deliberated.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Oberbeck to approve the Town of McMillan recommended changes on the town zoning district map.

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.)

1. Town of Ringle – Comprehensive Revision and Adoption of a Town Zoning Ordinance and Zoning District Map consistent with Wis. Stats., 60.62(3) <https://townofringlewi.com/ordinances-resolutions/>

Discussion: Hoffman discussed this is in front of the Committee due to County Board needing to take action on Town zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.)

Jeff Kussow – Cedar Corporation discussed the memo that was included in the packet explaining the process of the comprehensive revision and adoption of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Conway to approve the Town of Ringle Comprehensive

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Revision and Adoption of a Town Zoning Ordinance and Zoning District Map consistent with Wis. Stats., 60.62(3).

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

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

2. Town of Rib Mountain – PIN# 068-2807-211-0999 ER-1 to SR-3

Discussion: Hoffman stated the Town of Rib Mountain is town zoned and the rezone petition submitted was intended to change the zoning classification/district from ER-1 to SR-3. The zoning change was approved at the town board meeting on June 1, 2021. Although the town is town zoned, County Board approval is still needed per Wis. Stats.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Seefeldt to recommend approval to County Board of the Town of Rib Mountain, PIN# 068-2807-211-0999 zone change.

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

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

3. Town of Rib Mountain – PIN# 068-2807-101-0881 SO/SC to SC

Discussion: Hoffman stated the Town of Rib Mountain is town zoned and the rezone petition submitted was intended to change the zoning classification/district from SO/SC to SC. The zoning change was approved at the town board meeting on June 1, 2021. Although the town is town zoned, County Board approval is still needed per Wis. Stats.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board of the Town of Rib Mountain, PIN# 068-2807-101-0881 zone change.

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

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

4. Town of Rib Mountain – PIN# 068-2807-221-0951 & PIN # 068-2807-221-0950 ER-1 & SR-2 to SR-3

Discussion: Hoffman stated the Town of Rib Mountain is town zoned and the rezone petition submitted was intended to change the zoning classification/district from ER-1 & SR-2 to SR-3. The zoning change was approved at the town board meeting on August 3, 2021. Although the town is town zoned, County Board approval is still needed per Wis. Stats.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Oberbeck to recommend approval to County Board of the Town of Rib Mountain, PIN# 068-2807-221-0951 & PIN # 068-2807-221-0950 zone change.

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

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

5. Town of Rib Mountain – PIN# 068-2807-044-0999 SR-3 to SC

Discussion: Hoffman stated the Town of Rib Mountain is town zoned and the rezone petition submitted was intended to change the zoning classification/district from SR-3 to SC.

The zoning change was approved at the town board meeting on January 18, 2022. Although the town is town zoned, County Board approval is still needed per Wis. Stats

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Oberbeck to recommend approval to County Board of the Town of Rib Mountain, PIN# 068-2807-044-0999 zone change.

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

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

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

1. Purchase of 39.085 Acres Adjacent to Brokaw County Park for Park Land

Discussion: Polley discussed on August 3, 2021 the Park Commission authorized staff to further pursue the purchase of approximately 38 acres of land from Mathy Construction which is currently adjacent to the Brokaw County Park property. The land connected to the north of the property line is mostly wooded and contains a portion of an existing snowmobile trail. The offer to purchase the land has been reviewed the County's Corporation Counsel. The offer has been reviewed and accepted by Mathy Construction which is included in the meeting packet. The purchase of this land falls within the Strategic Plan Objective 5-2. An average of 320 acres will be acquired for the Marathon County Parks and Forests system by the end of 2022. The Park Commission

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recommended the purchase of the land February 1, 2022.

Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Fifrick to recommend approval to purchase 39.085 acres adjacent to Brokaw County Park for Park land.

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

Follow through: Forward to Human, Resources and Finance Committee and to move it forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Fenwood Creek Funding Request

a. Proposed State funding

Discussion: Daigle announced the Fenwood Creek Funding will be introduced as a bill to the WI legislature in February.

Action: None.

b. DNR Targeted Resource Management Grant

Discussion: CPZ is applying for the DNR Targeted Resource Management Grant for the Fenwood which is roughly \$400,000 over 3-4 years to help get individual farm success and help implement State performance standards. This will not meet State Water Quality goals in the Fenwood Watershed.

Action: None.

c. County Fiscal Recovery Funds

Discussion: Daigle discussed the application to seek county fiscal recovery funds on the Fenwood Creek Funding request will be resubmitted to the Human Resources Finance Committee using the new form.

Action: **Motion** / second by Oberbeck / Fifrick to allow CPZ staff to continue to support the ERC application work for ARPA using the process approved by County Board.

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

D. Review and Possible Action

1. Environmental Repair Fund Status

Discussion: Hagenbucher discussed the Environmental Repair Funds in which the funds can be used for closure expenses of landfills/ cells. Leonhard discussed what are the legal uses of the funds and how to utilize the funds to facilitate the closure of the cells at the Marathon County Solid Waste Landfill. Chair Gibbs suggested doing more research on the current facilities before making a decision.

Action: None.

5. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion**

A. Department Updates: Conservation, Planning and Zoning

- Miskimins congratulated Cindy Kraeger on her upcoming retirement.

6. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration**

7. **Next meeting date, time & location and future agenda items:**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 2022 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

- Update on the MCDEVCO POWTS Loan program

B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

- Rodney Roskopf (FSA) representative was welcomed to the Committee
- Paul Daigle announced his early retirement from the County and is pursuing other opportunities

8. **Adjourn** – **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Oberbeck to **adjourn** at 4:40 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Laurie Miskimins, CPZ Director

For Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

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cc: (via email/web site) ERC members; County Clerk

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