



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, November 2, 2021
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

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

Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Paul Daigle, Laurie Miskimins, Andrew Lynch, Dominique Swangstu, and Cindy Kraeger – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Jamie Polley– Park, Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Stacey Morash, Jean Maszk and Craig McEwen - County Board Vice Chair.

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:00 p.m. via WEBEX.
2. **Public Comment** – None.
3. **Approval of October 5, 2021 Committee minutes**

Motion / second by Drabek / Seefeldt to approve of the October 5, 2021, 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)** - None.

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. Update to Chapter 19, Sec. 19.07 – Animals of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances

Discussion: Polley discussed the text amendment changes to Chapter 19 – Sec. 19.07 – Animals of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances. The People’s Sports Complex is a special use County Park that hosts a variety of events. Specific rules were established to assist with keeping the facility a high-quality facility. One of the rules established was that pets are not allowed either on or off a leash. One of the activities that has tried to take place at the complex is the training of law enforcement K9 units. The Wausau Police Department is questioning this ordinance. Staff believes the intention of this ordinance is to restrict animals from the facilities listed except assistance dogs.

Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Drabek to approve the update to Chapter 19. Sec. 19.07 Animals of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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

D. **Review and Possible Action**

1. Proposed 2022 meeting schedule

Discussion: The 2022 tentative meeting schedule was included in the meeting packet. All dates were acceptable as presented.

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

A. Department Updates: Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Parks Recreation and Forestry (PRF) Solid Waste

1. Update on Fenwood Creek funding request

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A. Funding request

Discussion: Daigle discussed the progress on the surface water grant that was recently applied for which will extend the funding for the Water Resource Technician position and allow for additional work in the Fenwood Creek Watershed.

B. Buffer and gully inventory

Discussion: Jared Mader, Water Resource Technician has begun compiling a full buffer and gully inventory in the Fenwood Creek Watershed.

C. Water quality monitoring

Discussion: CPZ staff are preparing to take water quality samples on a biweekly basis, with UW-Stevens Point analyzing the samples.

2. Wisconsin Fund (POWTS)

Discussion: Miskimins reported the State did approve the funding of the Wisconsin Fund grant through 2023. Committee discussion occurred regarding the MCDEVCO revolving loan program, number of applicants, number of submitted applications, use of the funds and if adjustments need to be made to the revolving loan program.

Follow through: CPZ will follow up with MCDEVCO and bring back at a future meeting.

3. Animal Waste and Nutrient Management Ordinance revisions – Set public hearing date

Discussion: Daigle discussed the possible minor revisions needed to the Animal Waste and Nutrient Management Ordinance. These minor revisions relate to adding state language for state performance standards and will assist in Marathon County's ability to secure more points in grant application rankings. Daigle discussed the proposed public hearing date of January 4, 2022 with the Committee for these revisions with written comments being accepted until the public hearing date.

Follow through: The Animal Waste and Nutrient Management Ordinance revisions public hearing date will be on January 4, 2022.

4. Environmental Repair Fund Update

Discussion: Langenhahn added this agenda item based on a committee member request. The memos that were previously sent to the Committee were included in the packet. Langenhahn stated the Environmental Repair Funds can only be accessed if there is a legislative change. County Board Chair had been in contact with the state legislature. Langenhahn will invite County Board Chair to have discussion regarding these funds at a future meeting.

Action: None needed, for informational purposes only.

Follow through: None.

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, November 30, 2021, 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. Strategic Plan implementation update

8. **Adjourn – Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Drabek to **adjourn** at 3:35 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Laurie Miskimins, CPZ Director

For Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

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

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