



**Marathon County  
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes  
Thursday, February 7, 2019  
212 River Drive, Wausau WI**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Not present</u></b>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....	X <i>(arrived at 3:15 p.m.)</i>	
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Randy Fifrick .....		X <i>(excused)</i>
	Rick Seefeldt .....		X <i>(excused)</i>
	Jim Bove .....	X	
	Allen Drabek.....	X	
	Ashley Lange .....	X	
	Sara Guild.....	X	
	Allen Opall .....		X <i>(excused)</i>
	Marilyn Bhend .....		X <i>(excused)</i>
	Kelly King .....	X	

Also present: Rebecca Frisch, Paul Daigle, Peter Wade, Dale Dimond, Jeff Pritchard, Dominique Swangstu, Cindy Kraeger – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ), Meleesa Johnson – Solid Waste Department, Steve Boe, Dustin Vreeland, Brian Kowalski – City Pages.

1. **Call to order** – in the absence of Chair Langenhahn and Vice Chair Fifrick, **Motion** / second Drabek / Lange to appoint Guild as Chair pro tempore. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent. Called to order by Chair pro tempore at 3:00 p.m. at 212 River Drive – Room 5 was moved to Room 1-2, Wausau, WI.

2. **Public Comment** – None.

3. **Approval of January 3, 2019 Environmental Resources Committee minutes.**

**Motion** / second by King / Bove to approve of the January 3, 2019 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

1. Public testimony on text amendment changes to Marathon County Code Chapter 15 Private Sewage System Ordinance

**Discussion:** Dimond discussed the code being updated to remain consistent with the Wisconsin Administrative Code SPS 381-387 which includes requirement for use of older soil test reports which changed in a recent revision to the State code. Other amendments included electronic submittal of documents, minor language additions/changes, and efficient use of CPZ staff time.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to the text amendment changes to the Marathon County Code Chapter 15 private Sewage System Ordinance.

Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:16 p.m.

**Action:** **Motion** / second by Lange / Bove to recommend approval to County Board, of the proposed text amendments to the Marathon County Chapter 15 Private Sewage Systems. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

**Follow through:** Forward the Chapter 15 amendments to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

*Langenhahn arrives and resumes Chair position.*

B. Review and Possible Action

1. Pine Ridge Pointe Preliminary Plat – Kolby Construction LLC Owner; Vreeland – Surveyor – Town of Easton

**Discussion:** Frisch discussed the details of the Preliminary Plat and distributed an updated copy of the plat. Frisch informed the Committee Dave Decker will be Marathon County’s Surveyor as Chris Fieri has taken another position and will be leaving CPZ in the near future. Dave was available to answer any surveying questions. The property was recently rezoned and the plat meets the Land Division standards. Note: A small revision was submitted which reduces the lot size of Lot 6 and increased the size of the out lot. Staff recommends approval of the preliminary plat. Vreeland explained the preliminary plat changes to Lot 6 in order to accommodate stormwater runoff.

**Action:** **Motion** / second by King / Drabek to approve the distributed Pine Ridge Pointe Preliminary Plat located in the Town of Easton. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

**Follow through:** The final plat will be submitted for approval at a later date for future committee action. Approval by county board is not required.

5. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**

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

1. Solid Waste – Environmental Repair Fund update

**Discussion:** Johnson discussed memo that was included in the meeting packet. Johnson is working with Senator Petrowski to add a proposal to the upcoming budget bill or introduce a stand-alone bill to address use of the fund

monies.

Action: None needed, for informational purposes only.

Follow through: None.

2. CPZ – update on Marathon County General Code of Ordinances Chapter 17 text amendments

a. Town and Municipality responses to text amendments to Section 17.204.42 (E) fence and wall requirements for public or self-storage facilities: staff recommendations

b. General text amendments: staff recommendations

Discussion: Swangstu reported back to the Committee the Town input received from County and Town Zoned towns. Swangstu made the recommendation based on the input to remove the fence and wall requirements for public or self-storage facilities from the General Code of Ordinance. The Board of Adjustment, if they choose has the authority to place this requirement on a Conditional Use Permit in order to protect the need of the public, but there would not be a blanket requirement for a fence or wall. Swangstu stated the memo and summary of proposed text amendments was mailed out the Town Clerks and Town Chairs for their input. A summary of the text amendments was included in the meeting packet. The committee was asked to review and provide input on the text amendments. A public hearing on these amendments will be held during the March 7, 2019 ERC meeting along with a public open house in February.

B. Should Marathon County develop more restrictive standards for the application of manure during high risk times for farms licensed by the County?

1. Options the county provides to reduce phosphorus runoff

2. What is currently done to work with farmers when a runoff event occurs from winter spreading

3. List of the number of animals on each licensed dairy

4. Map of the county showing where each facility is located and where the farm drains

5. Counties with more restrictive requirements

Discussion: This agenda item will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

C. Wildlife Damage Program – 2018 summary of claims

Discussion: This agenda item will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

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

A. North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition Cooperative Agreement Renewal

Discussion: The Stormwater Cooperative Agreement includes participation of municipalities along the Wisconsin River to develop and implement information and outreach to increase awareness of stormwater impacts on waters of the state. CPZ provides staff expertise and leadership to the group. The coalition is assisted by North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Action: **Motion** / second Guild / Lange to recommend approval to the County Board of the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition Cooperative renewal as amended. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Staff will forward the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition Cooperative Agreement renewal and resolution to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

B. Land Division Code proposed revisions

1. Minimum Lot Size – 2 acres

2. Differentiating Access, Shared Driveways, Private Roads, Easements, Access Strips

Discussion: Frisch commented there was an error on the agenda with the proposed minimum lot size which should be 1 acre. This agenda item will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

C. Authorizing resolution for DNR Lake Grant – Building Community Capacity: Water Resource Protection (2)

Discussion: Frisch stated that CPZ is applying for a Water Resource Protection Grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the WI DNR along with local public and private partnerships that will provide in-kind match requirement of \$25,000 which will represent a re-allocation of existing staff, supplies and equipment to this program.

Action: **Motion** / second King / Guild to recommend approval to the County Board of the DNR Lake Grant – Building Community Capacity: Water Resource Protection Grant as presented. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward the DNR Lake Grant – Building Community Capacity: Water Resource Protection to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting; Resolution will be submitted to the WI DNR.

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

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

B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

- Daigle commented on the excellent Soil Health event hosted by EPPIC with presenter Ray Archuleta – Soil Health expert.

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- The Land and Water Plan update will be within the next couple of months; it is due in mid 2020. A Citizen Advisory Committee will be established as required by WI Administrative Rules. .
- Lange discussed Wisconsin Adventure Camps offered through WI Land +Water Association.
- Bove mentioned the abundance of fish in the Eau Pleine Reservoir based on a previous fishing contest.

8. **Adjourn – Motion** / second by Drabek / King to **adjourn** at 4:10 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Rebecca Frisch, CPZ Director  
For Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

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

RF/cek