



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Thursday, March 5, 2020
212 River Drive, Wausau WI**

Attendance:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....	X	
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Randy Fifrick.....	X	
	Rick Seefeldt	X	
	Jim Bove	X	
	Allen Drabek	X	
	Sara Guild.....	X (arrived at 4:10)	
	Arnold Schlei	X	
	Dave Oberbeck.....	X	
	Marilyn Bhend	X	
	Eric Vogel	X	

Also present: Rebecca Frisch, Cindy Kraeger, Robert Hoffman, Matt Repking – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Dave Hagenbucher – Solid Waste; Tom Lovlien – Park, Recreation, and Forestry (PRF); Dan Higginbotham, David Hannemann and Paul Hackel.

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:00 p.m. at 212 River Drive Room 5, Wausau, WI.
2. **Public Comment** – None.
3. **Approval of February 6, 2020 Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) minutes.**

Motion / second by Drabek / Bove to approve of the February 6, 2020 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. **Norman and Marlys Tremelling on behalf of Larry and Clifford Eckes L- I Light Industrial, R-R Rural Residential and R-E to R-R Rural Residential– Town of Spencer**

Discussion: Hoffman was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. Request to rezone from L-I to R-R land shown as Lot 2 of the Preliminary Certified Survey Map. Request to rezone from R-E to R-R land shown as Lot 1 of the Preliminary Certified Survey Map as described in the public hearing notice.

The Town of Spencer has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. 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 Fifrick / Schlei to recommend approval to County Board, of the Norman and Marlys Tremelling on behalf of Larry and Clifford Eckes rezone request. Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not located in the Farmland Preservation Plan. Adequate facilities are present and providing public facilities will not burden local government. The rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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

2. **Jerrod Kautza and Gerald & Diane Resch L-D-R Low Density Residential, R-R Rural Residential and G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate – Town of Plover**

Discussion: Hoffman was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. The request to rezone 5.48 acres on Lot 1 of the Preliminary Certified Map to make the property compliant.

The Town of Plover has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:30 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrlick / Vogel to approve the Jerrod Kautza and Gerald & Diane Resch rezone request. Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not located in the Farmland Preservation Plan. Adequate facilities are present and providing public facilities will not burden local government. The rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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

3. Dan Higginbotham, Plover River Land Co., on behalf of David and Patricia Tomson - G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Plover

Discussion: Hoffman was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. Request to rezone 3.61 acres Lot 1 of the Preliminary Certified Survey Map from G-A to R-R. Request to rezone 5.59 acres Lot 1 of the Preliminary Certified Map from R-E Rural Estate to R-R Rural Residential to allow for residential construction on the parcel.

The Town of Plover has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:35 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrlick / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Dan Higginbotham, Plover River Land Co., on behalf of David and Patricia Tomson rezone request. Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not located in the Farmland Preservation Plan. Adequate facilities are present and providing public facilities will not burden local government. The rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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

4. Public testimony on text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 11.02 Animal Waste Management Ordinance

Discussion: Repking was sworn in and briefly explained the changes related to the text updates to the Chapter 11.02 ordinance. Repking specifically reviewed more significant policy changes that are being proposed to ensure the revisions are most beneficial to Marathon County and to bring clarity to the farmers that are consistent with state standards but not more restrictive. Repking reported the Livestock Facility definition was omitted from the ordinance and distributed it to Committee members and should be included with their motion. Repking read into the record the letters received from John Kennedy - Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization (BEPCO); Matthew Oehmichen, Doreen Erbrecht – Town of Plover Clerk in support of the Animal Waste Ordinance and Dennis Dieringer – Town of Spencer Chairman found no objections to the proposed changes. Committee discussion occurred regarding the size of the on the stacking restrictions.

Frisch was sworn in and briefly explained Corporation Counsel worked with Repking to ensure the ordinance is consistent with the DNR.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to the text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 11.02 Animal Waste Management Ordinance.

The committee closed the public hearing at 4:00 p.m. and deliberated.

Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to approve the text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 11.02 Animal Waste Management Ordinance.

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

Note: The committee realized they did not include Livestock Facility definition in their motion.

Action: **Motion** / second by Ffrick / Seefeldt to rescind the approval of the text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 11.02 Animal Waste Management Ordinance.

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

Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt/Bove to approve the text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 11.02 Animal Waste Management Ordinance.

Action: **Motion** / second by Bove / Ffrick to approve the addition of the Livestock Facility definition in the ordinance.

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

Action of original motion:

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

1. Resolution: Consider the Purchase of the CERES Timber Property LLC Property for County Forest

Discussion: This property purchase started in 2018 and the purchase price agreed upon is the appraised value of the land. The meeting packet included the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, addendum and maps. Lovlien recommended forwarding the resolution to Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee and County Board for consideration of 200 acres in the Town of Hewitt which will meet the objectives of the Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Plan and the Strategic Plan.

Action: **Motion** / second by Ffrick / Schlei to approve and forward the Resolution.

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

Follow through: The resolution will be forwarded to Human Resource, Finance and Property Committee, and County Board for consideration at their next scheduled meetings.

2. Resolution: Adopting Marathon County Solid Waste Management Board Strategic Plan 2020-2025

Discussion: Hagenbucher reviewed the Strategic Plan and five objectives with the Committee.

Action: **Motion** / second by Guild / Drabek to approve and forward the Resolution – Adopting Marathon County Solid Waste Management Board Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

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

Follow through: The resolution will be forwarded to County Board for consideration at its next scheduled meeting.

3. Resolution: Authorize responsible representative for DNR Grant

Discussion: Frisch discussed the resolution that was included in the meeting packet authorizing the Land and Water Program Director to act on behalf of Marathon County to sign the grant agreement.

Action: **Motion** / second by Schlei / Seefeldt to authorize responsible representative for DNR Grant.

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

Follow through: Resolution will be forward to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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

C. Review and Possible Action

1. Stone Horizon Final Plat

Discussion: Frisch reviewed the Stone Horizon Final Plat with the Committee. The preliminary plat was reviewed with the Committee previously and no substantial change from the preliminary plat to the final plat has occurred.

Action: **Motion** / second by Guild / Seefeldt to recommend approval of the Stone Horizon Final Plat Map. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Committee Chair signed Final Plat.

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

A. 2019 County Forest Division Annual Report

Discussion: Lovlien discussed some of the program highlights including revenue and expenses, timber management, road and trail maintenance, wildlife management, recreation, public outreach and professional development.

Action: None needed.

Follow through: The report will be distributed to the full County Board and regular plan holders according to the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

B. MS4 Storm Water Management grant project

Discussion: Frisch provided an update of the \$64,000 grant received in late December to analyze the stormwater runoff on Marathon County properties.

Action: **None.**

Follow through: Future action needed to retain services of a consultant.

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

A. Legislative and Budget Report: current and future legislative initiatives

Discussion: Frisch distributed the legislative report. CPZ will monitor the state budget and update the Committee of any impacts.

Action: **None.**

Follow through: CPZ continues to monitor any updates and update the Committee.

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

Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:00 p.m. 212 River Drive, Room 5 Wausau WI

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion

B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

Discussion: Frisch stated with the County Board elections in April the committee should be aware of the upcoming committee meeting dates to allow for the public hearing notices to be posted in a timely manner.

8. **Adjourn – Motion** / second by Schlei / Drabek to **adjourn** at 5:00 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Rebecca Frisch, CPZ Director

For Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

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

RF/cek