



**Marathon County  
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, May 5, 2020  
210 River Drive, Wausau WI**

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

} via Webex or phone

Also present via Webex or phone: Paul Daigle, Rebecca Frisch, Dominique Swangstu, Dave Decker, Lane Loveland, Jeff Pritchard, Cindy Kraeger– Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Tom Lovlien – Park, Recreation, and Forestry (PRF), Meleesa Johnson – Solid Waste and Craig McEwen.

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:00 p.m. via WEBEX.
2. **The Public Comment portion of the agenda has been temporarily suspended, pursuant to Marathon County Resolution # R-29-20, dated April 21, 2020, because the technology necessary to afford the public the opportunity to address the County Board, or its subgroups, during public Comment is difficult to guarantee, if a large number of individuals have elected to call in.**
3. **Introduction of Committee members, discussion of future meeting dates, time and location and mission statement, bylaws and procedures pursuant to Chapter 2.01 (16) (a) 11.**  
Discussion: Committee members introduced themselves and gave a short narrative of the districts they represent. CPZ, Solid Waste and Forestry staff introduced themselves. Frisch stated Jamie Polley is the Director of PRF and was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments.
4. **Approval of April 2, 2020 Committee minutes**  
**Motion /** second by Drabek / Fifrick to approve of the April 2, 2020 Environmental Resources Committee minutes as distributed. 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) – None.
  - B. Review and Possible Recommendation to County Board for its Consideration – None.
  - C. Review and Possible Action
    1. Revisions to Land Division Fee Schedule  
Discussion: Decker discussed the Revisions to the Land Division Fee schedule is to allow for the collection of payments via credit card through the Point and Pay system. This would simplify the fees for online payments.  
Action: **Motion /** second by Seefeldt / Fifrick to approve the revisions to the Land Division Fee Schedule. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.  
Follow through: CPZ will implement updated Land Division Fee schedule.
  - D. Consider date for reopening Animal Waste and Nutrient Management Ordinance public hearing  
Discussion: Langenhahn discussed County Board referred the Animal Waste and Nutrient Management Ordinance back to the Committee to allow for more public comment. Daigle sent out a letter to over 550 farmers which included an online link to a narrated presentation. Daigle stated the letter asked for written comment prior to the June ERC meeting which would be included in the public record. Daigle had discussion with a member from the Farm Bureau Agency whom previously expressed concerns and requested they have discussion and provide written opinion to CPZ before the public hearing. Discussion occurred about informing County Board Supervisors of

the public hearing in order to clarify any questions and having the hearing audio available.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrlick/ Seefeldt to reopen the Animal Waste and Nutrient Management Ordinance public hearing at the ERC meeting scheduled on June 2, 2020. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: CPZ will reopen the public hearing for the Animal Waste and Nutrient Management Ordinance at the June 2, 2020 ERC meeting.

## 6. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion**

### A. Committee Roles and Responsibilities: Chapter 2

Discussion: Loveland provided a brief introduction to the Committee's statutory requirements. Chapter 2 of the General Code of Ordinance defines the roles and responsibilities of committees, as well as the relationships between committees and the County Board. Daigle discussed one of the tasks of the Committee is to discuss, develop, and improve policies and review administrative guidelines. Daigle provided insight on the roles of the Committee; Chair works with the staff and reviews the agenda prior to it being sent out; listens to the County Board Supervisors and understands their concerns and to guide the committee when to take action. Administration helps support the committee through the CPZ staff and helps guide staff on policy questions for the committee. Staff support: Cindy Kraeger – Recording Secretary; Lane Loveland – works with other departments to incorporate agenda items and is the liaison with the Chair. Core values are important –all are encouraged to be respectful, thoughtful, and listen to understand. Also consider core values of shared purpose and good stewards of resources.

Action: **None.**

### B. Program Education: Options for Committee Member education

Discussion: Daigle discussed several options to educate the supervisors. Options included:

- reviewing educational items individually
- holding a special committee educational meeting
- set up training time to discuss various topics
- Coach one on one for 3 new members

Langenhahn discussed that educational presentations could be presented the previous month before the policy is being presented, but would also like the meetings streamlined. Additional ideas included:

- Introductory Packet
- WEBEX Introductory meeting with recording
- Staff could record each section individually post on the web
- Highlights of the ERC achievements
- Short informational video sessions which would be beneficial to public, Committee Members, County Board Supervisors
- Identify top three topics for information video sessions

Action: **Motion** / by Fifrlick to have staff put together simple high level summary videos made available on the County website.

**Motion failed due to lack of a second.**

Discussion: Discussion occurred regarding the programs that ERC deals with the most and making those informational presentations first. Fifrlick stated this should not be an overcomplicated process and move through the process quicker.

Consensus of the committee to have CPZ staff work with the Chair on the informational presentations available to the members and public.

### C. Land and Water Resource Management Plan

1. Review of past meeting discussions
2. Review of land goals and discussions of Goal #1

Discussion: Daigle discussed the first goal of the Land and Water Plan with the Committee. The objective would be to present one goal per month with action at the August meeting. The goals will be included in the Land and Water Resource Management Plan. Daigle reflected on Goal 1

objectives, strategies and outcomes that were included in the meeting packet. There was no feedback or comments from the Committee. Goal 2 will be presented at the June ERC meeting.

Action: **None.**

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

Discussion: Daigle stated CPZ is keeping the Committee updated on information that is being sent out to the citizens.

Action: **None.**

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

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

- Bring ideas to staff to move meetings along faster
- The idea was suggested to have staff develop findings of fact/conclusions of law to speed up the rezone decision process for the committee.

B. Set meeting times

- Consensus of the Committee to retain the 3:00 p.m. meeting time.

C. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

9. **Adjourn – Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Fifrick to **adjourn** at 4:53 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

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