



**Marathon County  
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, September 1, 2020  
212 River Drive, Room 5, 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 (in person)	
	Randy Fifrick.....	X	} via Webex or phone
	Arnold Schlei .....	X	
	Dave Oberbeck.....	X	
	Marilyn Bhend .....	X	
	Eric Vogel .....	X	

Also present via Webex or phone: Paul Daigle, Dominique Swangstu, Rebecca Frisch, Jared Mader, Dave Decker, Lane Loveland and Cindy Kraeger– Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Jamie Polley Parks, Recreation and Forestry (PRF); Craig McEwen Vice Chair and Peter Weinschenk.

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:08 p.m. via WEBEX.

2. **Public Comment** – None.

3. **Approval of August 4, 2020 Committee minutes**

**Motion** / second by Conway / Fifrick to approve of the August 4, 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)

B. Review and Possible Recommendation to County Board for its Consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.)

1. Town of Cassel 137040 Feed Lane Marathon

Discussion: Chair Langenhahn and Vogel abstained from the discussion due to business relationships with Marathon Feed and voting on this town rezone. Swangstu discussed the Town of Cassel is town zoned and submitted a zoning district change from A-1 to C-1 Lot 2 137040 Feed Lane Marathon. The committee asked Swangstu about specifics regarding the town rezone in question and the Town of Cassel Planning Commission vote of 3-1. Staff had indicated given the rezone is within a town zoned town (Town of Cassel), the Town Board and/or Town Planning Commission would be the appropriate entities to answer any specific questions regarding any meeting minutes or standards they may have intended to place on the rezone request. County staff are tasked with bringing the town rezones to the ERC given the county’s current procedure yet, Town Zoned Town rezones only require Town Board and County Board approval, per Wisconsin State Statute. The zoning change was approved at the town board meeting on July 13, 2020. Although the town is town zoned, County Board approval is still needed.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Schlei to recommend approval to County Board, of the Town of Cassel zone change. 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 Lots 37 & 38 Royal View Estates Subdivision – William Shnowske

Discussion: The Town of Rib Mountain is town zoned and submitted a zoning district change on land consisting of 7.046 acres from MR-4 Mixed Residential to SR-2 Suburban Residential located northwest of the intersection of County Rd N and Bittersweet Rd. The zoning change was approved at the town board meeting on July 21, 2020. Although the town is town zoned, County Board approval is still needed.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Conway to recommend approval to County Board, of the Town of Rib Mountain 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 – None.

D. Review and Possible Action

1. Proposed change to the Land Division Fee schedule

Discussion: Decker explained the proposed change to the Land Division Fee schedule for Condo Plat are designed to split buildings into units. The flat fee is currently \$500. Decker explained the need in which a simple fee would be charged for Condo plat of 2-4 units. Condo plat of 5 or more units would remain at \$500. The review process takes less time for a condo plat of 2-4 units.

Action: **Motion** / second by Guild / Seefeldt to recommend approval of the proposed change to the Land Division Fee Schedule for Condo plat units. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: CPZ will implement the updated Land Division fee schedule.

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

A. Accomplishments of the Environmental Resources Committee: Strategic Plan

Discussion: McEwen reviewed the successes of the Committee/CPZ staff/Solid Waste/Park, Recreation and Forestry achieved in the past 18 months that was included in the meeting packet.

Action: **None.**

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

Action: **None.**

C. Discussion regarding County Board educational presentation on Implicit/Explicit Bias and institutional/structural discrimination and their impact on Marathon County's ability to achieve its goals (presentation available here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6lxZiSeZJI>)

What opportunities do you see to improve our policies and practices to enhance diversity and inclusion and help us meet Objective 3.8 of the Comprehensive Plan?

Discussion: Daigle and Committee referenced the importance of Martin Luther King Jr day retreat day has helped staff build awareness, bias proofing ordinances allowing Committee and Corporation Counsel to review it for any bias and to have a proactive vision due to the evolving changes every day. Important to be free of bias when updating comprehensive and strategic plans.

Action: **None.**

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

A. Land and Water Resource Management Plan

1. Chapter 4 – Plan Implementation and Coordination

Discussion: Daigle discussed Chapter 4 – Plan Implementation and Coordination with a powerpoint presentation discussing the following areas: Three keystone pieces: 1. Growing community engagement, 2. soil health principles, 3. NR151 agriculture performance standards. Priority Farm Strategy: consideration of highest priority of services, complaints or staff observations, medium/low priorities, enforcement and compliance, information and education and further considerations. Chapter 5, the last chapter, will be presented at the next committee meeting. A draft copy of the full plan will be available for Committee members by October 1st.

Action: **None.**

B. PRF- To expand .60 FTE Motorized Recreation Coordinator to .75 FTE

Discussion: Polley reviewed the extended position request which was included in the meeting packet. This position was anticipated to work more hours September – March and less hours April – August, however after one year of review of the new 0.6 position more time is required to manage the program grant contracts, manage grants and installation of new bridges, communicate with the 29 snowmobile clubs and prepare and update snowmobile trail maps and information on the County website.

C. Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Schlei to accept and forward .60 FTE Motorized Recreation

Coordinator to .75 FTE request with the additional funding to come from the Parks Department to Human Resources Finance and Property Committee as required.

Follow through: PRF will forward to Human Resources Finance and Property Committee for their consideration.

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

**Tuesday, September 29, 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: Discussion on moving the date of the Marshfield Agricultural Research Station to another due to prior commitments of committee members for the County Board Size Task Force meeting.

Frisch will check with John Robinson to see if an alternate date is available for the County Board Size Task Force meeting. Daigle will confirm with Committee members.

8. **Adjourn – Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Vogel to **adjourn** at 4:40 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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