



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Thursday, August 1, 2019
212 River Drive, Wausau WI**

Attendance:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....		X (<i>excused</i>)
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Randy Fifrick.....	X	
	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	
	Kelly King		X (<i>excused</i>)

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); Kurt Gibbs – County Board Chair; Chad Billeb – Marathon County Sheriff Department; Peter Weinschenk; Brian Bushnell.

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Vice Chair Fifrick at 3:36 p.m. at 212 River Drive Room 5, Wausau, WI.
2. **Public Comment** – None.
3. **Approval of July 2, 2019 Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) minutes.**

Motion / second by Guild / Drabek to approve of the July 2, 2019 Environmental Resources Committee minutes as distributed. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**

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

1. Town of Emmet zone changes

Discussion: Town of Emmet is independently zoned and submitted a request to rezone Lots 1 of CSM Vol 34 Pg. 76 8698 10.80 acres and Lot 1 of CSM Vol 25 Pg. 33 6633 2.63 acres. The zoning change was approved at the town board meeting on July 9, 2019.

Although the town is independently zoned, County Board approval is still needed.

Action: Motion / second by Guild / Lange to recommend approval to County Board, of the Town of Emmet zone change. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

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

C. Review and Possible Action

1. Stone Horizon Final County Plat – Town of Rib Mountain

Discussion: Decker discussed the history on the Stone Horizon preliminary plat. ERC approved the request for a modification from the Land Division Code, Section 18.22(5)(b), for a dead end road greater than 850 feet at the August 2, 2018 meeting; and approved the Stone Horizon Preliminary Plat requiring a Wetland Delineation Report and a concurrence letter from the Army Corps of Engineers. The final plat was approved at the December 6, 2018 meeting. The final plat excluded a portion of the area originally shown in the preliminary plat, but otherwise substantially conformed to the preliminary plat. Prior to the approved final plat of Stone Horizon being recorded, adjustments have been made to the Storm Water Management Plan to allow for a higher volume of runoff. The northern boundary of Outlot 1 was adjusted to accommodate a large storm water management area. A revised final plat has been submitted to reflect the adjusted boundary. The revised plat still conforms substantially to the original preliminary plat.

Action: Motion / second by Guild / Drabek to recommend approval of the Stone Horizon Final County Plat Map located in the Town of Rib Mountain. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Surveyor will obtain appropriate signatures on plat prior to Register of Deeds recording the plat.

D. Review and Consider Approving the Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Timeline and Public Participation Process 2021-2035

Discussion: Lovlien reviewed the Marathon County Forest Plan information and timeline that was included in the meeting packet. Draft chapters will be reviewed with the Committee in the upcoming meetings.

Action: **Motion** / second by Drabek / Guild to approve the Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Timeline and Public Participation Process 2021-2035. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: PRF will begin working on the plan revisions.

E. Review and Possible Recommendation to the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee for its Consideration

1. Position restructuring – Chief Park Ranger to Recreational Officer

Discussion: Polley discussed Jon Daniels, Chief Park Ranger will be retiring on August 2, 2019 after 37 years of service with the County. Since 2005 Daniels has been enforcing county ordinances plus law enforcement duties related to ATV/snowmobile programs. The state provides funding for the ATV/snowmobile programs and the County has to manage it. This position is deputized by the Sheriff. Administration approved a collaboration between the Park, Recreation and Forestry Department and the Sheriff's Department to provide a Recreation Deputy that would be housed in the PRF offices. The Recreation Deputy would be assigned solely to patrolling and monitoring the parks and forest units. The Sheriff's Department is requesting a second Recreation Deputy that is 80% grant funded. This deputy would complete the task required by the grants such as boat and snowmobile patrol. The two positions will work together which will ensure consistent patrol on evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Action: **Motion** / second by Lange / Bove to accept and forward the Position restructuring – Chief Park Ranger to Recreational Officer to the Human Resources and Finance & Property Committee as required.

Follow through: The request will be forwarded according to established procedures.

2. Approve the donation of labor and funds to construct six pickleball courts in Marathon Park by Wausau Area Pickleball Inc.

Discussion: Polley discussed the Wausau Area Pickleball club is prepared to donate the construction and materials for an additional six courts. The Wausau Area Pickleball club will turn the facility over to the county. The six new courts will be located in Marathon Park with a total of nine totally dedicated to pickleball. Maintenance on the courts should be minimal. The project should be completed by October 2019.

Action: **Motion** / second by Lange / Guild to accept and forward the Pickleball Courts development to the Human Resources and Finance & Property Committee as required.

Follow through: The request will be forwarded according to established procedures.

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

A. Land and Water Resource Management Plan 2010-2020 goals, objectives and accomplishments.

Discussion: Daigle shared an educational power point on the current Marathon County Land and Water Resource Management Plan, reviewed goals and accomplishments. He stated that the current plan will add context to discussions related to implementation strategies and building partnerships with farmers and protecting the natural resources in Marathon County.

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

Follow through: CPZ will provide more information in the upcoming months of the new Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

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

1. County Forest Land Acquisition – Kerswill, CERES and Romatowski

Discussion: Lovlien reported on the Kerswill property; approvals were received through the state and a resolution will be coming in September for the purchase. The CERES property second appraisal is being completed. Romatowski land purchase of 40 acres to be added to the County forest in Kronenwetter.

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

CPZ

1. Memo from Director / Timeline for Action on Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance and Land Division Ordinance Revisions

Discussion: Frisch discussed the upcoming schedule/ timeline for revisions to the Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance and the Land Division Ordinance.

Action: **None**.

2. Report on grants for various conservation priorities

Discussion: Daigle discussed several grants that have been secured for conservation practices which was included in the meeting packet. Fifrlick thanked CPZ for applying for these grants and working towards the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Action: **None.**

3. Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council Inc. report

Discussion: Daigle reviewed highlights of memo along with current representation on the Council by Supervisor Gary Beastron and staff member Diane Hanson.

Action: **None.**

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

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

Discussion: Daigle distributed the legislative report. CPZ will monitor the federal budget and update the Committee of any impacts.

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

Follow through: CPZ will continue to monitor legislative actions.

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

Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00 p.m. 212 River Drive, Room 5 Wausau WI

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

- Land and Water Resource Management Plan – current resources assessment conditions
- Lange: proposed bipartisan climate resolution and more local control of livestock facility siting resolution; agreement these resolutions would be placed in the educational section of agenda
- Fifrlick: requested the public hearing be reopened for the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance – to consider proposed language already introduced and also requested staff to develop language regarding the application of manure during high risk times for farms licensed under the ordinance by the county.

B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

- Marathon County Board of Supervisors may have a meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2019

8. **Adjourn – Motion** / second by Bove / Drabek to **adjourn** at 5:03 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