



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, August 4, 2020
212 River Drive, Room 5, Wausau WI**

Attendance:	Member	Present	Not present
<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 (in person)	
	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, Lane Loveland and Cindy Kraeger– Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Rob Weis, Tim Vreeland, Dave and Laurreta Kallstrom, Jessica Lindberg and Tom Vanderloom.

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:07 p.m. via WEBEX.

2. **Public Comment** – None.

3. **Approval of June 30, 2020 Committee minutes**

Motion / second by Conway / Guild to approve of the June 30, 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. Tim Vreeland on behalf of Jon Hardinger - F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential – Town of McMillan

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in and noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Swangstu stated Jon Hardinger passed away and Rita Blenker is listed as the informant/new owner. Swangstu reviewed the rezone request of 2.49 acres on Lot 1 (3.484 acres) of the Preliminary Certified Map along with the reason CPZ staff are recommending approval of the rezone request.

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

Vreeland was sworn in and explained the rezone request for the above mentioned use.

There was not additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:23 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Conway to recommend approval to County Board, of the Tim Vreeland on behalf of Jon Hardinger rezone request. The Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is located in the Farmland Preservation Zoning District. Yet, the area in question was designated as a non-farmland preservation area in the farmland preservation plan and is shown to be designated as “Potential Residential” in the towns future land use map. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. 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 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. Tim Vreeland on behalf of John and Jessica Lindberg – G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Frankfort

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in and noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Swangstu reviewed the rezone request of 3.751 acres on the Preliminary Certified Survey Map submitted along with the reasons why CPZ staff are recommending approval of the rezone request.

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

Vreeland was sworn in and explained the rezone request to construct a single family home.

There was not additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:34 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Seefeldt to recommend approval to County Board, of the Tim Vreeland on behalf of John and Jessica Lindberg rezone request. The Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not located in the Farmland Preservation Zoning District. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. 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. David and Lauretta Kallstrom – L-D-R Low Density Residential to R-E Rural Estate – Town of Knowlton

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in and noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Swangstu reviewed the rezone related to the need to construct a proposed accessory building and agricultural use (hobby farm) request of 10.116 acres of Certified Survey Map Doc # 1670752 along with the reason CPZ staff are recommending approval of the rezone request.

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

David Kallstrom was sworn in and is looking forward with utilizing the property and working with the Town and County on this rezone request.

There was not additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:45 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the David and Lauretta Kallstrom rezone request. The Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not located in the Farmland Preservation Zoning District. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. 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 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.

4. Frankfort Freedom Riders Snowmobile Club (Ron Weis) on behalf of Delores Telschow - R-E Rural Estate to CV/RC- Conservancy Recreation – Town of Frankfort

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in and noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Swangstu reviewed the rezone request of 2.007 acres shown as Lot 2 on the Preliminary Certified Survey Map. The rezone petition and preliminary CSM was submitted in an effort to appropriately classify the proposed parcel so it may be used for the storage of trail grooming equipment and may accompany other recreational uses. This area is located within

close proximity to the snowmobile and ATV trail within Zone 4 of Marathon County's trail system (approx. 1,000ft away). Swangstu also explained other reasons CPZ staff are recommending approval of the rezone request. The Town of Frankfort has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

Rob Weis was sworn in and explained the lot to the north is the Frankfort Town Garage which is indicated as public use on the Town Comprehensive Plan. The proposed rezone would allow for storage of trail grooming equipment.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Frankfort Freedom Riders Snowmobile Club (Ron Weis) on behalf of Delores Telschow rezone request. The Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not located in the Farmland Preservation Zoning District. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. 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 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 – None.
- D. Review and Possible Action – None.

5. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion

A. Accomplishments of the Environmental Resources Committee: Strategic Plan

Discussion: With the absence of Craig McEwen, this item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Action: **None.**

B. Department Updates: Conservation, Planning and Zoning

1. CPZ Serving customers during COVID-19

Discussion: Frisch gave a brief overview of the report in the packet which provides information on how the department is functioning and continues to serve customers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Guild complimented the department for the modifications to the office to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our customers and staff. Langenhahn stated he is thankful that staff has gone above and beyond learning new ways and solutions to serve Marathon County now and well in the future.

Action: **None.**

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

A. Land and Water Resource Management Plan

1. Educational YouTube video <http://wislandwatermedia.org/2018/11/20/land-and-water-resource-management-lwrm-plans-training-webinar/>

2. Public engagement expectations for plan

3. Timeline

Discussion: Daigle discussed the short video that was provided has great background on the Land and Water Resource Management Plan. Daigle discussed the community engagement plan with focus groups – Local Advisory Committee; Technical Advisory Committee and EPPIC members and informing and engaging the public through public hearings, social media, video presentations to organizations, wildlife groups, UW-Marshfield Agriculture Research Station, Golden Sands, Eastern Lakes group, Lake Wausau group, post cards with links to draft and presentations, hard copies available at the library/library branches for check out. Daigle reviewed the deadlines with the Committee. Frisch stated the importance of the deadlines and county board action before February, 2021 so as not to jeopardize the funding received for supporting farmers in Marathon County.

Action: **None.**

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

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:00 p.m. 212 River Drive Room 5 Wausau WI

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

1. Discuss tour date at Marshfield Agriculture Research Station

Discussion: Daigle discussed the learning opportunity for members at the Marshfield Agriculture Research station to better understand the goals of the Land and Water Plan beyond agriculture. Daigle will follow up with a Doodle Poll for the best time / date for the tour date.

Action: **None.**

B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

- Seefeldt's anniversary today
- Would have been opening day of WI Valley Fair
- Market animal sale will be held on Saturday
- Frisch announced her retirement effective September 3, 2020 and thanked the committee for their service.

9. **Adjourn – Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Vogel to **adjourn** at 4:50 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; Corporation Counsel; County Clerk

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