



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Thursday, June 6, 2019
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Attendance:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....	X	<i>(arrived at 3:30)</i>
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Randy Fifrick.....	X	
	Rick Seefeldt	X	
	Jim Bove	X	
	Allen Drabek	X	
	Ashley Lange.....	X	
	Sara Guild.....	X	
	Allen Opall	X	
	Marilyn Bhend	X	
	Kelly King	X	

Also present: Rebecca Frisch, Paul Daigle, Dominique Swangstu, Dave Decker, Cindy Kraeger – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Tom Lovlien, Jamie Polley – Park Recreation and Forestry (PRF), David Hagenbucher – Solid Waste Department; Lance Leonhard (Deputy Administrator), Scott Corbett (Corporation Counsel), Tammy Miller, Steve Kunst, Nathan Wincentsen, Brian Bushull, Matt Krull, Tim Vreeland, Peter Weinschenk.

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Vice Chair Fifrick at 3:00 p.m. at 500 Forest Street – Assembly Room, Wausau, WI.
2. **Public Comment** – None.
3. **Approval of May 2, 2019 Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) minutes with clarifications.**

Motion / second by Bove / King to approve of the May 2, 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 (County Zoning changes)

1. Nathan Wincentsen of Riverside Land Surveying on behalf of June A. Landwehr Irrevocable Trust – F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential Town of Eau Pleine

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. The request to rezone is to include the ½ acre of the existing 17+/- acres of cropland of the total 39 acre parcel. The town of Eau Pleine has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

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

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:15 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: Motion / second by King / Opall to recommend approval to County Board, of the Nathan Wincentsen on behalf of June A. Landwehr Irrevocable Trust rezone request. Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is in the Farmland Preservation Plan. Adequate facilities are present and providing public facilities will not burden local government. The rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Matthew & Robyn Krull on behalf of Ruth Bessette – G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential-Town of Elderon

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. The request to rezone is to include the 3.50 acres which will result in a 5.60 acre parcel. The town of Elderon has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:25 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: Motion / second by Seefeldt / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Matthew &

Robyn Krull on behalf of Ruth Bessette rezoned request. Committee determined the rezoned is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not in the Farmland Preservation Plan. Adequate facilities are present and providing public facilities will not burden local government. The rezoned should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

3. Tammy L. Miller (Kiedrowski) – G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Elderon

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. The request to rezoned is to rezoned Lot #1 on Preliminary Certified Survey Map submitted by Riverside Land Surveying which will result in a 2.0 acre parcel. The town of Elderon has reviewed the application and recommends denial; does not conform to the town's 10 acre minimum lot size. Swangstu explained the property owner has the right to apply and it meets the standards set forth in the Zoning Ordinance. Swangstu attended the Town of Elderon Town Board meeting June 4th, 2019 to seek clarification on the initial recommendation of denial. Swangstu explained there were multiple discussions with the town about their determination not being based off the standards and conditions of the petition for rezoned. The Town still recommended denial of the rezoned due to the proposed size of the parcel not meeting a 5 acre minimum size, which varies from the initial reasoning supplied in the Towns official resolution and recommendation. Frisch discussed the Town's recommendation as advisory. The town has the right to veto the action of the Committee if state statutes timelines are followed. It was noted if the parcel was 10 acres in size, 8 acres would be wetlands and unbuildable.

Chair Langenhahn arrived at 3:30 p.m.

Chair Langenhahn asked Vice Chair if he could participate in discussion. Corbett discussed the late arrival of the Chair whom would still be able to participate in the discussion and voting on this rezoned.

Frisch stated CPZ plans to work with the towns to address their land division ordinances consistency with their comprehensive plans and to assure their code is in compliance with statutes.

Miller was sworn in, and is hoping to sell the property and is not going to subdivide the lots.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezoned request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:48 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by King / Lange to recommend approval to County Board, of the Tammy L. Miller (Kiedrowski) rezoned request. Committee determined the rezoned is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not in the Farmland Preservation Plan. Adequate facilities are present and providing public facilities will not burden local government. The rezoned should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. Motion **carried** by roll call vote 7 yes; 2 no- Opall and Langenhahn.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

4. Dale Landwehr and Carolyn Stroetz – F-P Farmland Preservation to R-E Rural Estate and G-A General Agriculture – Town of Eau Pleine

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in, and stated this rezoned was withdrawn.

B. Oriole Heights Preliminary Plat – Town of Rib Mountain

Discussion: Decker reviewed the Oriole Heights Preliminary Plat with the Committee. Staff recommends approval with the condition of a storm water management plan which would need to be approved prior to final plat action. Kunst was sworn in and explained the preliminary plat request.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Bove to approve the Oriole Heights Preliminary Plat located in the Town of Rib Mountain subject to the stormwater management plan.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: The stormwater management plan will be submitted to the CPZ for review.

C. Administrators establishment of a Local Advisory Committee for development of Land and Water Resource Plan

Discussion: Daigle discussed the Land and Water Resource Plan will be coming within the next 12 months. State statutes requires Marathon County to actively solicit public participants in the planning and evaluation of soil and water conservation programs through a local advisory committee. The local advisory committee being forwarded to ERC by the County Administrator was included in the meeting packet. The local advisory committee will provide advice and assist in the development of recommendations for inclusion in the Land and Water Resources Plan.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / King to approve the Administrators establishment of a Local Advisory Committee for development of Land and Water Resource Plan.

Follow through: Administrators establishment of a Local Advisory Committee for development will be included in the Land and Water Plan.

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

A. Community Stakeholder Discussion: Manure Policies and Practice

1. CAFO Representative Dan Punke

Discussion: Dan Punke was unable to attend the meeting.

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

CPZ

1. Environmental Impact Fund Update

Discussion: Daigle discussed the status of the EIF projects that were previously approved for funding. CPZ is working with sponsoring municipalities to have these projects completed by December 2019 with a final report in early 2020.

Action: **None**, for informational purposes only.

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

A. New position requests

1. Solid Waste - FTE Regulatory Compliance and Environmental Health/Safety Specialist

Discussion: Hagenbucher reviewed the new position request which was included in the packet to reduce the amount of compliance monitoring, reporting, submittal tracking and construction documentation/report that has been contracted out.

Action: **Motion** / second by Fifrick / Seefeldt to accept and forward the Solid Waste FTE Regulatory Compliance and Environmental Health/Safety Specialist new position request to Employee Resources as required.

Follow through: Solid Waste will forward to Employee Resources for their consideration.

2. CPZ - Conversion of CPZ casual Administrative Assistant to full time Administrative Assistant

Discussion: Frisch reviewed the new position request which was included in the meeting packet. Additional costs for this conversion will be funded through the existing casual position budget and increased fee revenues.

Action: **Motion** / second by Guild /Seefeldt to accept and forward the Conversion of CPZ casual Administrative Assistant to full time Administrative Assistant to Employee Resources as required.

Follow through: CPZ will forward to Employee Resources for their consideration.

B. Capital Improvement Project Requests

1. PRF

- a. Electric upgrade – Big Eau Pleine Park
- b. Big Eau Pleine road repairs
- c. Ice arena dasher board replacement
- d. Marathon Park master plan
- e. Ice arena refrigeration controller
- f. Marathon Park Marquee
- g. Pickleball Courts
- h. Playground replacement
- i. Rolling Stock (Equipment & Vehicles)

Discussion: Polley reviewed the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests that were included in the meeting packet.

Action: **Motion** / second by King / Bove to accept and forward to the Capital Improvement Program Committee for consideration the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department 2020 Capital Improvement requests; Electric upgrade – Big Eau Pleine Park, Big Eau Pleine road repairs, Ice arena dasher board replacement, Marathon Park master plan, Ice arena refrigeration controller, Marathon Park Marquee, Pickleball Courts, Playground replacement, Rolling Stock (Equipment & Vehicles). Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: These CIP requests will be forwarded according to the established procedures.

2. Solid Waste

- a. Gas System Expansion
- b. Area B closure
- c. Solar energy project
- d. Hazardous Waste building & Garage addition

Discussion: Hagenbucher reviewed the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests that were included in the meeting packet. The department operates as an enterprise fund and has reserves to fund these projects. The projects are required to be submitted to the CIP regardless of the funding source.

Action: **Motion** / second by Bove/ Drabek to approve and forward to the Capital Improvement Program Committee for consideration the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Program requests; Gas System Expansion, Area B closure, Solar energy project, Hazardous Waste building & Garage addition. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow Through: These CIP requests will be forwarded according to established procedures.

3. CPZ

- a. 2020 Marathon County Digital Orthophoto Acquisition
- b. Urban Nonpoint Source & Stormwater Program (UNSSP)

Discussion: Frisch reviewed the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests that were included in the meeting packet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Guild / Lange to approve and forward to the Capital Improvement Program Committee for consideration the Conservation, Planning and Zoning requests; 2020 Marathon County Digital Orthophoto Acquisition, Urban Nonpoint Source & Stormwater Program (UNSSP). Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: These CIP requests will be forwarded according to established procedures.

C. Legislative and Budget Report: current and future legislative initiatives

Discussion: Frisch distributed the legislative report. The State Legislature continues to work on the budget, a few bills are being introduced dealing with wells and no new report on other legislative actions.

Action: **None**, for informational purposes only.

Follow through: CPZ will continue to monitor legislative actions.

D. Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) – Level 3 and 4 Programming

Discussion: Frisch reviewed a power point explaining the 5 basic program attribute criteria (reliance, mandates, cost recovery, change in demand, and portion of community served). Leonhard explained the transition of the PBB budget program since 2016 and the adjustments made to consolidate programs with the new PBB tool. Currently reports can be generated to address questions the committee may have regarding the program, rankings, costs, etc. Langenhahn requested information for each department regarding the program costs and rankings for further consideration of the committee.

Action: Leonhard to provide PBB reports to the committee.

Follow through: Item to be placed on future agendas.

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

Tuesday, July 2, 2019 3:00 p.m. Courthouse Assembly Room 500 Forest Street, Wausau

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
- B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence - None

8. **Adjourn** – **Motion** / second by King / Drabek to **adjourn** at 5:37 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