



MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **212 River Drive, Room 5 Wausau 54403**

Committee Members: Jacob Langenhahn - Chair ; Sara Guild, -Vice-chair; Rick Seefeldt, Allen Drabek, Bill Conway, Randy Fifrick, Arnold Schlei, Dave Oberbeck, Eric Vogel - FSA Member, Marilyn Bhend – WI Towns & Villages Association (non-voting member)

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated 12-20-05).*

Environmental Resources Committee Mission Statement: *Provide leadership for the implementation of the County Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to environmental resource initiatives of Marathon County. (Revised: 04/17/12)*

Strategic Plan Goals 2018 - 2022: Objective 5.2 - Promote sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth.

Objective 6.3 - Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies.

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages (Committee/Board/Commission) members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. To this end, instead of attendance in person, (Committee/Board/Commission) members and the public may attend this meeting by telephone conference. If (Committee/Board/Commission) members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning ten (10) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

Phone Number: 1-408-418-9388

Access Code: 146 616 5751

Attendee ID / Numeric Meeting Password: 1234

When you enter the telephone conference, PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!

- 1. Call meeting to order**
- 2. Public Comment (15 minute limit)**
- 3. Approval of August 4, 2020 Committee minutes**
- 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 Recommendations to County Board for its Consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.)
 1. Town of Cassel 137040 Feed Lane Marathon
 2. Town of Rib Mountain Lots 37 & 38 Royal View Estates Subdivision – William Shnowske
 - C. Review and Possible Recommendations to County Board for its Consideration - None
 - D. Review and Possible Action
 1. Proposed change to Land Division Fee schedule
- 5. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Accomplishments of the Environmental Resources Committee: Strategic Plan (McEwen)
 - B. Department Updates – Parks, Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Solid Waste, Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ) - 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
 - B. PRF –to expand .60 FTE Motorized Recreation Coordinator to 0.75 FTE
- 7. Next meeting September 29, 2020 3:00 pm Room 5 and future agenda items:**

**MARATHON COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
- B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

8. Adjournment

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 at least one business day before the meeting.

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Date: August 25, 2020
Time: 9:20 a.m.
By: cek
Date/Time/By: _____

SIGNED _____

Rebecca J. Frisch

Presiding Officer or Designee

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:

Date: _____
Time: _____ a.m. / p.m.
By: County Clerk



**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 | } via Webex or phone |
| <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 | |

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 Laretta 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

RF/cek

Notice of Public Hearing
Town of Cassel

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Planning & Zoning Committee, Town of Cassel, on July 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Cassel Town Hall, 222901 County Road S, Marathon, Wisconsin. The purpose of this meeting is a request from Todd Heise, MFI, LLC 137040 Feed Lane, Marathon, WI for a rezone, Lot 2 from A-1 to C-1. Property description: SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 13, T28N, R5E, Town of Cassel, Marathon County, Wisconsin.

Robert Schumacher, Chair

Dated: June 20, 2020

NOTICE OF ZONING DECISION
Town of Cassel

Date: 7/8/2020

Requested by: Todd Heise, MFI, LLC

Before the: Town of Cassel Planning & Zoning Commission

Todd Heise, MFI, LLC 137040 Feed Lane, Marathon, WI for a rezone, Lot 2 from A-1 to C-1. Property description: SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 13, T28N, R5E, Town of Cassel, Marathon County, Wisconsin.

The request for Rezone from A-1 to C-1

- 1) Was approved as presented
- 2) Was approved with the following conditions:
Condition to plant barrier for sound & dust control /
for noise & dust
3-1 vote
- 3) Was denied because:

Town of Cassel Planning and Zoning Commission

Robert Schumann
Todd Heise
Chris M.

Linda King
Date 7-8-20

I agree to above decision

Todd Heise
Signature of Requestor

Date 7/8/2020

Cassel Township Zoning Committee meeting

July 8, 2020, 6:30 pm

Members present: Bob Schumacher, Todd Andreshak, Chris Myhre, Linda King

Member absent: Jason Mechelke

Members of the community: approximately 12

Agenda : Concerning-- rezoning 6.01 acres (Lot 2) from Agriculture to Commercial for MFI, LLC on 137040 Feed Lane, Marathon, WI.

Todd Heise, Bruce Mlsna, and Steve Hanvold, representatives from MFI, spoke on the project of building a future fertilizer plant on this lot. They handed out a layout of their plans and indicated their future building plans. Members of the community spoke on their concerns: noise from truck traffic, dust from the trucks driving on gravel, the availability of water for the fertilizer plant, and the devaluation of their property. MFI stated that the plant in Marathon and the Mohr property business will be moved to this location. It was stated that the tax base on the property would be 10-12 million dollars. Also approximately 12 more jobs would be created.

The Zoning committee voted 3 to 1 for the project with concerns about dust and noise. Planting of trees and putting down blacktop were suggested.

Submitted

Linda King

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF MARATHON)
TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Supervisors of the TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN has heretofore been petitioned to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance and accompanying Zoning Map, and;

WHEREAS, the Town on due notice conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendment(s), and;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment(s) has been given due consideration by the Town Board in open session, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are compatible with the adopted comprehensive plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§60.62(3), the Town Board of Supervisors of the TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN does hereby request review by the County Environmental Resources Committee (formerly the Land Conservation and Zoning Committee) and subsequent recommendation for County Board approval of the attached Zoning Ordinance Amendment (and accompanying Zoning Map).

Dated this 21st day of July, 2020

Signed by the Board of Supervisors of the TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN:

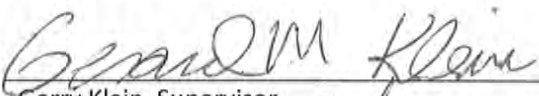
Allen Opall, Town Chairman – NOT PRESENT



Brad Conklin, Supervisor



Dan Fiorenza, Supervisor

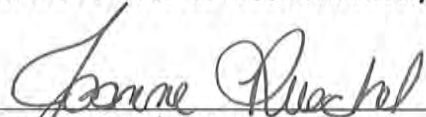


Gerry Klein, Supervisor

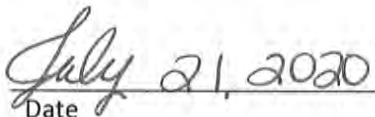


Fred Schaefer, Supervisor, Acting Chair

I, Joanne Ruechel, Clerk of the TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of a Zoning Resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Town Board of Supervisors of the TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN on July 21, 2020.



Joanne Ruechel, Town Clerk


Date July 21, 2020

RESOLUTION 20-08
TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

A resolution rezoning a portion of land consisting of 7.046 acres of land from MR-4 Mixed Residential to SR-2 Suburban Residential; located northwest of the intersection of County Road N and Bittersweet Road, Town of Rib Mountain, Wisconsin; and amending the Official Zoning Map to reflect said change.

WHEREAS, William Shnowske, owner, petitioned to amend a portion of land on the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Rib Mountain from MR-4 Mixed Residential to SR-2 Suburban Residential; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission of the Town of Rib Mountain having held a public hearing on the 24th day of June 2020, on the application described above for the zoning of property described herein, and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission having thereafter filed its written recommendations and findings with the Town Board of Supervisors, and after careful considerations, said Board having received and approved the recommendations of Said Commission; the petition is consistent with the adopted Rib Mountain Comprehensive Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Town of Rib Mountain, Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby amends the Rib Mountain Zoning Map as follows:

Section 1: On the application (2020-007), property owner William Shnowske, BPW Development, LLC. For the following territory now comprising as part of the MR-4 Mixed Residential zoning district, located in Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 7 East, Town of Rib Mountain, Marathon County, Wisconsin; is hereby designated to be and become hereafter part of the following zoning district:

SR-2 Suburban Residential: described as a parcel of land being part of Lot 32 of Royal View Estates, recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, on Page 560b, as document number 1742162, filed with the Register of Deeds of Marathon County, Wisconsin; being part of the southeast ¼ of the southeast ¼, Section 16, Township 28 North, Range 7 East, Town of Rib Mountain, Marathon County, Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing amendment to the zoning district designations shall take effect only upon recording of the accompanied certified survey map. If the rezoning of any lands by this Resolution does not take effect within 180 days of the date hereof, this Resolution shall become null and void and the zoning for such lands shall remain unchanged.

Section 2: The Zoning Administrator shall make necessary alterations upon the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Rib Mountain to reflect the changes in the zoning classification of the property described herein.

Section 3: **SERVABILITY.** If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby. If an application of this Resolution to a particular structure, land, or water is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not be applicable to

any other structure, land, or water not specifically included in said judgment. If any requirement or limitation attached to an authorization given under this Resolution is found invalid, it shall be presumed that the authorization would not have been granted without the requirement or limitation and, therefore, said authorization shall also be invalid. Any other resolutions or ordinances whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

Section 4: EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect upon approval and signature.

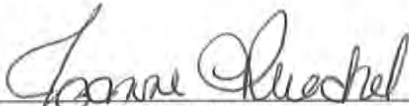
Adopted this 21st day of July 2020

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Fred Schaefer, its Acting Chair

Attest:



Joanne Ruechel, Town Clerk



REZONE DETERMINATION REPORT

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|---------------------|---|----------------------|---------------|
| FROM: | Jared Wehner, Zoning Administrator | | |
| DOCKET NO. | 2020-007 | HEARING DATE: | June 24, 2020 |
| APPLICANT: | Tom Radenz, REI Engineering, Inc., 4080 N. 20 th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401 | | |
| OWNER: | William Shnowske, BPW Development, LLC., 163371 State Highway 52, Wausau, WI 54401 | | |
| LOCATION: | Lot 32 of Royal View Estates subdivision, northwest corner of County Road N and Bittersweet Road. | | |
| DESCRIPTION: | Rezoning Lots 37 and 38 on proposed certified survey map from MR-4 Mixed Residential to SR-2 Suburban Residential in order for Lots 36 and 32 to be combined and reconfigured to 3 parcels. | | |

The Department of Community Development of the Town of Rib Mountain, pursuant to the Town of Rib Mountain Zoning Code, Subchapter 11 Processes, Section 17.223 Amendment of Official Zoning Map Procedures, hereby makes the following findings and evaluation to the Town of Rib Mountain Plan Commission:

GENERAL INFORMATION

CURRENT ZONING: **MR-4 Mixed Residential**

DEFINITION:
17.035(2)(H)

This district is intended to permit development which has a moderately high-density community character which lies somewhere between suburban and urban. The land use standards for this district permit both single-family detached residential development and certain types of moderately high density single-family attached development permitted by right, and both moderately high density single-family attached development and certain types of multi-family development permitted as a conditional use, as well as a variety of related institutional land uses. Density and intensity standards for this district are designed to ensure that the Mixed Residential (MR-4) District shall serve as a designation which preserves and protects the moderately high-density residential community character of its area. A variety of residential development options are available in this district, with a Maximum Gross Density (MGD) of 4 dwelling units per gross acre.

Rationale: This district is used to provide for the permanent protection of an area for those who want to live in a moderately high density residential environment and who retain enough land with their residence, or in their development, to ensure that the desired community character is maintained as long as the Mixed Residential (MR-4) District designation is retained, regardless of how much development occurs within that area. As such, this district is intended to provide the principal location for a wide range of single-family attached dwelling types, including twin houses, duplexes, atrium houses, and weak link townhouses.

PROPOSED ZONING: **SR-2 Suburban Residential**

DEFINITION:
17.035(2)(E)

This district is intended to permit development which has a moderate density, suburban community character. This district is intended to be the principal district for single-family development within the Town of Rib Mountain not served by both public water and public sanitary sewer. Density and intensity standards for this district are designed to ensure that the Suburban Residential (SR-2) District shall serve as a designation which preserves and protects the suburban residential community character of its area. A variety of residential development

options are available in this district, with a Maximum Gross Density (MGD) of 2 dwelling units per gross acre.

Rationale: This district is used to provide for the permanent protection of a moderate density residential area for those who want to live in an suburban residential environment and who retain enough land with their residence, or in their development, to ensure that the suburban community character is maintained as long as the Suburban Residential (SR-2) District designation is retained, regardless of how much development occurs within that area.

FUTURE LAND USE Single-Family Residential

FLU DESCRIPTION: One-family structures, farm residences and mobile homes.

REVIEW OF DENSITY STANDARDS AND BULK REGULATIONS

| LOT STANDARDS | REQUIREMENTS | PROPOSED LOTS 37 / 38 | STATUS |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Minimum Lot Area: | 20,000 Sq. Ft. | 207,582 Sq. Ft. / 125,078 Sq. Ft. | Meets Requirements. |
| Minimum Lot Width: | 100 Ft. | 638.17 Ft. / 275.95 Ft. | Meets Requirements. |
| Min. Landscape Surface Rat. | 0.65 | > 0.65 / > 0.65 | Meets Requirements. |
| Max. Floor Area Ratio: | 0.20 | < 0.20 / <0.20 | Meets Requirements. |

DETERMINATION / FINDING OF FACT

1. Is the proposed rezoning consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, as is required by Wisconsin Statutes?
Yes, the SR-2 allows single-family detached dwellings a permitted use-by-right, which is specifically called out for this designation in the 2005 comprehensive plan.
2. Does the rezoning further the purpose and intent of this Chapter?
Chapter 17 is written to implement the Comprehensive Plan to the extent possible under zoning and this proposed map amendment is within the scope of that intent.
3. Does rezoning address any of the following that are not properly addressed on the current Official Zoning Map?
 1. A mistake was made in mapping on the Official Zoning Map. That is, an area is or has developed in a manner and purpose different from that for which it is mapped. If this reason is cited, it must be demonstrated that the discussed inconsistency between actual land use and designated zoning is not intended, as the Village may intend to stop an undesirable land use pattern from being perpetuated.
 2. Factors have changed, such as the availability of new data, the presence of new roads or other infrastructure, additional development, annexation, or other zoning changes, making the subject property more appropriate for a different zoning district.
 3. **Growth patterns or rates have changed, thereby creating the need for a rezoning.**
The County's access restrictions and heavy vehicle use of County N has made further development of this property undesirable for a single-family use.
4. Does the proposed zoning district maintain the desired consistency of land uses, land use intensities, and land use impacts as related to the environs of the subject property?
Yes, the overall development plan shall maintain the desired consistency of residential land use in this area of the Town.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Lot 32 was left as a large parcel to allow for more intense residential or light neighborhood-orientated commercial uses due to its close proximity to County Road N, a major east-west corridor through the Town. At this time, the Future Land

Use map shows this area as remaining Single-Family Residential, so more intense development in this area would require an amendment to the Future Land Use map. The Future Land Use map of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update shows this area as Suburban Neighborhood, which can allow for more dense residential development, but not commercial development.

CURRENT PROPERTY CONDITIONS

Lot 32 contains the original farmhouse and barn. There are heavy access restrictions along County Road N.

STAFF COMMENTS

This proposed CSM does reduce the number of new possible residential units that would be able to be constructed in this area. Despite factors from COVID-19 and the resulted economic recession, there is still a demand for new residential lots in the Rib Mountain Area.

POSSIBLE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

RECOMMEND APPROVAL: Plan Commission recommends approval of the rezone request and the proposed 3-lot certified survey map and forwards the recommendation on to the Town Board for the July 7, 2020 meeting.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS: Plan Commission recommends approval of the rezone request and the proposed 3-lot certified survey map with modifications as discussed and forwards the recommendation on to the Town Board for the July 7, 2020 meeting.

DEFER ACTION: Defer action on the request based on insufficient material/evidence provided by the applicant or uncertainty among the commissioners based on evidence presented at the public hearing. A recommendation shall be made within 60 days of submittal of the application (June 11, 2020). If the Plan Commission chooses not to make a recommendation or fails to make a recommendation to the Town Board within 60 days of the submittal of the application, then the Town Board shall hold the public hearing without a Plan Commission recommendation.

RECOMMEND DENIAL: Plan Commission recommends denial of the rezone request and the proposed 3-lot certified survey map and forwards the recommendation on to the Town Board for the July 7, 2020 meeting.

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MARATHON COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

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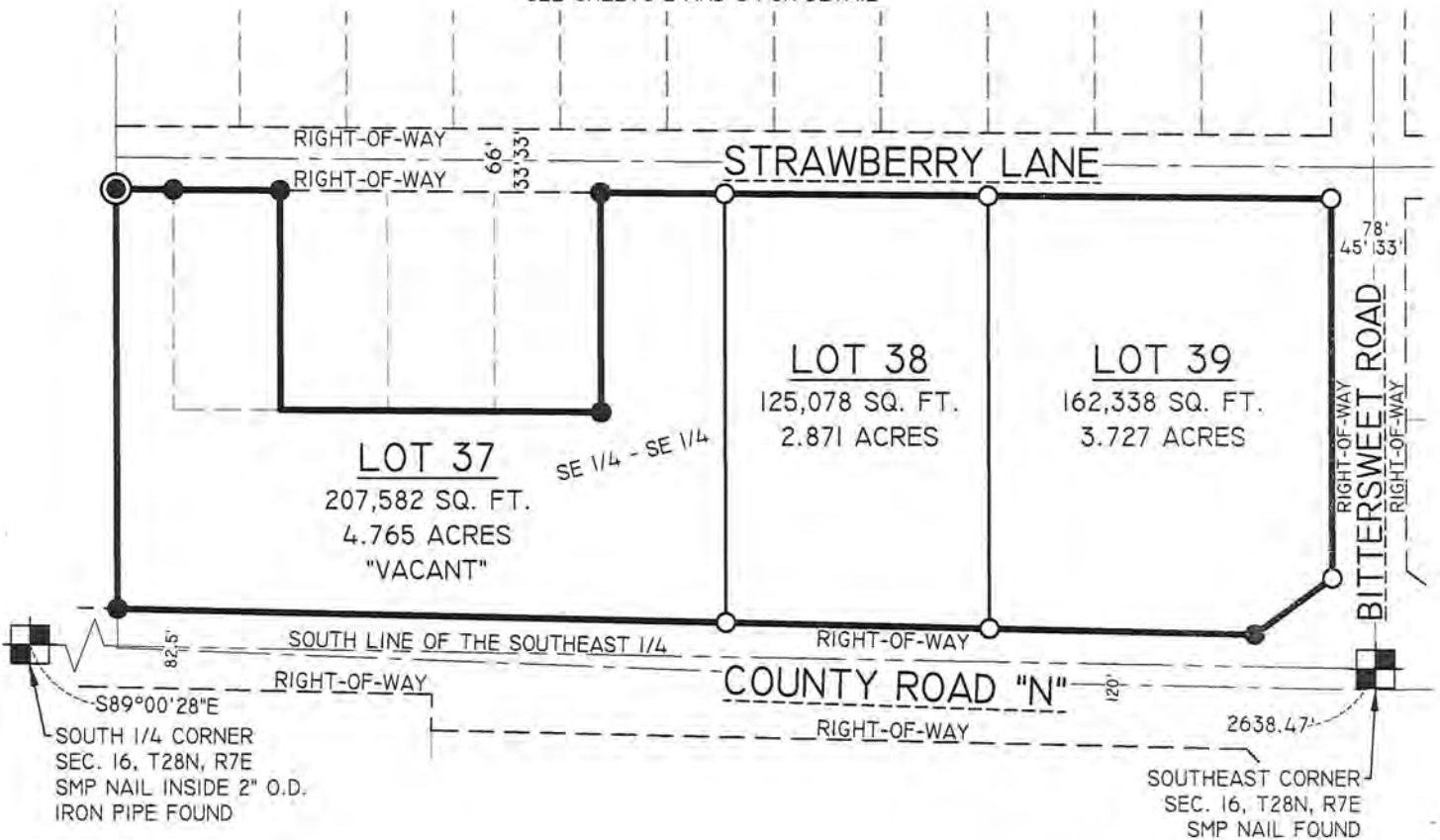
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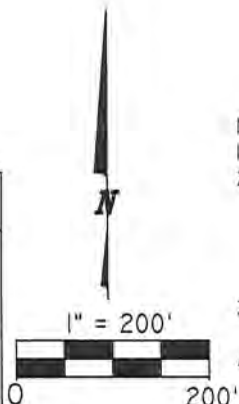
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GENERAL OVERVIEW

SEE SHEETS 2 AND 3 FOR DETAIL



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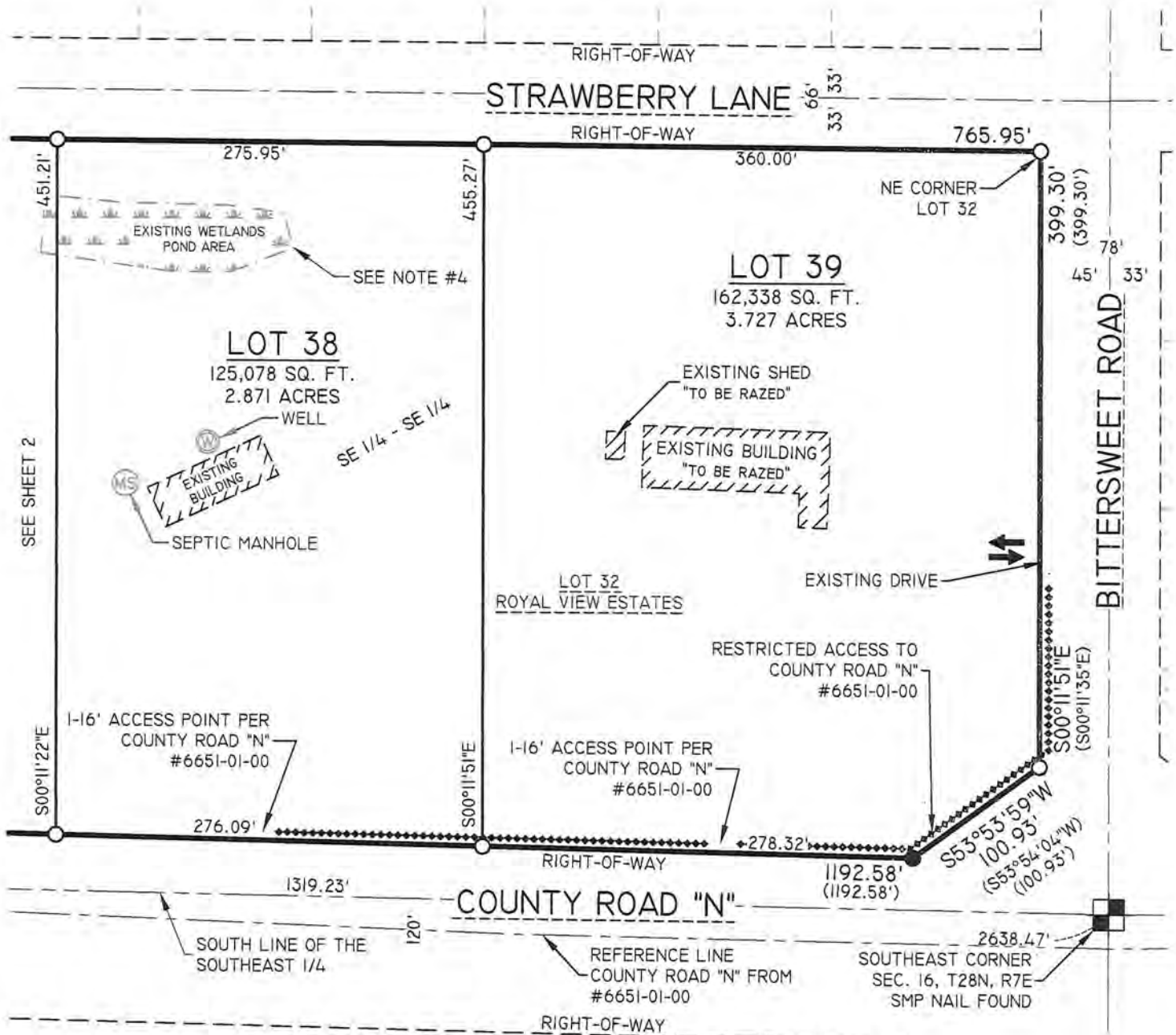
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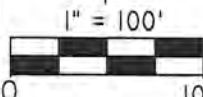
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SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, JOSHUA W. PRENTICE, WISCONSIN PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR S-2852, DO HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF: THAT I HAVE SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED PART OF LOT 32 OF ROYAL VIEW ESTATES, RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 3, ON PAGE 560B, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 1742162, AND ALL OF LOT 36 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 18290, RECORDED IN VOLUME 90, ON PAGE 30 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 1776833; ALL FILED IN THE MARATHON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE; BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE SOUTH 89°00'28" EAST, COINCIDENT WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, 1319.24 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 00°11'22" WEST, COINCIDENT WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, 39.32 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 32 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00°11'22" WEST, COINCIDENT WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 32 AND THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, 441.81 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 32 AND THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STRAWBERRY LANE; THENCE SOUTH 89°34'55" EAST, COINCIDENT WITH SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 172.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 36; THENCE SOUTH 00°11'22" EAST, COINCIDENT WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 36, 230.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 36; THENCE SOUTH 89°34'55" EAST, COINCIDENT WITH THE SOUTH LINES OF LOT 35, LOT 34 AND LOT 33 OF SAID CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 18290, 336.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 33; THENCE NORTH 00°11'22" WEST, COINCIDENT WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 33, 230.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 33 AND SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STRAWBERRY LANE; THENCE SOUTH 89°34'55" EAST, COINCIDENT WITH SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STRAWBERRY LANE, 765.95 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 32 BEING AT THE INTERSECTION OF SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STRAWBERRY LANE AND WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BITTERSWEET ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 00°11'51" EAST, COINCIDENT WITH SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BITTERSWEET ROAD, 399.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 53°53'59" WEST, COINCIDENT WITH SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BITTERSWEET ROAD, 100.93 FEET TO SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "N"; THENCE NORTH 88°44'19" WEST, COINCIDENT WITH SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "N", 1192.58 FEET TO SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 32, SAID WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINS 494,998 SQUARE FEET OR 11.363 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

THAT I HAVE MADE THIS SURVEY, DIVISION AND MAP THEREOF AT THE DIRECTION OF BPW DEVELOPMENT LLC., OWNER OF SAID PARCEL.

THAT SAID PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS OF RECORD.

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES, WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE A-E7 AND THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN, CITY OF WAUSAU, AND MARATHON COUNTY.

THAT THIS MAP IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF SAID PARCEL, AND OF THE DIVISION THEREOF MADE.

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2020

RE:
JOSHUA W. PRENTICE
WI P.L.S. S-2852

APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MARATHON CO. LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS.
BY [Signature]
DATE 6-4-2020
MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION, PLANNING AND ZONING DEPT.
CPZ TRACKING# 520-039

CITY OF WAUSAU EXTRATERRITORIAL APPROVAL CERTIFICATE
RESOLVED, THAT THIS CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP IS WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL AREA OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU AND IS HEREBY APPROVED.
DATE 6/16/2020 APPROVED William D. Hebert
DATE 6/16/2020 SIGNED [Signature]

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE.
BY: [Signature]
DATE: 7/22/2020



LAND DIVISION FEE SCHEDULE

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Fee</u> |
|--|-------------------|
| <u>MINOR SUBDIVISION</u> | |
| 1 Lot CSM | \$150 |
| 2 Lot CSM | \$175 |
| 3 Lot CSM | \$200 |
| 4 Lot CSM | \$225 |
| CSM 3rd review | \$100 |
| <u>SUBDIVISION PLATS</u> | |
| Preliminary Plat 5-10 lots..... | \$400 |
| Preliminary Plat 11-20 lots..... | \$450 |
| Preliminary Plat 21-30 lots..... | \$550 |
| Preliminary Plat 31-40 lots..... | \$650 |
| Preliminary Plat 41 or more lots | \$750 |
| Final Plat | \$200 |
| Condo plat 2-4 units | \$300 |
| Condo plat 5 or more units..... | \$500 |
| Plat 3rd review | \$200 |
| <u>OTHER</u> | |
| Request for Modification..... | \$50 |
| Parcel Combination..... | \$100 |

STRATEGIC PLAN OUTCOMES – June 2018 – December 2019
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

NATURAL RESOURCES GOAL: The natural resources of Marathon County are managed in a balanced way so they are protected and preserved for current and future generations’ health, enjoyment, and benefit.

Objective 5.2: Provide sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth.

| Strategy | Actionable Item | Contributors | Status | Action |
|--|---|--|---------------------------|---|
| A. Update existing land use policies to address sprawl and natural resource protection | | | | |
| | a. Update of Land Division Ordinance | CPZ, Corp. Counsel, private surveyors | Completed | County Board approval December, 2019 |
| | b. Update of Zoning Ordinance | CPZ, Corp. Counsel | Completed | County Board approval March, 2019 |
| | c. Renewal of North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition MOU and MOA agreements | CPZ, Coalition members, NCWRPC | Ongoing | County Board approval February, 2019 and November, 2019, respectively |
| | d. Update of Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance | CPZ, Corp. Counsel, private mine operators | Completed | County Board approval December, 2019 |
| | e. Petition for Zoning map amendments | CPZ, town planning committees and boards | 27 petitions considered | County Board approvals Various dates |
| | f. Applications for Subdivision Plat approval | CPZ, town planning committees and boards | 3 applications considered | ERC approval with no county board action required |
| B. Promote infrastructure development that protects natural resources | | | | |
| | a. Update Private Sewage System Code - Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (POWTS) | CPZ, POWTS contractors | Completed | County Board Approval February, 2019 |

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| | b. Update Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance | CPZ, Corporation Counsel | Completed | County Board Approval September 2019 |
| | c. Update of Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance: Consideration of more restrictive standards for manure application during high risk times to reduce phosphorus runoff | CPZ, Corporation Counsel | To be determined | No committee action |
| | d. Creation of Solid Waste - Environmental Health/Safety Specialist position | Solid Waste | Completed | County Board Approval June 2019 |
| C. Identify and preserve unique regional areas for natural resources protection and environmental remediation. | | | | |
| | a. Update of Shoreland, Shoreland-Wetland, and Floodplain Code | CPZ | Completed | County Board Approval September, 2019 |
| | b. Update of County Forest Ordinance | PRF | Completed | County Board Approval May 2019 |
| | c. Update of Park and Recreation Ordinance | PRF | Completed | County Board Approval May 2019 |
| | d. Siting agreement with Ahlstrom-Munksjo NASpecialty Solutions for Cell 2 Landfill expansion | Solid Waste, CPZ, Corporation Counsel | Completed | County Board Approval March 2019 |
| F. Acquire land for public park and forest use to retain natural landscapes and resources | | | | |
| | a. Acceptance of a donation of land from the Parks Foundation – 76.7 acres - County Forest use | PRF | Completed | County Board Approval December 2018 |
| | b. Land acquisition of 3.99 acres (Thomas) through Knowles- Nelson Stewardship Grant Program – County Park use | PRF | Completed | County Board Approval July 2018 |
| | c. Land acquisition of 199.84 acres (Kerswill) through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program – County Forest use | PRF | Completed | County Board Approval August 2019 |

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| | d. Update of Outdoor Recreation Plan | PRF | Completed | County Board Approval December, 2019 |
| | e. Update of the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2021-2035 | PRF | Being developed | ERC approval to proceed |
| | f. Acquire easement for 45/90 Geographical Marker Park | CPZ, PRF, Hwy., and private donors | Completed | Ribbon cutting September, 2018 |

WATER RESOURCES GOAL: The water resources in Marathon County are of the highest quality for the safety of residents and the health of aquatic ecosystems and are protected from damaging behaviors like overuse and pollution.

Objective 6.3: Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies

| Strategy | Actionable Item | Contributors | Status | Action |
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| A. Continue to develop and implement watershed management plans and Targeted Management plans to minimize the impacts on water quality | | | | |
| | a. Application for Urban Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Abatement and Stormwater Management (MS4) Grant | CPZ, Hwy, PRF, FCM, and CWA and consultant | Completed | County Board Approval Grant Awarded December, 2019 |
| | b. Acceptance of Multi-discharger variance funds for use in the Fenwood Creek watershed | CPZ and DNR | Ongoing | ERC approval with no county board action required |
| | c. Creation of grant funded Conservation Specialist position in Big Eau Pleine watershed | CPZ, NRCS, and EPPIC | Completed | County Board Approval December, 2019 |

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| E. Create new partnerships with agencies and organizations to further efforts to protect surface water and groundwater | | | | |
| | a. Concurrence with County Administrator’s selection of Land and Water Resource Management Plan Advisory Committee | CPZ | Completed | ERC approval with no county board action required |
| | b. Lake protection grant to build community capacity | CPZ | Completed | County Board Approval February 2019 |
| | c. POWTS Revolving Loan Fund | CPZ, Finance Department, MCDEVCO | Completed | County Board Approval February, 2018 |

CHAPTER 4. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION

Implementation of this LWRM Plan will be to continue education efforts, provide technical assistance, seek additional revenue streams to fund this plan, and grow compliance levels of landowners that meet the state performance standards and prohibitions. In addition, this Plan over the next ten-years will begin to focus on achieving and meeting water quality standards and lowering the phosphorus levels in the impaired watershed as specified in the Wisconsin and Fox-Wolf River Basin TMDL. Because of the complexity of the problems and multiple jurisdictions involved, most likely no one protective mechanism will solve the problem. More likely, a wide range of mechanisms will be necessary and, in many cases, may be preferred to give locally-based and supported initiatives maximum flexibility in achieving their protection goals and needs.

Growing Community Engagement

It is imperative to recognize the need to develop and grow a committed groups of stakeholders at the watershed level, such as we have done with EPPIC. A valuable lesson has been learned in the past that not just one or two groups can accomplish this task. A broad group of stakeholders need to be involved to achieve the outcome we desire, where a large percentage of people that control the land, implement conservation on their land to improve the land and water. Marathon County CPZ staff has and will continue to seek valuable input and coordinate with a diverse group of agencies, associations, private sector business, citizens, landowners, farmers and organizations involved in resource management and protection.



These agencies and groups include: United State Environmental Protection Agency, United States Department of Agriculture- (Natural Resource Conservation Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Wildlife Services, and United States Forest Service), Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource staff (such as Water Resources Management Specialists, Fisheries Biologists, Water Regulations and Zoning Specialists, Water Program Management staff, Watershed Management staff), Army Corps of Engineers, University of Wisconsin Madison–Division of Extension; University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and Marshfield Agriculture Research Station, County Parks and Forestry, Land Records & Regulations, and the County Highway and Health Department. Other organizations involved include the following: County Lake Associations/Districts, GrassWorks Inc., Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization, Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition, Eau

Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation, Lake Wausau Association, and the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Corporation. In addition, CPZ staff works actively with many regional organizations promoting resource conservation at both large and small-scale levels. Each agency, organization, association, and individual has its individual resource issues, programs, and plans; but cooperatively we can work together for the greater good of Marathon County's land and water resources.

Nonpoint Source Pollution and Storm Water Management

The threats to surface and groundwater resources are changing. Historically, point sources were viewed as the primary threat. Now, however, because of the successful implementation of point source controls, nonpoint runoff pollution is the primary threat to county water resources. Nonpoint problems are both water quality and quantity based. The increase of storm water runoff from poor soil conditions and increasing impervious surfaces are major threats to water resources. The solutions to these problems are watershed-specific and therefore must be pursued using a watershed approach sometimes involving multiple government jurisdictions.

Healthy Soil for Healthy Plants, Animals and People

Soil health can be defined as the capacity of a soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans. The importance of managing soil health to sustain agricultural productivity for this and future generations cannot be overlooked. We need to recognize that, when provided with the basic necessities of life, the living component of soil performs functions crucial to the production of food and fiber. We must consider and care for soil as a living ecosystem. It is teeming with billions of living bacteria, fungi, and other microbes that are the foundation of a stable ecosystem. This microbial component of the soil ecosystem: improves soil structure and stability; cycles nutrients for plant growth; increases rainwater infiltration and storage for use during drier periods; and prevents potential pollutants from leaving our fields. If we needed to measure soil health by only one criterion it would be organic matter. In general, if organic matter levels are decreasing our soil health is declining and if they are increasing our soil health is improving. The best management practices most commonly used to increase organic matter levels and improve soil health are managed grazing, cover crops, conservation tillage, no-till and perennial crops. In Marathon County, farmers can no longer leave soils exposed to the elements from early October through mid-June if the county is to have healthy soils and clean water. To improve soil health the following five principles need to be understood and followed by farmers in the county:

1. Soil Cover

Keep plant residues on the soil surface -- a high percentage of soil must be protected by residue. Living or dead vegetation on the soil surface year round is the building block for soil health.



2. Limit Disturbance of Soil

Minimize or eliminate tillage, this provides an opportunity for soil biology to start re-building soil aggregates, pore spaces, and organic matter.



3. Increase Diversity

Mimic nature by incorporating a diversity of cool and warm season grasses and broad leaf plants into a management system, by utilizing three or more crops and cover crops in a rotation. Grassland and cropland plant diversity increases soil and animal health.



4. *Living Roots*

Keep plants growing throughout the year to feed the soil. Cover crops and perennial forages add carbon to the soil via biomass and root exudates that feed and sustain soil micro-organisms.



5. *Integrate Livestock and Livestock manure*

Managed grazing and properly applied animal manure increase the soil biological activity on cropland, and improve nutrient cycling. Proper grazing techniques of managed pastures, cover crops and crop residue, increases livestock's level of nutrition.



NR 151 Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions Implementation:

The specific roles and responsibilities of the county and state agencies in implementing these standards and prohibitions are well defined in NR 151 and ATCP 50. Under this program approach, CPZ staff will conduct status reviews of cropland and animal production areas for compliance with NR 151 Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions as part of existing incentive, cost sharing, and permitting programs. In conducting the status review, staff will determine which of the state standards and prohibitions apply to parcels being evaluated and determine the extent of compliance for each of the applicable standards and prohibitions. While conducting status reviews, staff use prescribed tools to determine compliance with applicable NR 151 performance standards and prohibitions. The information from the status review form is used to document the compliance status of parcels within the county. The status review results are tracked in the county's GIS, insuring current and future status of parcels and to create reports pertaining to overall NR 151 compliance throughout the county.

Upon completion of the status review, the landowner is provided a status report and provided an opportunity for review, comment, and appeal. In circumstances where full compliance has not yet been achieved, CPZ staff will work with the landowner to develop a timeline for compliance and secure technical assistance and cost-share funding when applicable and available.

Farms subject to program requirements and/or regulatory enforcement of the state standards include:

1. Property owners who require permits or enforcement under the County Animal Waste Management and/or Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinances.
2. Lands enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program in order to receive program tax credits.
3. Livestock operations which are new or expanding.
4. Operations which are subject to state jurisdiction under WI Stats. 281 and NR 243 or NR 151 that are found to be out of compliance with the NR 151 agricultural standards, as determined by a site evaluation conducted as part of routine permit monitoring or in response to a public complaint.
5. Farmers participating in the Multi-Discharger Variance Program.
6. Farmers entering into cost share agreements with the county.

Priority Farm Strategy:

There is a need to establish priorities because of limited time and financial resources. CPZ staff will follow the priority of services guidelines listed below to achieve LWRM Plan implementation. Currently there is high demand for administrative, technical, cost-sharing, and regulatory services administered through CPZ. The two highest priority objectives to meet plan goals are:

- Implementation of priority cropland Best Management Practices (BMPs) which support the five principles of soil health, listed above, include but are not limited to cover crops, no-till and conservation tillage, managed grazing, grassed waterways, clean water diversions, perennial forages, manure spreading during low risk times of the year, and implementing nutrient management plans.
- Implementation of NR 151 Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions.

High Priority for Services- Hierarchy of priority based on goals identified in Chapter 3

To most efficiently and cost-effectively meet the demands for technical and financial assistance, while addressing the high resources concerns, CPZ staff will follow the priorities listed below based upon farm size, location, and programs:

- Fenwood Creek Watershed farms.
- Animal Waste Management Ordinance.
- Livestock operations with more than 500 animal units but not permitted by WI DNR as a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO).
- Farmland Preservation Program participants.
- Farms located within the impaired waters identified by the WI DNR, that want to advance their farms to superior levels of management by implementing the five principles of soil health.
- Status reviews for compliance with NR 151 Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions on farms that receive cost sharing, permitting, or other programs that require compliance with one or more of the state standards:
 - Livestock operations between 300 animal units and 500 animal units.
 - Managed Grazing Program in Marathon and Lincoln County.
 - Participants in other voluntary cost sharing programs outside of high priority locations, farm size, or program.
 - Riparian and wetland buffer installation and maintenance.

In responding to public complaints or staff observations, highest priority is assigned to:

- Sites or farms identified above as high priority for services.
- Sites or farms where there is an immediate threat to fish, wildlife, and/or habitat.
- Sites or farms where resource impacts are evaluated to be severe, and compliance can be achieved.
- Technical and administrative support for local units of government undertaking initiatives to improve water quality.

Medium Priority for Services

- Farms located within watersheds of Outstanding and Exceptional Resource waters.
- Farms located within watersheds where TMDL reports or implementation plans are not yet prepared.

In responding to public complaints or staff observations, medium priority is assigned to:

- Sites or farms identified above as medium priority for services.
- Sites or farms where impacts are less severe.

Low Priority for Services

- All other operations

Technical and financial assistance

Providing quality technical and financial assistance through CPZ and/or private service providers is an important part of achieving plan outcomes. This assistance is utilized in the following ways:

1. Implement best management practices by providing quality technical assistance and promoting and administering federal, state, and county cost share conservation programs to achieve LWRM plan priorities
2. Monitor and track conservation plans and practices and assess resource needs.
3. Provide training for farmer-developed nutrient management plans.
4. Plan review and permit issuance, ordinance implementation.

Enforcement and compliance

Safeguards are a necessity at times to achieve plan goals and to protect the land and water of the county. Therefore, Marathon County has put into place fair and consistent ordinances and a defined enforcement policy for county ordinances administered by CPZ. These tools will be used and followed when enforcement and compliance with these ordinances is necessary. The relevant ordinances and enforcement process will be used when it comes the following situations:

1. Evaluating land parcels, notifying landowners of compliance status, offering cost sharing, providing technical assistance, and follow enforcement process to implement the cropland NR 151 Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions.
2. Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance, and Animal Waste Management Ordinance in accordance with the priority farm strategy listed above.
3. Updating and implementing county ordinances related to land and water programs as needed or required by state statute or regulation.
4. Consider county stormwater and construction site erosion control incorporation into county land division, shoreland, and floodplain ordinances.

Information and Education Strategy

Successful information and education strategies are essential to properly focus on the myriad of land and water goals of this LWRM Plan, along with Marathon County's conservation and planning programs, to achieve phosphorus reduction. Educational opportunities for local officials, land owners, farmers, and all citizens whether urban or rural, young or seniors, are paramount to share and generate a cohesive awareness about protecting and enhancing the land and water resources. In order to improve and protect these resources, collectively a change of culture by all those with a stake in these vital resources is required to be successful.

Information and education activities will be critical to reaching each plan goal. An information and education strategy is also a separate goal of this plan. Initial implementation of the information and education strategy is outlined in each one-year work plan. The strategy will be evaluated and modified along with other components of the work plan each year.

Citizen engagement through community stakeholder groups are critical components of the implementation of this LWRM Plan.

- A water resources technician along with dedicated conservation staff and partners provide focus to, and coordination of, natural resource educational efforts related to their program priorities.
- CPZ staff that deal directly with the public by answering the telephone or greeting clients are trained to distribute appropriate educational materials and refer clients to the appropriate staff person, department, or agency.
- The development and assessment of information and education strategies is imperative to ensure targeted audiences are reached and engaged, especially given the wide variety of communication platforms available today.

Riparian and Wetland Tillage Setback Buffer

Policy development and adoption of a Riparian and Wetland Protection buffer including a "Tillage Setback Policy" is required as part of this LWRM Plan, to protect existing vegetation in riparian corridors and work to restore the integrity of the natural resource areas. A riparian and wetland "Tillage Setback Policy" minimizes or prevents the alteration of the riparian zone along stream segments to ensure that functions provided by the riparian and wetland areas are protected. The **riparian zone** is an ecological term that refers to the habitat adjacent to a river or stream that functions to support and enhance aquatic and terrestrial communities who are dependent on the river or stream. The riparian or wetland buffer refers to a "green corridor" along the banks of a river, stream or wetland that separates water bodies from tillage or developed land uses and is intended to provide protection from the harmful impacts of such uses on water quality. Research has indicated that these types of setbacks can range from 25 to 300 feet depending on the size and drainage area of the stream and quality of wetland; however at this time, such broad protection zones can only be encouraged on a voluntary basis. This plan does call for the county to consider the development and implementation a 35-foot buffer for surface water and wetland areas, which would be consistent with other state protections for property owners along shoreland areas.

Insert Example Setback Map

Protection of Regionally Important Water Resources

The need for careful judgment may be required to facilitate the management and protection of regionally important water resources, which are sensitive to local environmental impacts and yet provide important benefits to the residents of the region. These water resources can benefit from the strategies described in this LWRM Plan, which includes both legislative and administrative management recommendations. They also require cooperative efforts among the adjoining units of government that effect these waters. The development of management and protection strategies for regionally important water resources is based on existing information from the Wisconsin River Basin TMDL.

The identification of groundwater areas in need of protection is less defined than surface waters. One can pinpoint the locations of groundwater withdrawals for municipal and agricultural drinking water systems. Areas served by individual systems/wells are distributed over a broader area. It is important in groundwater protection to manage aquifer recharge areas. The delineation of aquifer recharge areas requires extensive subsurface geological information, which is often not readily available. Therefore, those areas, which are dependent on groundwater for a sizeable portion of water supply, are identified here in general terms only.

Partners

Federal

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and Chapter 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 130 require states to develop total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for waters not meeting designated uses under technology-based controls for pollution. The TMDL process quantitatively assesses the impairment factors so that states can establish water quality based controls to reduce pollution from both point and nonpoint sources, and to restore and protect the quality of their water resources.

State Legislation

This LWRM Plan recognizes legislation enacted in Wisconsin that established standards for the management of water quality standards and nonpoint source pollution, and provides a mechanism for local accountability to meet state minimum standards. However, it is clear from the deliberations of the LAC, charged with addressing the issues of land and water resource management recommendations for this plan, that the absence of adequate state statutory standards severely impedes adequate regulation to effectively achieve water quality standards and targets identified in the Wisconsin River TMDL and this Plan. These deficiencies need to be addressed by county board and proper recommendations sent to State leaders.

State Agencies

Improved linkages among different levels of government and existing protective mechanisms are needed. Actions taken by one level of government should be coordinated to maximize local,

state, and federal investment and avoid long-term irreversible negative impacts on land and water resources.

Marathon County

CPZ staff will continue to work closely with a diverse group of agencies, associations, and organizations involved in resource management and protection and include the following: The Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation (EPPIC), Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization (BEPCO), Lake Wausau Association, various lake districts, Pheasants Forever, River Alliance of Wisconsin, Golden Sands, and Central Wisconsin River Graziers Network.

Work Plan and Timeline

An annual work plan and timeline will be determined by the goals, objectives, strategies, and outcomes as identified in Chapter 3. The infographics clearly identify conservation staff activities to achieve the overall identified goals to be accomplished through specific objectives, activities and partnerships, with specific outcomes to accomplish within a specified timeframe. This model reflects the county's Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan format for continuity. Each year the conservation staff work plan and status will be evaluated to better inform and guide decisions towards education efforts, funding levels, staff directives, and efforts designed to preserve and protect land and water resources.

Current and Future Potential Funding Sources

Annual Fiscal Resource Projection

The annual CPZ budget typically supports 7.7 full time equivalent staff positions whose primary focus is on LWRM Plan implementation. In 2010 there were 5 full time equivalent staff positions. Funding for these positions varies from year to year, but there is consistently on average over the last four years approximately \$730,000 of county tax levy and \$580,000 DATCP/DNR staffing and cost share grants which are relied upon to provide base funding for staff along with matching grant obligations for various staffing grants.

Annually there is an identified staffing budget shortfall of \$190,000 and \$730,000 cost share shortfall to meet the high priority objectives in the current and proposed Land Water Resource Management plan. This does not reflect any specific watershed plans or projects, which would need their own budget to be developed.

Despite a decrease in state funding over the last decade for staff and stable county tax levy, CPZ has been able to slowly increase staffing levels because of successful efforts to secure grants, provide stable revenue streams, and partnership agreements to boost the amounts of cost sharing and staff positions. In recent years CPZ has secured grants from the following sources to increase its current staff funding levels:

- *National Association of Conservation Districts-Technical Assistance Grant*
\$40,000 per year to support the managed grazing efforts.

- *National Association of Conservation Districts-Technical Assistance Grant*
\$35,000 per year to support the Farmland Preservation efforts.
- *Natural Resources Conservation Service-multiyear Cooperative Agreement*
Provides \$80,000 per year to support Conservation Specialist position working primarily in the Big Eau Pleine Watershed, which includes the Fenwood Creek.
- *DNR Lake Protection Grant*
Multiyear grant supports Water Resources Technician position and Aquatic Invasive Species program partnership with Golden Sands RC&D.
- *Service fees* on cost share grants provide reliable funding to support staff expenses.

These grants and allocations have allowed CPZ to increase staff levels but they are not stable long term funding sources. A more sustainable approach is needed to secure additional County tax levy along with State base funding to fund staff positions and to pursue grants to provide cost sharing to farmers and landowners, which support State objectives. This approach is recommended to stabilize program efforts. To meet additional LWRM Plan goals and objectives along with desired outcomes, additional funding sources will need to be secured to achieve full plan objectives. Annual budgets will reflect county direction on plan implementation goals. Specific budgets will be developed to implement various goals within the plan. This plan is based upon current funding and staffing levels, with opportunities for new directions and initiatives if funding is provided.

Grant Funding for Projects, Farmers and Landowners

Marathon County conservation programs have typically ranked well over the years in grant funding allocations supporting the work efforts aligned with conservation program implementation and practices to protect the soil and water resources within the county. For example, funding allocations for 2020 include the following:

- *Marathon County Total Funding allocation for 2020*
Staffing funds and cost share funds totals \$314,865. Marathon County has steadily risen and now ranks #1 in the state in highest total DATCP grant funding.
- *Marathon County Funding Allocation for Bond Cost Sharing*
Annually, funds to be used for structural type conservation practices totals \$75,850, and segregated fund revenues (SEG) cost sharing and funds to be used for “soft” practices such as nutrient management, no till, cover crops, etc. totals \$95,000. Marathon County now ranks #1 in the state for total DATCP cost sharing for farmers compared to #26 in 2010.
- *Nutrient Management Farmer Education Training Grant*
The annual multi county nutrient management farmer education program that Marathon County initiated 13 years ago received \$53,350 of grant funds for 2020, with most of the funds going directly to participating farmers. This allocation is the highest in the state.
- *DNR Targeted Resource Management (TRM) grants*
CPZ has been highly successful in securing grants to fund projects on farms. Both small and large scale grants have been secured over the last 10 years that have funded individual projects on farms along with watershed-scale projects such as the Fenwood Creek Watershed. These grants have varied annually from \$50,000 to \$800,000. These types of grants will continue to be secured to fund conservation projects within the county.
- *Lake Grants*
Marathon County has partnered with Lake Groups and associations to secure grants for Lake Plans, and now Lake Grants to aide in implementation of the plans that have been developed. CPZ will continue to grow this effort to secure grants to both develop new lake and river planning grants along with implementation grants to meet plan objectives.
- *Multi-Discharger Variance Program*
These funds from the DNR are used in the Fenwood Creek Watershed as incentive payments to farmers. To be eligible, farmers must meet all State Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions. Once eligible, farmers can earn incentive payments based on the amount of additional phosphorus reductions they make on their cropland. Funding ranges from \$30,000-\$40,000 per year.

APPENDIX B NEW OR EXPANDED POSITION REQUEST

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Department: Parks, Recreation & Forestry _____ Date: May 11, 2020 _____

Position Requested: Motorized Recreation Coordinator _____ FT PT FTE Increase
from 0.6 to 0.75%

(If unsure of classification, indicate "To be determined") Number of Positions: 1 _____

Division Position Will Be Assigned To: Administration _____
(Indicate NA if not applicable)

Projected Start Date of Position: December 1, 2020 Priority Number of This Position: _____
If you are requesting more than one position, prioritize all your requests and indicate the priority number of position.

II. FULL EXPLANATION OF NEED FOR POSITION

A. Is this position request compatible with the County's mission statement?

Yes the position provides opportunities to Marathon County residents to engage in outdoor recreation enhancing their quality of life. The user groups this position serves also manages and maintains miles of trails for residents and visitors to use allowing them to visit different areas of the County. Managing the snowmobile and ATV programs contributes to making Marathon County the healthiest and most prosperous county.

B. What is your department's mission statement and how does position support this mission and/or department strategic plan?

Our mission statement is to adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the preferred place to live, work and play. Snowmobiling and ATVing are unique recreational experiences. Managing the 29 snowmobile clubs to ensure they get funding to provide trails that allow users to have these recreational experiences is needed to ensure the groups are managing and maintaining the trails properly, providing safe trails to ride and enhancing the natural resources of the county.

B. Indicate reasons for asking for position including purpose of position, applicable workload data and trends, etc. **plus attach relevant supporting data.** If more than one position of the same classification is being requested, also justify the number requested.

The position of Motorized Recreation Administrator was a standalone position of the County until 2005. Prior to 2005 the position went from a part time position to a full time position. In 2005 the position was vacated and the tasks were given temporarily to the County's Park Ranger. The dual role of the Park Ranger did not remain temporary and continued as a dual role for 14 years. Over the years the Park Ranger's time commitments for motorized recreational trail management has increased and his enforcement of County Ordinances and attention to visitor safety has decreased.

In 2019 when the Park Ranger retired we filled the Motorized Recreation Coordinator portion of his position with a 0.6 Motorized Recreation Coordinator. The Motorized Recreation Coordinator is a position required by the state of WI if snowmobile and ATV funds are distributed to clubs for trail maintenance and trail project. This position was anticipated to work more hours in Sept-March and less hours April-August however the summer months are so far just as demanding as the winter months on the administrative side of the positions rather than the club contact demands of the winter months. As our current Motorized Recreation Coordinator got acclimated to his position, the demand on his time from the

29 snowmobile clubs and WI Department of Natural Resources was more than anticipated and it has become apparent why the position was a full time position prior to 2005. Such demands have included ATV trail re-routes that involve the WI DNR, Army Corps of Engineers as well as local municipalities and County Zoning Dept. Other administrative tasking has included updating club forms, reduction of printing costs and staff time for grant reimbursement documents. Working with County GIS staff for snowmobile trail maps and maintenance of County informational website.

- C. What benefit will the position provide to the County? How does the position improve/enhance customer service and/or address community needs?

This position will fill the requirement of the WI DNR to have a manager of the County's snowmobile and ATV programs in order for the clubs to receive state funding. This position will work closely with the groups to ensure all groups receive the same information, the trails are managed properly and the trails are safe for visitors. All of these aspects would reflect positively upon the county and have the opportunity to increase revenue from tourism for both snowmobile and ATV recreation. Increasing the position will allow for more efficient management of the program and give the ability to properly update and implement policies and procedures that are currently outdated and inefficient.

- D. Indicate any alternatives to creating this position that were considered and why you still chose to request the position?

The current position could remain at a 0.6 position and the basics of the program will be managed. Increased safety measures and updated policies and procedures will not be completed due to the lack of available time of a 0.6 position. A benefit to increasing the position is the ability to increase the amount of time charged to the grant that is reimbursable to the County.

- E. What will be the effect if the proposed position is not created?

The snowmobile and ATV clubs in the County may not receive the full funding from the state to have and maintain trails within the county. Trails may not always be the safest that they could be with additional oversight. With diminished trail quality and reduced management at the County level, funding for the trails could be withheld by the WI DNR. This may also lead to loss of funded snowmobile/ATV trail miles which ultimately could close down clubs and potentially impact the overall program for Marathon County.

- F. What criteria will you use to monitor the effectiveness and performance of the position? (Increasing revenues, improved customer service, decreasing costs, enhancing services, etc?)

This position is partially funded by the grants they manage. The amount of grant funding received, the number of projects completed and input from the clubs will indicate the effectiveness and performance of this position. Over the past year the input from the clubs and input from the Sheriff's Department was extremely positive and spoke to how well Mitch was performing the tasks of the Coordinator.

III. SPECIFIC DUTIES OF NEW POSITION

- A. List the specific duties position will perform plus the approximate percentage of time to be spent on each duty.

Administers and coordinates the maintenance and development of snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails; prepares grant applications and reimbursement requests for trail maintenance and development projects; updates and prepares maps of snowmobile and ATV trails. Provides assistance to snowmobile and ATV clubs on State requirements for the maintenance and development of snowmobile and ATV trails. 70%

Assists snowmobile and ATV clubs with landowner trail issues, conducts inspections to ensure trails, signing, and trail infrastructure are in compliance with State and local regulations and maintained to DNR standards. Reports trail hazards and maintenance needs to the appropriate club for repairs or attention. 20%

Investigates complaints and works with the appropriate snowmobile or ATV club to resolve problems; 5%

Promotes trail openings and closings in news release and interviews with local media; updates the County website with trail condition reports as necessary. 2%

Responds to questions and provides miscellaneous information on snowmobile and ATV related inquiries. 2%

Obtains supplies and equipment necessary to department operations. 1%

- B. Could another County department use the expertise of this position? OR could you use the expertise of another department to meet your needs? Why or why not?

This position will have expertise in managing state grants and could be used as a resource to other departments.

The only other department that could possibly assist with the requirement of this position would be the Sheriff's department however they do not have the staff to assist at this time. In fact over the past year, this position has worked hand in hand with the Sheriff's Office and have made the trails safer and have built a better report with the ATV and snowmobile clubs.

- C. If the work is currently being done by the County, how is it being accomplished (contract basis, temporary help, current employee, etc.)? Why is this arrangement no longer acceptable?

The position of the Motorized Recreation Administrator was a standalone position of the County until 2005. Prior to 2005 the position went from a part time position to a full time position. In 2005 the position was vacated and the tasks were given temporarily to the County's Park Ranger. The dual role of the Park Ranger did not remain temporary and continued as a dual role for 14 years. Over the years the Park Ranger's time commitments for motorized recreational trail management has increased and his enforcement of County Ordinances and attention to visitor safety has decreased.

The current Motorized Recreation Coordinator is a 0.6 position and he is doing an exceptional job on the managing of the program, increasing grant funding to the County and working with the Sheriff's Office however his time is spread very thin and he is not able to do all of the required tasks that are being demanded of him by the clubs, WI DNR and the Sheriff's Deputies within his part-time position. Furthermore, Marathon County has the highest amount of snowmobile trail miles in the state as well as an above average amount of clubs that all require assistance from our coordinator. Due to the changes that have occurred over time for both the motorized recreation sport and the programs that manage the funding, increased time to this position would be required in order to effectively administer this program.

IV. POSITION COSTS AND FUNDING SOURCES

- A. What is the anticipated total cost of this position? (Include salary; benefits; office space, remodeling, furniture, and equipment; travel; and other applicable costs.)

Please see attached position cost breakdown.

- B. Explain specifically how position will be funded.

Current Funding:

Amount of County tax levy: \$19,000 % of total costs: 56 %

Amount of any outside funding: \$15,000 % of total costs: 44 %

Proposed Increase in Funding:

Amount of County tax levy: \$3,040 % of total costs: 50 %

Amount of any outside funding: \$7,040 % of total costs: 50 %

Total Funding if approved:

Amount of County tax levy: \$22,040 _____ % of total costs: 50 % _____

Amount of any outside funding: \$22,040 _____ % of total costs: 50 % _____

Source of outside funding: State Grants _____

Length of outside funding: Annual _____

Likelihood of funding renewal: Guaranteed as long as the state funds snowmobile and ATV programs _____

Would this outside funding be used to offset the levy if not used for this position? No _____

- B. Will the proposed position allow your department to increase revenues or decrease expenditures beyond the cost of the position? If yes, how?

The amount of grant funding could be increased to offset levy expenses.

- C. Does the proposed position provide preventive services that will lead to cost avoidance or more extensive services in the future? OR Can the proposed position be justified as an investment with future benefits to the County greater than the cost of the position? If yes, how?

Yes, the ability to manage the snowmobile and ATV funds that pay to keep our trails maintained and available to users ensures the clubs will provide that work for the county. If the clubs did not receive the state funding the county would not have snowmobile or ATV trails or it would be the county expenses paying for the trails and trail maintenance.

- D. Can the position costs be offset by eliminating or reducing a lower priority function? If yes, explain.

Department functions have been prioritized and the increase in the costs for this position will be offset by increased revenues or reduced expenditures within the department budget.

V. COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION

What is the recommendation of the committee of jurisdiction?

Presented to Parks and Recreation Committee and Environmental Resources Committee on Tuesday, September 1.

NOTE: An updated or new Position Description Questionnaire (PDQ) may be necessary to complete the job evaluation process.

Signature of Supervisor/Manager Completing Request

Date

Department Head Signature

Date



8/18/20

RESOLUTION #R-___-2020

TO EXPAND .60 FTE MOTORIZED RECREATION COORDINATOR TO 0.75 FTE

WHEREAS, the mission of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department mission is to adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the preferred place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, snowmobiling and ATVing are unique recreational experiences; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 when the Park Ranger retired, the Motorized Recreation Coordinator portion of the position was filled with a .60 FTE; and

WHEREAS, the Motorized Recreation Coordinator position was anticipated to work more hours in Sept-March and less hours April-August, however the summer months are just as demanding as the winter months on the administrative side; and

WHEREAS, such demands have included ATV trail re-routes that involve the WI DNR, Army Corps of Engineers, as well as local municipalities and the Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department; and

WHEREAS, other administrative tasking has included updating club forms, reduction of printing costs and staff time for grant reimbursement documents, and working with County GIS staff for snowmobile trail maps and maintenance of County informational website; and

WHEREAS, funding will be provided by amending the Parks department budget by increased revenue or decreased expenditures to offset the increase.

WHEREAS, on, _____ 2020, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee also voted to recommend expanding the current .60 FTE Motorized Recreation Coordinator to .75 FTE to County Board; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund these positions and services that they will provide § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats., dictates that appropriations in the Marathon County budget may not be modified unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon:

- A. To expand the current .60 FTE Motorized Recreation Coordinator to .75 FTE, effective the beginning of the first pay period following the approval of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of, _____ 2020.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Fiscal Impact: Estimated annual increase of \$0

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