



**MARATHON COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
AMENDED AGENDA**

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**

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

Committee Members: Jacob Langenhahn - Chair ; Randy Fifrick -Vice-chair; Rick Seefeldt, Allen Drabek, Ashley Lange, Jim Bove, Sara Guild, Allen Opall, Kelly King - 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.

- 1. Call meeting to order**
- 2. Public Comment (15 minute limit)**
- 3. Approval of July 2, 2019 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)
 - ~~1. Reopen Marathon County General Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance~~
 - B. Review and Possible Recommendation to the County Board for its Consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.)
 1. Town of Emmet zone changes
 - C. Review and Possible Action
 1. Stone Horizon Final County Plat – Town of Rib Mountain
 - D. Review and Consider Approving Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Timeline and Public Participation Process 2021 – 2035
 - 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
 2. Approve the donation of labor and funds to construct six pickleball courts in Marathon Park by Wausau Area Pickleball, Inc.
- 5. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**
 - A. Land and Water Resource Management Plan 2010 – 2020 goals, objectives and accomplishments
 - B. Department Updates: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry (PRF) and Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ) PRF
 1. County Forest Land Acquisition – Kerswill, CERES and Romatowski
 - CPZ
 1. Memo from Director / Timeline for Action on Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance and Land Division Ordinance Revisions
 2. Report on grants for various conservation priorities
 3. Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. report
- 6. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration**
 - A. Legislative Report: current and future legislative initiatives
- 7. Next meeting date, time & location and future agenda items:**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
 1. Land and Water Resource Management Plan – current resources assessment conditions
 - B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence
- 8. Adjournment**

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Date: July 31, 2019

Time: 11:30a.m.

By: cek

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, July 2, 2019
500 Forest Street, 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	
	Jim Bove	X	
	Allen Drabek	X	
	Ashley Lange	X (<i>arrived at 3:30</i>)	
	Sara Guild.....	X	
	Allen Opall		X
	Marilyn Bhend		X (<i>excused</i>)
	Kelly King	X	

Also present: Rebecca Frisch, Dominique Swangstu, Cindy Kraeger – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Tom Lovlien, Jamie Polley – Park Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Diane Bergs, Dennis Bergs, Gene Wadzinski, Craig Ostrowski, Don Aanonsen, Tim Vreeland.

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 June 6, 2019 Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) minutes**
Motion / second by Guild / Bove to approve of the June 6, 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. Dennis Tulpan – L-I Light Industrial to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Plover

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. The request is to rezone an existing parcel listed as Lot#1 3.643 acres on Certified Survey Map Vol 77, Page 100 with a property address of 177281 Red Granite Road, Aniwa WI 54408. The town of Plover 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 3:15 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion /** second by King / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Dennis Tulpan rezone request. Committee determined the rezone 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 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. Tim Vreeland on behalf of Siegfried & Alice Sebastian - R-E Rural Estate to R-R Rural Residential- Town of McMillan

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 allow the applicant to construct a single family home. Swangstu stated the City of Marshfield will review the Certified Survey Map for extraterritorial land division review after the approval of the rezone. 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 no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:21 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion /** second by Guild / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Tim Vreeland on behalf of Siegfried & Alice Sebastian rezone request. Committee determined the rezone 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 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.

3. Dennis & Diane Bergs – G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Rib Falls

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. The requested rezone is to allow the applicant to construct a single family home. The town of Rib Falls has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

Wadzinski 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 3:30 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by King / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Dennis & Diane Bergs rezone request. Committee determined the rezone 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 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.

4. Neal & Heidi Rueden – G-A General Agriculture and L-D-R Low Density Residential to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Frankfort

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. It was also noted the newly created parcel will bring an existing non-conforming accessory structure into compliance as it relates to minimum side yard setback requirements. The request to rezone pertains to Lot #1 approximately 2.671 acres on the preliminary CSM which also describes outlot #1 on (approximately 18.645 acres). Outlot #1 being was proposed as an outlot due to the parcel not having adequate road access/frontage and shall be attached to adjacent lands (outlot #1 will remain General Agriculture). The town of Frankfort has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

Vreeland was sworn in and explained Neal Rueden is not a farmer and would like to clean up the zoning on the parcel.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:40 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Drabek / Lange to recommend approval to County Board, of the Neal & Heidi Rueden rezone request. Committee determined the rezone 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 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.

5. Reopen Tammy L. Miller (Kiedrowski) G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Elderon - pulled from 6-20-19 County Board Agenda

Motion / second by Seefeldt / King to reopen public hearing.

Discussion: Frisch recapped the request by the Committee Chair to the County Board Chair to pull this item from the County Board agenda and direction from Corporation Counsel that it be placed back on the ERC agenda. Ms. Miller corresponded with the Town of Elderon in a letter dated June 25, 2019 requesting documentation from the town regarding their denial of the rezoning and requested to meet with the town board in July or August. Frisch recommended recessing the hearing and giving the applicant the ability to work with town to find a solution. Don Aanonsen, Chairman, Town of Elderon appeared in opposition and stated the land division ordinance with a minimum 5 acre limit was adopted September 8, 2004. No other appearances.

Action: **Motion** / second by King / Guild to recess the public hearing.

Follow through: Item will be placed on future agenda after applicant has met with the town.

B. Review and Possible Action

1. Oriole Heights Final Plat – Town of Rib Mountain

Discussion: Frisch reviewed the Oriole Heights Preliminary Plat with the Committee. The preliminary plat was reviewed with the Committee previously and no substantial change from the preliminary plat to the final plat has occurred. The condition of submittal of a stormwater management plan has been met.

Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / King to recommend approval of the Oriole Heights Final Plat Map located in the Town of Rib Mountain. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: The Town of Rib Mountain needs to finalize their review and then signatures will be needed prior to recording the Oriole Heights Final Plat.

C. Review and Possible Recommendation and Possible Action to Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee

1. Purchase of Kerswill Property for County Forest

Discussion: Lovlien discussed the 199.84 acre Kerswill parcel land acquisition in the Town of Hewitt. Lovlien recommended forwarding the resolution to Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee. Currently, the number one priority to acquire more land for recreation. In the most recent County Strategic Plan one of the goals is to acquire 320 acres per year for parks and forests. There is good opportunity through the end of 2020 to receive Knowles Nelson stewardship funding through the State which is typically a 50% grant. However, if the State Joint Committee on Finance allows the match property value that was donated by the Wausau and Marathon County Parks Foundation the grant funding would increase.

Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to approve the purchase of the Kerswill Property for County forest. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: The resolution will be forwarded to Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee and then onto County Board for their consideration at the July or August meeting.

2. Approve an application to acquire state funding through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program

Discussion: Lovlien recommended forwarding the resolution to County Board for its consideration. It will allow the County to apply for a State Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant that would fund up to 50% of the purchase of 40 acres in the Village of Kronenwetter.

Motion: **Motion** / second by Guild / Seefeldt to recommend approve the application to acquire State funding through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant program. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: The resolution will be forwarded to the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee and then onto County Board for its consideration at the July or August meeting.

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

A. Wind generation and solar energy (conversion systems) on agriculture land

Discussion: Swangstu discussed the memo, included in the meeting packet, which was intended to educate the committee of the future proposed text amendments regarding wind and energy systems specifically the regulations, processes, and standards regarding "large scale" systems. Swangstu stated more educational information and presentations will be provided to the committee in the following months prior to the public hearing required for the text amendment. It was noted there will be a similar memo that will be sent to the towns to inform them of the situation and potential amendments to Chapter 17 Zoning Code. Swangstu stated CPZ is in the process of evaluating to what extent the amendments will be inserted into the ordinance (Chapter 17) either as new a full section(s) with all state standards spelled out or by adopting an ordinance "by reference" consistent with Wisconsin State Statutes 66.0401 and PSC 128. No specifics were given regarding the proposed amendments other than the fact the amendments would update Chapter 17 Zoning Code of Ordinances to Wisconsin state standards to adequately process and regulate "large scale" renewable energy systems.

Action: None.

Follow through: Staff will develop a draft ordinance which will be submitted at a future meeting.

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

1. County Forest Tour – September 12, 2019

Discussion: The County Forest Tour will include a logging job, invasive species site and other forest highlights.

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

CPZ

1. Memo update – July 2, 2019

Discussion: Frisch discussed the memo that was included in the packet regarding the various policy issues/ordinances that will be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

Action: None.

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

A. New position requests 2020

1. PRF – PT Motorized Recreational Coordinator

Discussion: Polley reviewed the new position request which was included in the packet. This position administers and coordinates snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) trail maintenance and development of private and public land.

Action: **Motion** / second by Guild / King to accept and forward the PRF PT Motorized Recreation Administrator position to Human Resources and Finance as required.

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

Lange was dismissed at 4:30

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

Discussion: Frisch distributed the legislative report. The State Legislature has focused on the budget; no new report on other legislative actions at this time. Staff is tracking nonmetallic mining zoning language that was inserted into the budget with the transportation funding requests.

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, July 11, 2019 meeting **cancelled**

Thursday, August 1, 2019 3:00 p.m. 212 River Drive, Room 5 Wausau WI

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

- Review 2010 Land and Water Plan – goals, objectives and accomplishments

B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – None.

8. **Adjourn** – **Motion** / second by King / Seefeldt to **adjourn** at 4:48 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



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 17, 2019

TO: Environmental Resources Committee (ERC)

FROM: Paul Daigle-Land and Water Program Director

SUBJECT: Re-open public hearing- Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance-Text Amendments

A public hearing was held on December 6th 2018 to consider changes to the Livestock Facilities Licensing ordinance. Public testimony was provided and the hearing was recessed to provide an opportunity for additional information and discussion. Educational information and opportunities for policy discussion has been provided to ERC over the last several months. Although the committee has not completed their policy discussions in regards to staff recommendations for changes, *ordinance updates are being requested at this time to assure proper administration and to correct deficiencies*. The committee has the ability to move forward with some of these ordinance updates/revisions while continuing to have policy discussions on the key policy items recommended by staff such as manure winter ground spreading.

On August 1, 2019 staff is requesting the reopening of the public hearing to address, at a minimum, the following:

Definitions: There are a number of definitions that needed updating and clarification in the code.

Administration: When the ordinance was originally passed by the county board, all operations over 500 animal units were required to obtain a license. At that time the WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was and still is responsible for permitting livestock operations over 1000 animal units (1 animal unit is the equivalent of 1000 pounds of livestock), Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's). There was a period of time where there was a duplication of regulations as Marathon County also issued licenses for livestock operations over 1000 animal units. To eliminate this duplication of regulations, in 2012, Marathon County revised the ordinance to require certain livestock operators in the unincorporated areas owning **more than 500** animal units but **less than 1000** animal units to have a license. In 2012, the transition from a County permitted facility to a DNR permitted facility through the State was rather seamless and timely. Since that time though, livestock operations exceeding 1000 animal units, while relieved of

their need to have a license through the county, sometimes have not received a DNR permit in a timely manner, in some cases exceeding 3 years. Because of this delay, some operations are under no regulations at that point. To close the gap, staff has worked to develop language to ensure no lapse of license or code requirements occur during the transition period from County jurisdiction to DNR jurisdiction. The change requires all facilities over the 1000 animal unit threshold to continue to maintain the Livestock Siting license through the County until a DNR permit is obtained.

Enforcement: Language was enhanced to provide clear guidance on compliance monitoring and any enforcement action, if needed. An appeal process for enforcement decisions was also added. The only appeal provision in the previous ordinance was to the State Livestock Licensing Board, if the original license application was denied.

If the committee agrees with the above proposed language revisions and the other minor language revisions, it can forward their recommendation to the county board for consideration at their August or September meeting.

Staff is also requesting the committee continue their policy discussion on additional requirements to protect water quality. CPZ staff has recommended additional requirements for livestock operations to restrict when operators can spread livestock manure. Research in Wisconsin has proven that accelerated rates of nutrients and organic material from animal manure runoff occur from manure is applied during high risk times of the year. High risk times are when the ground is snow covered, frozen, and/or saturated. Marathon County would also need to receive approval from the DNR and/or DATCP to put these safeguards and further restrictions in this ordinance. Staff has provided educational information, language and opportunities for policy discussion on this recommendation and is awaiting further direction on this policy discussion.

This request is consistent with the Marathon County Comprehensive Plan, Strategic Plan (Objective 5.2 and 6.3), as well as the Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

CONCLUSION: These text amendments are being recommended to further clarify, streamline and enhance the purpose of the original ordinance passed in 2006.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Relationship to Strategic Plan:

Objective 5.2 – Promote sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth. Strategy A and Outcome Measure #1

Objective 6.3 – Protect and enhance the quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies. Strategy B

The State of Wisconsin enacted ATCP 51 which allows counties to put safeguards and protections in place to regulate new or expanding livestock operations greater than 500 animal units. In 2006, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors enacted the first ordinance in Marathon County to

regulate the siting and management of livestock facilities. The intent and purpose of the regulation is:

The purpose of this ordinance is to comply with requirements of Section 93.90 of Wis. Statutes and Ch. ATCP 51, Wis. Adm. Code (ATCP51), and to establish standards and authority to protect the public health and safety of the people of Marathon County (County). This ordinance sets forth the procedures for obtaining a license for the siting of new and expanded livestock facilities in Marathon County. It is also intended to provide for the administration and enforcement of the ordinance and provide penalties for its violations.

Marathon County government has a business interest in regulating livestock facilities within its borders to ensure the health, safety and prosperity of the people living, working, and visiting the county. It is Marathon County's intention to coordinate the requirements of the livestock facilities regulations with applicable state and federal requirements.

General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 13 – Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance

November 2012 January 2019



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Title 1: TITLE, PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Chapter 13.101

The County of Marathon does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 13.101.01 TITLE

This section shall be known, referred to and cited as the “Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance.”

Section 13.101.02 PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to comply with requirements of Section 93.90 of Wis. Statutes and ch. ATCP 51, Wis. Adm. Code (ATCP51), and to establish standards and authority to protect the public health and safety of the people of Marathon County (County). This ordinance sets forth the procedures for obtaining a license for the siting of new and expanded livestock facilities in Marathon County. It is also intended to provide for the administration and enforcement of the ordinance and provide penalties for its violations.

Section 13.101.03 STATUTORY AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the powers granted under the Wisconsin Constitution, and Wisconsin Statutes including but not limited to Section 92.15 and 93.90, WI Administrative Code ATCP51, or any successor Statutes or Administrative Code.

Title 2: LICENSING

Chapter 13.201

Section 13.201.01 LICENSE REQUIRED

- A. A license issued by the Department is required for new or expanded livestock facilities that has or will have 500 or more animal units. A livestock facility shall remain licensed under this ordinance until such time as the facility is designated as a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), issued a Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit by the DNR, and provides documentation to the county of its WPDES permit. A license issued by the Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ) Department is required for new or expanded livestock facilities that will have 500 to 999 animal units
- B. By applying and/or receiving a license, an applicant consents to allow the Director or their designee to enter upon and inspect the property as needed.
- C. Licenses for existing Livestock Facilities
 - 1. A license is required for the expansion of a pre-existing or previously approved livestock facility if the number of animal units kept at the expanded livestock facility will exceed all of the following:
 - a. The applicable size threshold for a license.
 - b. The maximum number previously approved or, if no maximum number was previously approved, a number that is 20% higher than the number kept on May 1, 2006 or on the effective date of the license requirement, whichever date is later.

2. A license is not required for a livestock facility that existed before May 1, 2006 or before the effective date of the license requirement in this ordinance, except as provided in sub. (1).
3. A license is not required for a livestock facility that was previously issued a conditional use permit, license or other local approval, except as provided in sub. (1). A prior approval for the construction of a livestock facility implies approval for the maximum number of animal units that the approved livestock facility was reasonably designed to house, except as otherwise clearly provided in the approval. Prior approval of a single livestock structure, such as a waste storage structure, does not constitute prior approval of an entire livestock facility.

Section 13.201.02 LICENSE ADMINISTRATION

- A. The Director (Director) of the **Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ) Department** for Marathon County hereby holds the position of Livestock Facility Siting Administrator, who shall have the primary responsibility of administering this ordinance and related matters thereto, and may designate/delegate these duties to other **CPZ** Department staff.
- B. Powers and Duties of the Director or their designee: In the administration and enforcement of this ordinance, the Director or designee shall have the following powers and duties:
 1. Advise applicants as to the provisions of this ordinance and assist them in preparing permit applications.
 2. Require owners and/or operators of livestock facilities that may be subject to the provisions of this ordinance to submit an animal unit worksheet to verify animal numbers.
 3. Receive and review applications and records related to application and license. Investigate permit applications and collect fees. Make on-site inspections to determine application completeness and compliance with the provisions of this ordinance in order to document findings.
 4. Issue licenses and take any and all actions in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance to ensure compliance.
 5. Upon reasonable cause to believe a violation has occurred, order the cessation of construction, suspend and/or revoke the license.
 6. Make administrative decisions and determinations as are specifically assigned to the Director, or their designee, by the terms of this ordinance
 7. Report violations of this ordinance or other land use regulations to the Environmental Resources Committee and/or Corporation Counsel, as necessary
- C. Maintenance of Records: Records shall be maintained in the county office:
 1. Records of applications received, committee, board, and/or department action on such applications, permits issued, inspections made, enforcement actions undertaken, and other similar activities.
 2. An original or master of the ordinance shall be maintained current with amendments.

Section 13.201.03 LICENSE STANDARDS

- The standards for issuing a license are as follows:
- A. The state livestock facility siting standards adopted under ATCP51, Wis. Adm. Code, inclusive of all appendices and worksheets and any future amendments to this ordinance, except as may be noted in this section of the ordinance, are incorporated by reference in this ordinance, without reproducing them in full.
 - B. The following setbacks shall apply to livestock structures:
 1. Property lines

Except as provided for waste storage structures, livestock structures must be located a minimum of

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100 feet from the property line if the livestock facility will have fewer than 1,000 animal units, and 200 feet from the property line if the livestock facility will have 1,000 or more animal units. The setback requirement does not prevent the use or expansion of a livestock structure that was located within the setback area prior to the effective date of the setback requirement, except that a structure may not be expanded closer to the property line.

2. Public road right-of-way

Except as provided for waste storage structures, livestock structures must be located a minimum of 100 feet from public road rights-of-way if the livestock facility will have fewer than 1,000 animal units, and 150 feet from a public road right of way if the livestock facility will have 1,000 or more animal units. The setback requirement does not prevent the use or expansion of a livestock structure that was located within the setback area prior to the effective date of the setback requirement, except that a structure may not be expanded closer to the public road right-of-way.

3. Waste Storage Structure

a. A new waste storage structure may not be located within 350 feet of a property line, or within 350 feet of the nearest point of any public road right-of-way.

b. Except, a single new waste storage structure may be constructed closer to the property line or public road if a new structure is:

1) Located on the same tax parcel as a waste storage structure in existence before May 1, 2006.

2) No larger than the existing structure.

3) No further than 50 feet from the existing structure.

4) No closer to the road or property line than the existing structure.

5) This setback requirement *does not apply* to existing waste storage structures except that an existing structure within 350 feet of a property line or road may not expand *toward* that property line or road.

4. Waste storage structures shall comply with the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 11, Animal Waste and Manure Management Code.

5. At all times during the exercise of the license, the applicant shall have ownership of acreage, or shall provide to the Department copies of contracts or agreements for the spreading of manure on acreage, sufficient to comply with the most current Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Nutrient Management Standard 590 (Standard 590 is updated regularly by NRCS). All contracts or agreements will be provided at the time of application and must remain current, by April 1st of each succeeding cropping year when nutrient management plan updates are due. Agreements will indicate:

a. Landowner name, address, and contact information

b. Duration for which the agreement is valid

c. Acreage of each field

d. Field tracking that identifies each field in relation to the nutrient management plan.

Staff recommendation to add language regarding manure spreading requirements... (Note: Other counties have incorporated ordinance language to prohibit or restrict the spreading of manure on snow covered, frozen and saturated soils. This is a topic for discussion by the committee. Staff recommends the adoption of such language because it will clarify authority of the department, further the goals of the strategic plan and the Land and Water Resource Management by providing safeguards and protections from manure runoff from applications during times of the highest risk of runoff. A language change such as this will also require approval from the DNR and DATCP under WI Statute chapter 92.15)

6. No license will be issued where the applicant is in violation of this or any code administered by the Department, nor for any parcel(s) of land which have an outstanding violation, until the violation has been corrected, if the violation has bearing upon the license application.

Section 13.201.04 LICENSE APPLICATION

A livestock operator must complete the application form and worksheets prescribed by ATCP51, including any authorized Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department modifications. The application form and worksheets demonstrate compliance with standards in ATCP51 and this ordinance.

The operator must file four (4) duplicate copies of the application form, including worksheets, maps and documents (other than engineering design specifications) included in the application.

Section 13.201.05 LICENSE APPLICATION FEES

A non-refundable application fee in accordance with the current department fee schedule approved by the committee payable to Marathon County shall accompany an application for the purpose of offsetting the county costs to review and process the application. In addition, fees may be set by the committee to cover annual costs to monitor the licensee for compliance and modifications to the license.

Section 13.201.06 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- A. Pursuant to ATCP 51.30(5), within 45 days after Conservation, Planning, and Zoning the Department receives an application, it shall notify the applicant whether or not the application is complete. If the application is not complete, the notice shall describe the additional information needed. Within 14 days after the applicant provides all of the required information, the department shall notify the applicant that the application is complete. This notice of completion does not constitute an approval of the proposed livestock facility license.
- B. Pursuant to ATCP 51.30(6), within 14 days after Conservation, Planning, and Zoning the Department notifies an applicant that the application is complete; Conservation, Planning, and Zoning the Department shall notify adjacent landowners of the application. The Department shall use the approved notice form in ATCP51, and mail by first class mail a written notice to each owner of lands adjacent to lands owned, or rented by the applicant or lands that are otherwise controlled by the applicant for the purpose of satisfying the conditions of the license.
- C. Upon determination of completeness the Director or their designee shall provide an opportunity for a public informational hearing as follows: Any person identified in 13.201.06(B) may request a public informational hearing in writing and must state in the written request why such request is being made based upon conditions covered by the proposed license. Requests based upon unrelated issues will not be considered for an informational hearing. The request must be made within 30 days of the date of the public notice specified in 13.201.06(B). The hearing shall be held no sooner than 30 days nor later than 60 days after being requested. The hearing shall be conducted as an informational hearing for the purpose of explaining and receiving comment from affected persons on the nature, feasibility, and effects of the proposed license. The person requesting the public informational hearing and the person applying for the license shall be notified of the time and place of the public informational hearing. All persons identified in 13.201.06(B) and the Town Clerk shall also be notified of the informational hearing.
- D. Pursuant to ATCP 51.32, Conservation, Planning, and Zoning the Department shall grant or deny an application within 90 days after the Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department gives notice that the application is complete under paragraph (2) above. The Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department may extend this time limit for good cause, including any of the following:
1. The Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department needs additional information to act on the application.
 2. The applicant materially modifies the application or agrees to an extension.

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The ~~Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department~~ shall give written notice of any extension. The notice shall specify the reason for the extension, and the extended deadline date by which the ~~Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department~~ will act on the application.

Section 13.201.07 CRITERIA FOR ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE

- A. A license shall be issued if the application for the proposed livestock facility:
 - 1. Complies with this ordinance, and
 - 2. Is complete, and
 - 3. Contains sufficient credible information to show, in the absence of clear and convincing information to the contrary, that the proposed livestock facility meets the standards specified in this ordinance, specifically 13.201.03.
- B. A license shall be denied if any of the following apply:
 - 1. The application, on its face, fails to meet the standard for approval in the previous paragraph.
 - 2. The ~~Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department~~ finds, based on other clear and convincing information in the record, which the proposed livestock facility does not comply with applicable standards in this ordinance.
 - 3. Other grounds authorized by § 93.90 Stats, that warrant disapproving the proposed livestock facility.

Section 13.201.08 RECORD OF DECISION

- A. The Department must issue its decision in writing. The decision must be based on written findings of fact supported by evidence in the record. Findings may be based in part on the presumptions created by ATCP51.
- B. Upon reaching a decision, Conservation, Planning, and Zoning the Department must give the applicant a duplicate copy of the application, marked “approved” or “denied” The duplicate copy must include worksheets, maps, and other documents (other than engineering specifications included in the application).
- C. The Director or their designee, as required by ATCP 51.36 within 30 days of the county decision on the application, shall do all of the following:
 - 1. Give the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (ATCP) written notice of the county decision.
 - 2. File with the ATCP a copy of the final application granted or denied, if the county has granted or denied an application under this ordinance. (The copy shall include all of the worksheets, maps and other attachments included in the application, except that it is not required to include the engineering design specifications.)
 - 3. If the county has withdrawn a local approval under this ordinance, file with the ATCP a copy of the county final notice or order withdrawing the local approval.

Section 13.201.09 TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSE

A license and the privileges granted by this license run with the land approved under the license and remain in effect, despite a change in ownership of the livestock facility, as long as the operator does not violate the terms of the license.

Upon change of ownership of the livestock facility, the new owner of the facility shall file information with the ~~Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department~~ providing pertinent information, including but not limited to

such information as the name, address, contact information, date of transfer of ownership, updates related to any changes in the operation including but not limited to the employee training plan, nutrient management plan, and the emergency incident response plan, of the new owner.

A new licensee may record with the register of deeds, at the licensee's expense, a duplicate copy of the approved application.

Section 13.201.10 EXPIRATION OF LICENSE

- A. A license remains in effect regardless of the amount of time that elapses before the livestock operator exercises the authority granted under license, and regardless of whether the livestock operator exercises the full authority granted by the license. However, the Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department shall treat a license as lapsed and withdraw the license if the license holder fails to do all of the following within 2 years after issuance of license:
1. Begin populating the new or expanded livestock facility.
 2. Begin constructing all of the new or expanded livestock housing or waste storage structures proposed in the application for local approval.

Section 13.201.11 LICENSE TERMS AND MODIFICATIONS

A license and the privileges granted by a license issued under this ordinance are conditioned upon the livestock ~~operator's licensee's~~ compliance with the standards in this ordinance, and with commitments made in the application for a license. The operator may make reasonable changes upon prior written notice and approval by the Department Director or their designee, that are compliant with the standards in this ordinance, and the Director or their designee, shall not unreasonably withhold approval. A violation of the license or a failure to comply with the commitments made in the application may result in suspension and/or termination of the license as provided in 13.201.10 or 13.201.13 of this ordinance. Any modification which exceeds the current number of animals licensed for the facility shall require a new application for license.

Section 13.201.12 COMPLIANCE MONITORING

- A. The Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department shall monitor compliance with the ordinance as follows:
1. Upon notice of the livestock facility owner, view the licensed premises at a reasonable time and date to ensure that all commitments of the application and Findings of Fact, as approved are in compliance, being complied with.
 2. If the livestock facility owner refuses the Director or their designee the right to view the licensed premises, the Director may pursue enforcement action under Section 13.201.13. ~~request the assistance of the Corporation Counsel to obtain an inspection warrant from the circuit court to inspect the licensed premises for the purpose of protection of the public health and safety under Sec. 66.0119 of the Wis. Statutes.~~
 3. If a licensed ~~premises~~ livestock facility is found non-compliant with the commitments made in the approved application and Findings of Fact, ~~the Director~~ shall issue a written notice to the livestock facility owner stating the conditions of non-compliance and directing that compliance with the commitments of the approved application and Findings of Fact occur ~~license be complied~~ within a reasonable amount of time stated in the written notice.
 4. ~~If non-compliance of the license conditions are not met by the deadline described in the written notice, given by the Director continue past the stated reasonable time to comply, the Director may take further enforcement action may be taken as set forth below.~~
 5. ~~If the livestock facility owner disputes that the conditions of the license have not been complied with, the livestock facility owner may request a hearing in writing within five days of receipt of the notice of non-~~

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~~compliance. The Committee shall schedule a hearing within five days to determine if the conditions of the license have been complied with or whether non-compliance of other commitments of the approved application and local approval exists.~~

(NOTE: Moves appeals from the committee to the Board of Adjustment. This is consistent with procedure set forth the zoning code.)

Section 13.201.13 ENFORCEMENT/PENALTIES

- A. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance, or who fails, neglects, or refuses to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, or who knowingly makes any material false statement or knowing omission in any document required to be submitted under the provisions hereof, shall be subject to the following penalties.
 - 1. ~~Citation of not less than \$5 nor more than \$500 for each offense, plus the applicable surcharges, assessments and costs for each violation.~~
 - 2. ~~Pursue a long form summons and complaint through a court of law.~~
 - 3. Upon conviction by a court of law, pay a forfeiture of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, plus the applicable surcharges, assessments and costs for each violation.
 - 4. Each day a violation exists or continues shall be considered a separate offense under this ordinance.
 - 5. In addition, the Director may seek injunctive relief from a court of record to enjoin further violations.
 - 6. In addition, the ~~Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department~~ may suspend or revoke the approval of a license under this ordinance after notice to the livestock facility owner.
- B. ~~The committee~~ The Director or their designee shall exercise sound judgment in deciding whether to suspend or revoke a license. ~~Conservation, Planning and Zoning shall consider extenuation circumstances, such as adverse weather conditions, that may affect an operators ability to comply.~~
- C. In addition to any other penalty imposed by this ordinance, the cost of abatement of any public nuisance on the licensed premises by the County may be collected under this ordinance or Sec. 823.06 of Wis. Statutes against the owner of the real estate upon which the public nuisance exists. Such costs of abatement may be recovered against the real estate as a special charge under Sec. 66.027 of Wis. Statutes unless paid earlier.
 - D. ~~No permit or approval pursuant to this chapter shall be issued where the applicant is in violation of this or any code administered by the Department, nor for any parcel(s) of land which have an outstanding violation, until the violation has been corrected. A request for waiver of these provisions may be made to the Corporation Counsel to review and the Committee to grant or deny a permit or approval on the merits of the application.~~

Section 13.201.14 APPEALS

- A. ~~Purpose: The purpose of this section is to provide guidelines for appealable matters.~~
- B. In addition to other appeal rights provided by law, Sec 93.90(5), Stats, provides that any “aggrieved person” may request review by the Livestock Facility Siting Review Board of any decision by ~~Conservation, Planning and Zoning the Department~~ in connection with a permit license application. An “aggrieved person” may challenge the decision on the grounds that the county incorrectly applied the standards under this ordinance or violated sec. 93.30, Stats.
 - 1. An “aggrieved person” under this section as defined in Sec. 93.90(5) of Wis. Statutes means a person who applied to Conservation, Planning, and Zoning for approval of a livestock siting or expansion license, a person who lives within 2 miles of the livestock facility that is proposed to be sited or expanded, or a person who owns land within 2 miles of a livestock facility that is proposed to be sited or expanded.

2. An “aggrieved person” may request review of any decision of the Director or any decision or action by the Committee.
3. Any appeal brought under this section must be requested within 30 days of the ~~Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department~~ approval or disapproval or within 30 days after the decision on appeal before the Committee
4. Any appeal to the State Livestock Facility Siting Review Board shall comply with Sec. 93.90 of Wis. Statutes and administrative rules of said board

C. Decisions by the Director or their designee to issue an enforcement demand (eg. stop work order, abatement order, suspension, revocation or non-compliance notice) are appealable to the Board of Adjustment as an administrative appeal as set forth in Chapter 17, Marathon County Zoning Code, Section 17.804.

Section 13.201.15 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

Title 3: DEFINITIONS

Chapter 13.301

Section 13.301 DEFINITIONS

ADJACENT - Located on land parcels that touch each other, or on land parcels that are separated only by a river, stream, or transportation or utility right-of-way.

AFFECTED NEIGHBOR - For purposes of the odor score calculation under s. ATCP 51.14, a residence or high-use building located within 2,500 feet of any livestock structure at a proposed livestock facility. “Affected neighbor” does not include a residence or high-use building owned by any of the following:

- a. The livestock facility operator.
- b. A person who affirmatively agrees to have the residence or high-use building excluded from the odor score calculation under s. ATCP 51.14.

Note: The odor score calculation under s. ATCP 51.14 is based, in part, on the proximity and density of “affected neighbors.”

ANIMAL LOT - A feedlot, barnyard or other outdoor facility where livestock are concentrated for feeding or other purposes. “Animal lot” does not include a pasture or winter grazing area. Two or more animal lots at the same livestock facility constitute a single animal lot, for the purposes of this chapter, if runoff from the animal lots drain to the same treatment area under s. ATCP 51.20(2) or if runoff from the animal lot treatment areas converges or reaches the same surface water within 200 feet of any of those treatment areas.

ANIMAL UNIT - The meaning that was given in s NR 243.03(3), ~~as of April 27, 2004.~~

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BARNY MODEL means the NRCS "Evaluation System to Rate Feedlot Pollution Potential," ARM-NC-17 (April 1982 version with modifications as of August 2005).

Note: The BARNY model is a commonly used computer model that predicts nutrient runoff from animal lots. Copies of the BARNY model are on file with the department, the secretary of state and the legislative reference bureau. An Excel computer spreadsheet version is available at www.datcp.state.wi.us.

CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING PRACTITIONER - An agricultural engineering practitioner who is certified under s. ATCP 50.46 with a rating under s. ATCP 50.46(5) that authorizes the practitioner to certify every matter that the practitioner certifies under this chapter.

CLUSTER - Any group of one or more livestock structures within a livestock facility.

COMMITTEE – ~~Land Conservation and Zoning Committee~~ A committee established by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors which, by authority from Chap. 92 Wisconsin Statutes, determine policy and give direction for soil and water conservation activities. The ~~Land Conservation Environmental Resources Committee~~ also provides direction for the Department. The ~~Land Conservation Environmental Resources Committee~~ shall be the decision making board for purposes of this ordinance.

COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR LOCAL APPROVAL - An application that contains everything required under s. ATCP 51.30(1) to (4).

CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) - An animal feeding operation to which any of the following apply:

- The operation has 1,000 animal units or more at any time and stores manure or process wastewater in a below or at grade level storage structure or land applied manure or process wastewater.
- The operation has 300 to 999 animals units and has a category I unacceptable practice under s. NR 243.24(1)(a).
- Under s.NR 243.26(2), the operation is designated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as having a significant discharge of pollutants to navigable waters or has caused the fecal contamination of water in a well.

DEPARTMENT - Means the Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department.

EXPANDED LIVESTOCK FACILITY. The entire livestock facility that is created by the expansion, after May 1, 2006 of an existing livestock facility. Includes all livestock structures in the expanded facility, regardless of whether those structures are new, existing, or altered.

EXPANSION. An increase in the largest number of animal units kept at a livestock facility on at least 90 days in any 12-month period. The acquisition of an existing livestock facility, by operator of an adjacent livestock facility, does not constitute an "expansion" unless that operator increases the largest number of animal units kept at the combined livestock facilities on at least 90 days in any 12-month period.

Note: See s. ATCP 51.04

FINDINGS OF FACT - The summary of Marathon County Conservation Planning and Zoning Department review and decision to either approve or deny a Livestock Facility License application on the merits based on the department's evaluation and determination of relevant evidence.

HIGH-USE BUILDING - Any of the following buildings:

- a. A residential building that has at least 6 distinct dwelling units.
- b. A restaurant, hotel, motel or tourist rooming house that holds a permit under s. 254.64 Stats.
- c. A school classroom building.
- d. A hospital or licensed care facility.

e. A non-farm business or workplace that is normally occupied, during at least 40 hours of each week of the year, by customers or employed workers.

LIVESTOCK - Domestic animals traditionally used in this State in the production of food, fiber or other animal products. “Livestock” includes cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, and goats. “Livestock” does not include equine animals, bison, farm-raised deer, fish, captive game birds, ratites, camelids or mink.

LIVESTOCK FACILITY - A feedlot, dairy farm or other operation where livestock are, or will be, fed, confined, maintained or stabled for a total of 45 days or more in any 12-month period. A “livestock facility” includes all of the tax parcels of land on which the facility is located, but does not include a pasture or winter grazing area. Related livestock facilities are collectively treated as a single “livestock facility” for the purposes of this chapter, except that an operator may elect to treat a separate species facility as a separate “livestock facility”.

Note: See definition of “related livestock facilities” and “separate species facility”.

LIVESTOCK STRUCTURE - A building or other structure used to house or feed livestock, to confine livestock for milking, to confine livestock for feeding other than grazing, to store livestock feed, or to collect or store waste generated at a livestock facility. “Livestock structure” includes a barn, milking parlor, feed storage facility, feeding facility, animal lot or waste storage facility. “Livestock structure” does not include a pasture or winter grazing area, a fence surrounding a pasture or winter grazing area, a livestock watering or feeding facility in a pasture or winter grazing area, or a machine shed or like facility that is not used for livestock. [Revised 11/2012](#)

LOCAL APPROVAL - An approval, required by local ordinance, or a new or expanded livestock facility. “Local approval” includes a license, permit, special exception, conditional use permit or other form of local authorization. “Local approval” does not include any of the following.

- (a) An approval required by a political subdivision within the scope of its authority under s.59.692, 59.693, 60.627, 61.351, 61.354, 62.231, 62.234 or 87.30 Stats.

Note: See s.93.90(3)(a)3., Stats. The statutes listed in par. (a) pertain to shoreland zoning, floodplain zoning, construction site erosion control and stormwater management.

LOCAL ORDINANCE or **LOCAL CODE** - An ordinance enacted by a political subdivision.

MANURE - Excreta from livestock kept at a livestock facility. “Manure” includes livestock bedding, water, soil, hair, feathers, and other debris that becomes intermingled with livestock excreta in normal manure handling operations.

MINOR ALTERATION of a livestock structure. A repair or improvement in the construction of an existing livestock structure that does not result in a substantially altered livestock structure.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN - A document that is annually updated outlining the requirements for managing the amount (rate), source, placement (method of application), and timing of applications of all source of plant nutrients to cropland and pastures as identified in ATCP 50.04(3).

NEW LIVESTOCK FACILITY - A livestock facility that will be used as a livestock facility for the first time, or for the first time in at least 5 years. “New livestock facility” does not include an expanded livestock facility if any portion of that facility has been used as a livestock facility in the preceding 5 years.

OPERATOR - A person who applies for or holds a local approval for a livestock facility.

PASTURE - Land on which livestock graze or otherwise seek feed in a manner that maintains the vegetative cover over all of the grazing or feeding area. Pastures may include limited areas of bare soil such as cattle lanes and supplemental feeding areas provided the bare soil areas are not significant sources of pollution to waters of the state.

PERSON - An individual, corporation, partnership, cooperative, limited liability company, trust or other legal entity.

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POPULATE - To add animal units for which local approval is required.

PROPERTY LINE - A line that separates parcels of land owned by different persons.

RELATED LIVESTOCK FACILITIES - Livestock facilities that are owned or managed by the same person, and related to each other in at least one of the following ways:

- e. They are located on the same tax parcel or adjacent tax parcel of land.

Note: A mere acquisition of a neighboring livestock facility does not constitute an “expansion” unless more animal units are added to the combined facilities. See definition of “Expansion”.

- b. They use one or more of the same livestock structures to collect or store manure.
- c. At least a portion of their manure is applied to the same landspreading acreage.

SEPARATE SPECIES FACILITY - A livestock facility that meets all of the following criteria:

- a. It has only one of the following types of livestock, and that type of livestock is not kept on any other livestock facility to which the separate species facility is related under the definition of “Related Livestock Facilities”.

1. Cattle
2. Swine
3. Poultry
4. Sheep
5. Goats

Note: For purposes of par. (a), cattle and poultry are different “types” of livestock, but dairy and beef cattle are livestock of the same “type” (“cattle”). Milking cows, heifers, calves and steers (all “cattle”) are livestock of the same “type”. Turkeys, ducks, geese and chickens are livestock of the same “type” (“poultry”).

- (b) It has no more than 500 animals.
- (c) Its livestock housing and manure storage structures, if any, are separate from the livestock housing and manure storage structures used by livestock facilities to which it is related.
- (d) It meets one of the following criteria:
 1. Its livestock housing and manure storage structures, if any, are located at least 750 feet from the nearest livestock housing or manure storage structure used by a livestock facility to which it is related.
 2. It and the other livestock facilities to which it is related have a combined total of fewer than 1,000 animal units.

SITE THAT IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION - Any of the following:

- a. An area within 250 feet of a private well.
- b. An area within 1,000 feet of a municipal well.
- c. An area within 300 feet upslope or 100 feet downslope of a karst feature.
- d. A channel with a cross-sectional area equal to or greater than 3 square feet that flows to a karst feature.
- e. An area where the soil depth to groundwater or bedrock is less than 2 feet.
- f. An area where none of the following separates the ground surface from groundwater and bedrock:
 1. A soil layer at least 2 feet deep that has at least 40% fine soil particles.
 2. A soil layer at least 3 feet deep that has at least 20% fine soil particles.

3. A soil layer at least 5 feet deep that has at least 10% fine soil particles.

Note: See s. NR 151.015(18).

SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED - A livestock structure that undergoes a material change in construction or use, including any of the following material changes:

- a. An increase in the capacity of a waste storage facility.
- b. The addition of a liner to a waste storage facility.
- c. An increase of more than 20% in the area or capacity of a livestock structure used to house, feed or confine livestock, or to store livestock feed.
- d. An increase of more than 20% in the number of animal units that will be kept in a livestock structure on at least 90 days in any 12-month period.

UNCONFINED MANURE PILE - A quantity of manure at least 175 cubic feet in volume that covers the ground surface to a depth of at least 2 inches, but does not include any of the following:

- a. Manure that is confined within a manure storage facility, livestock housing structure or barnyard runoff control facility.
- b. Manure that is covered or contained in a manner that prevents storm water access and direct runoff to surface water or leaching of pollutants to groundwater.

WASTE - Manure, milking center waste and other organic waste generated by a livestock facility.

WASTE STORAGE FACILITY - One or more waste storage structures. “Waste storage facility” includes stationary equipment and piping used to load or unload a waste storage structure if the equipment is specifically designed for that purpose and is an integral part of the facility. “Waste storage facility” does not include equipment used to apply waste to land.

WASTE STORAGE STRUCTURE - A waste storage impoundment made by constructing embankments, excavating a pit or dugout, or fabricating a structure. “Waste storage structure” does not include equipment used to apply waste to land. For purposes of ss. ATCP 51.12(2) and 51.14, “waste storage structure” does not include any of the following.

- a. A structure used to collect and store waste under a livestock housing facility.
- b. A manure digester consisting of a sealed structure in which manure is subjected to managed biological decomposition.

WINTER GRAZING AREA - Cropland or pasture where livestock feed on dormant vegetation or crop residue, with or without supplementary feed, during the period October 1 to April 30. “Winter grazing area” does not include any of the following:

- a. An area, other than a pasture, where livestock are kept during the period from May 1 to September 30.
- b. An area which at any time has an average of more than 4 livestock animal units per acre.
- c. An area from which livestock have unrestricted access to navigable waters of the state, such that the livestock access prevents adequate vegetative cover on banks adjoining the water.
- d. An area in which manure deposited by livestock causes nutrient levels to exceed standards in s. ATCP 51.16.

WPDES PERMIT - A Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued by DNR under ch. NR 243.

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Affidavit of Publication

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Marathon County } ss.

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NOTICE TOWN OF EMMET RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Emmet Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at the Halder Community Hall, 135125 Halder Drive, Mosinee, to consider the following items:

1. Rezone from Ag1 to RS1 the following parcel in the Town of Emmet, Section 31 R27-05: PT of S 1/2 SW FRL 1/4, Lot 1 CSM Volume 34 PG 76 8698 (DOC 1054013), 10.80 acres.
2. Rezone from Ag1 to RS1 the following parcel in the Town of Emmet, Section 31 R27-05: PT of FRL S 1/2 SW 1/4, Lot 1 CSM Volume 25 PG 33 6633 (DOC 957993), 2.63 acres.

Town of Emmet Planning Commission
Gerald Fitzgerald, Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF MARATHON)
TOWN OF EMMET)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of EMMET
has heretofore been petitioned to repeal and re-adopt the following (Check all that apply)...

Town Zoning Ordinance

Zoning Map, and;

WHEREAS, the Town on due notice conducted a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance and/or map,
and;

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance and map have has been given due consideration by the Town Board
in open session, and;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive plan has been adopted by the Town, and the proposed Ordinance and/or map
are compatible with the adopted comprehensive plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats, the Town Board of
Supervisors of the Town of EMMET does hereby request review by the County Zoning
Committee and subsequent recommendation for County Board approval of the attached Zoning Ordinance (and
accompanying Zoning Map).

Dated this 9 of JULY, 20 19

Signed by the Board of the Town of EMMET:

Tyler Danka
Mike Beaman
Melton H. Hagins

CERTIFICATION

I, GERALD W FITZGERALD, Clerk of the Town of EMMET, 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 the Town of EMMET on
JULY 9, 20 19.

Gerald W Fitzgerald
Town Clerk (signature)

JULY 9-19
Date

Send this completed form along with your amendments, and a map, to:
Zoning and Regulatory Services
Marathon County Conservation, Planning & Zoning (CPZ) Department
210 River Drive
Wausau WI 54403 5449



**“Stone Horizon”
Town of Rib Mountain
Final County Plat
Staff Report
Environmental Resources Committee
August 1, 2019**

PLAT REQUIREMENTS

- **Survey**
 - Plat complies with Chapter 236.34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter A-E7 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and Chapter 18 of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances regarding subdivisions and mapping.
- **Zoning**
 - Plat is located in Rib Mountain and is town zoned with ER-1 (Estate Residential) zoning. This district permits one dwelling per acre.
- **Environmental Conditions**
 - Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) was submitted during the preliminary plat stage.
 - Erosion Control Plan included with SWMP.
 - Wetlands are shown and will not be impacted by the development. Approval letter from the Army Corps of Engineers was received by CPZ (Conservation, Planning, and Zoning).
- **Sanitary Sewer**
 - A map was provided by a certified soil tester during the preliminary plat stage with approved Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (POWTS) locations identified.
- **Access**
 - All proposed lots will have access to an improved public street.
 - Access from the proposed White Oak Street to South Mountain Road (County Road N) was approved by Marathon County Highway Department.

PREVIOUS APPROVALS

- **August 2, 2018** – ERC approved request for modification from the Land Division Code, Section 18.22(5)(b), for a dead end road greater than 850 feet.
- **August 2, 2018** – ERC conditionally approved the preliminary plat of “Stone Horizon” requiring a Wetland Delineation Report and a concurrence letter from the Army Corps of Engineers.
- **December 6, 2018** – ERC approved the final plat of “Stone Horizon”. The final plat excluded a portion of the area originally shown in the preliminary plat, but otherwise substantially conformed to the preliminary plat.

NOTES

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 larger storm water management area. A revised final plat has been submitted to the CPZ showing the adjusted boundary. The revised plat still conforms substantially to the original preliminary plat of “Stone Horizon”.

RECOMMENDATION

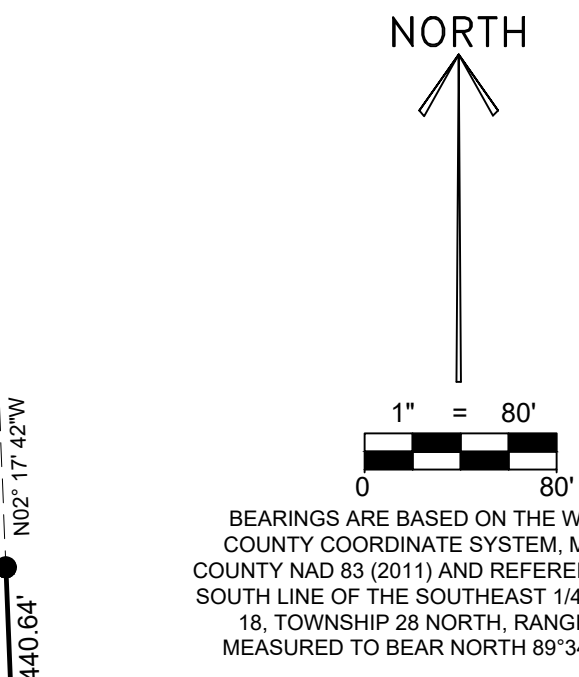
Based on the information provided, CPZ staff recommend that the Environmental Resources Committee approve the proposed final County plat of “Stone Horizon”.

STONE HORIZON

Of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 18161 located in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 and part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 18, Township 28 North, Range 7 East, Town of Rib Mountain, Marathon County, Wisconsin.

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○	- ALL OTHER LOT CORNERS HAVE BEEN MONUMENTED WITH 1-1/4" O.D. x 24" IRON PIPE WEIGHING 1.58 LBS/LIN. FT. SET
●	- FOUND 3/4" REBAR
●	- FOUND 1-1/4" O.D. IRON PIPE
○	- FOUND 5/8" REBAR
()	- RECORDED BEARING/LENGTH
////	- RESTRICTED ACCESS PER THIS PLAT

CURVE TABLE						
CURVE #	ARC LENGTH	RADIUS	CENTRAL ANGLE	CHORD BEARING	CHORD DISTANCE	TANGENT BEARING IN / TANGENT BEARING OUT
C1	190.75'	167.00'	65°26'34"	N33°08'53"W	180.55'	N00°25'36"W / N65°52'10"W
C2	43.44'	167.00'	14°54'13"	N73°19'17"W	43.32'	N65°52'10"W / N80°46'23"W
C3	254.04'	183.00'	79°32'18"	N41°00'14"W	234.13'	N80°46'23"W / N01°14'05"W
C4	44.01'	183.00'	13°46'51"	N73°52'57"W	43.91'	
C5	123.91'	183.00'	38°47'38"	N47°35'41"W	121.55'	
C6	86.12'	183.00'	26°57'49"	N14°42'59"W	85.33'	
C7	162.42'	117.00'	79°32'18"	S41°00'14"E	149.69'	S01°14'05"E / S80°46'23"E
C8	60.61'	233.00'	14°54'13"	S73°19'17"E	60.44'	S80°46'23"E / S65°52'10"E
C9	266.13'	233.00'	65°26'34"	S33°08'53"E	251.90'	S65°52'10"E / S00°25'36"E

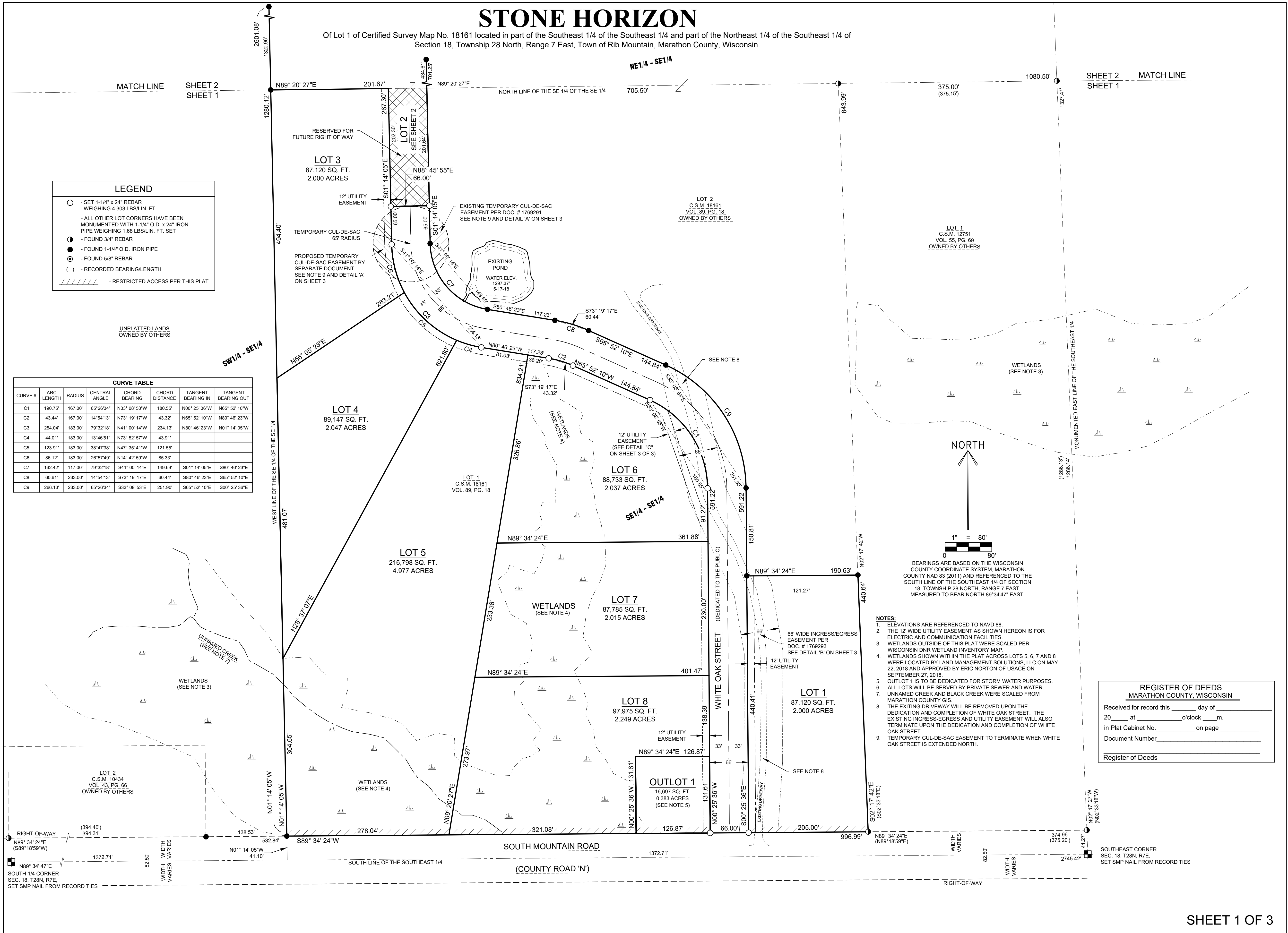


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REGISTER OF DEEDS
MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

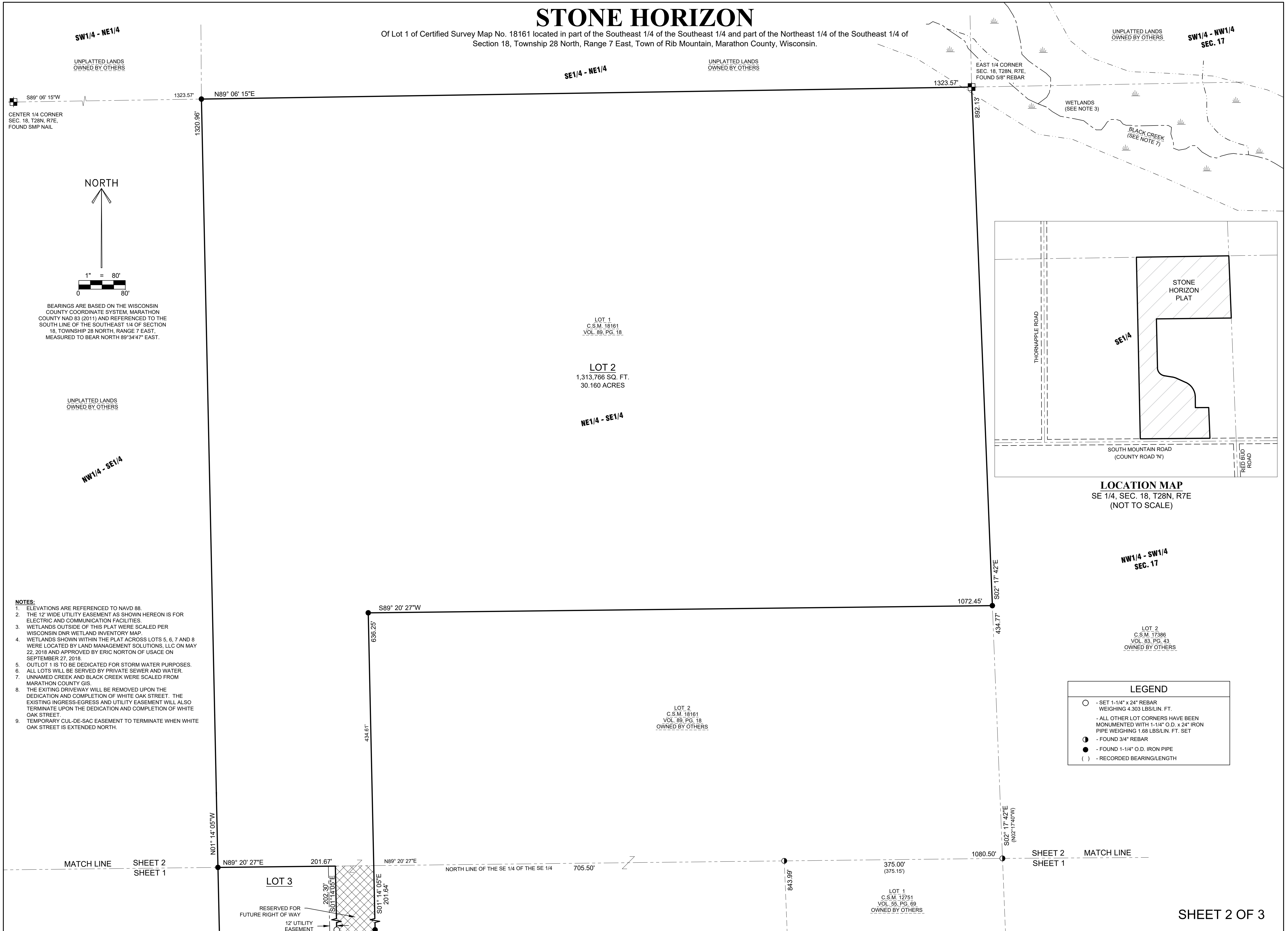
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Document Number _____

Register of Deeds



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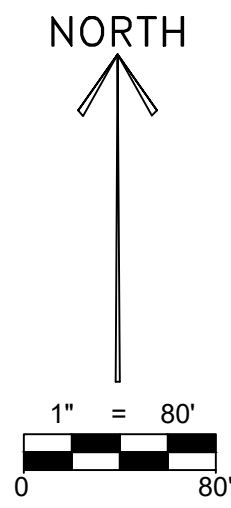


UNPLATTED LANDS OWNED BY OTHERS

SW1/4 - NE1/4

CENTER 1/4 CORNER SEC. 18, T28N, R7E, FOUND SMP NAIL

S89° 06' 15\"/>



BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE WISCONSIN COUNTY COORDINATE SYSTEM, MARATHON COUNTY NAD 83 (2011) AND REFERENCED TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, MEASURED TO BEAR NORTH 89°34'47\"/>

UNPLATTED LANDS OWNED BY OTHERS

NW1/4 - SE1/4

SE1/4 - NE1/4

LOT 1
C.S.M. 18161
VOL. 89, PG. 18

LOT 2
1,313,766 SQ. FT.
30.160 ACRES

NE1/4 - SE1/4

LOT 2
C.S.M. 18161
VOL. 89, PG. 18
OWNED BY OTHERS

LOT 1
C.S.M. 12751
VOL. 55, PG. 69
OWNED BY OTHERS

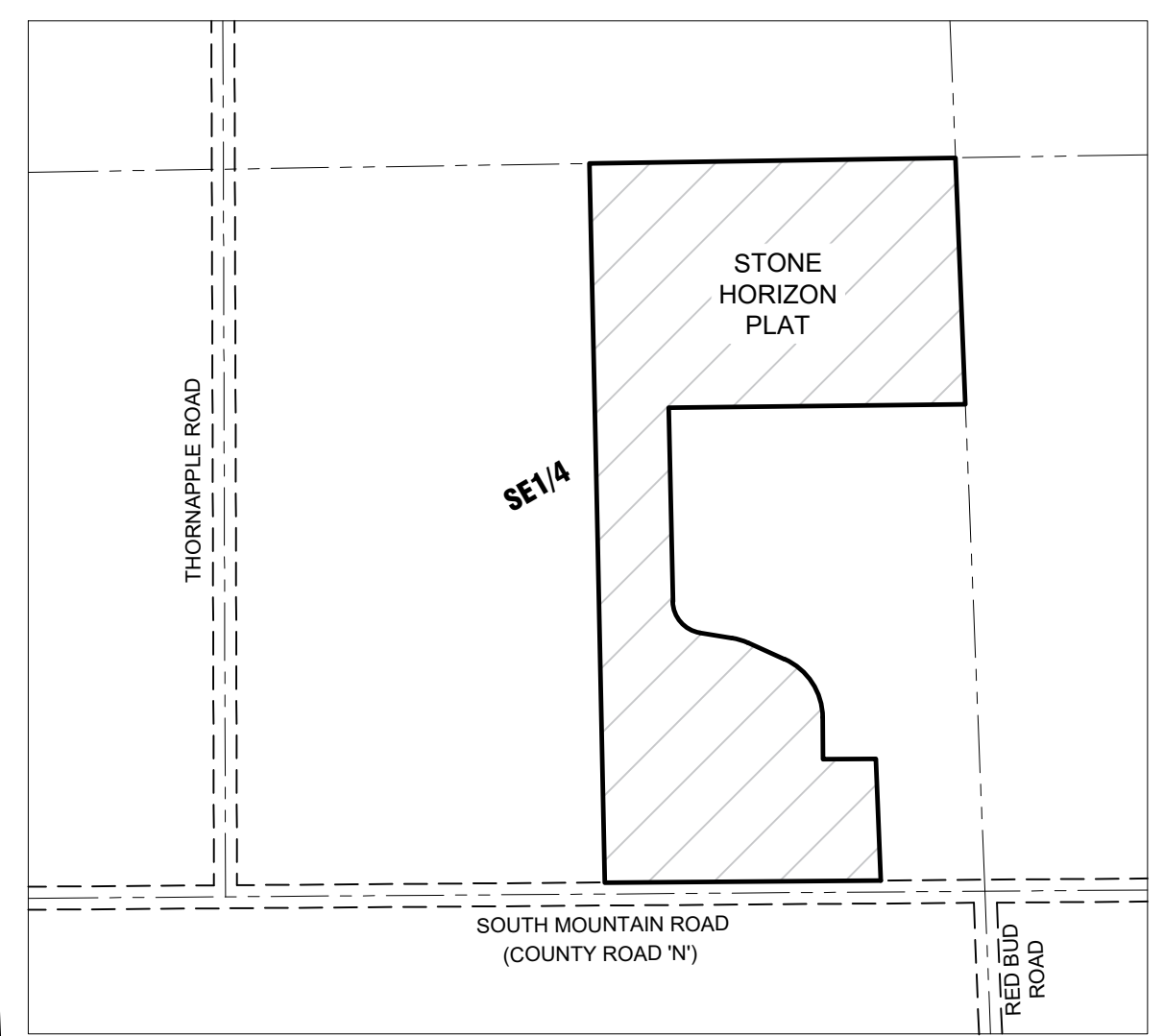
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SW1/4 - NW1/4 SEC. 17

EAST 1/4 CORNER SEC. 18, T28N, R7E, FOUND 5/8\"/>

WETLANDS (SEE NOTE 3)

BLACK CREEK (SEE NOTE 7)



LOCATION MAP
SE 1/4, SEC. 18, T28N, R7E
(NOT TO SCALE)

NW1/4 - SW1/4 SEC. 17

LOT 2
C.S.M. 17386
VOL. 83, PG. 43
OWNED BY OTHERS

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Project Schedule:

The Following is a Draft Timeline for Completion of the Plan and Approval Process. This Schedule is Subject to Change.

<u>MARATHON COUNTY FOREST PLANNING TIME LINE → 2021 - 2035</u>	
August 1, 2019	1. Environmental Resources Committee Reviews and Considers Approving Draft Public Participation Process and Timeline.
August 6, 2019	2. Marathon County Forestry/Recreation Committee Review and Considers Approving Public Participation Process and Timeline
August/September 2019 August 19 – Sept. 25, 2019 August 28, 2019 September 3, 2019 September 3, 2019 September 5, 2019 *September 18, 2019 CAC Committee Meeting	3. Identify Issues to Address With Plan Revisions a. List Potential Issues (E-Mail/Mail Letter to Public/Local Organizations With Response Sheet) b. List Potential Issues (Staff) c. List Potential Issues (Forestry/Recreation Committee) d. List Potential Issues (Park Commission) e. List Potential Issues (Environmental Resources Committee) f. List Potential Issues (Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee) g. Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee and Staff Review Current Plan and Recommends Revisions on Chapters 100 – 300.
October 2019	4. Forestry/Recreation Committee Review Recommendations to Chapters 100 – 300 a. Changes Back to Staff 5. Environmental Resources Committee Quarterly Update
October – December 2019 *December 18 CAC Committee Meeting	6. Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee and Staff Review Current Plan and Recommends Revisions on Chapters 400 – 600.
January 2020	7. Forestry/Recreation Committee Review Recommendations to Chapters 400 – 600 a. Changes Back to Staff 8. Environmental Resources Committee Quarterly Update

January 2020 – March 2020 *March 18, CAC Committee Meeting	9. Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee and Staff Review Current Plan and Recommends Revisions on Chapters 700 – 800.
April 7, 2020	10. Forestry/Recreation Committee Review Recommendations to Chapters 700 – 800. a. Changes Back to Staff 11. Environmental Resources Committee Quarterly Update
April 2020 – June 2020 *June 24 CAC Committee Meeting	12. Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee, Park Commission, and Staff Review Current Plan and Recommends Revisions to Chapter 900.
July 2020	13. Forestry/Recreation Committee Review Recommendations to Chapter 900. a. Changes Back to Staff 14. Environmental Resources Committee Quarterly Update
July 14, 2020	15. Open House/Public Meeting (30 Day Comment Period) July 14 – August 17
September 2020	16. Forestry/Recreation Committee and Environmental Resources Committee Approves Revised Plan and Sends to DNR for 30 Day Review. (September 15 – October 15, 2020)
November 12, 2020	17. Marathon County Board Adopts Revised 15 Year Plan and Submits to DNR for Final Approval
December 2020	18. DNR Approves Marathon County Forest 15 Year Plan

MARATHON COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN 2021 - 2035

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

<u>STAGE OF PROCESS</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>TOOLS/TECHNIQUES</u>
Identification of Issues	Consult	On-Line/Mailed General Survey
Draft Development	Inform	Website
All Draft Chapters	Involve/ Collaborate	Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee Forestry/Recreation Committee Environmental Resources Committee Park Commission (Chapter 900 only)
Preliminary Draft Completion	Inform/Consult	Open House – Public Meeting
Final Draft	Inform	Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee Website/E-Mail to Plan Holders



Wausau & Marathon County
**Parks, Recreation
& Forestry**

Memo

To: Environmental Resources Committee
From: Jamie Polley, Director
Subject: Position Restructuring – Chief Park Ranger
Date: July 24, 2019

Our Chief Park Ranger, Jon Daniels, will be retiring August 2, 2019 after 37 years of service with the County. Jon's responsibilities are important to the safety and security of the county parks, visitors and natural resources. His main tasks include;

- Enforcing County ordinances on County park and forest lands, and the Mountain-Bay State Park Trail to include compliance checks of campsite registrations, boat launch permits, bike passes and ski passes; issues warnings and citations and investigates various complaints; performs public service functions; maintains a visible presence, responds to park visitor inquiries and checks and secures facilities.
- Performing various law enforcement functions including issuing citations, making arrests and assisting local law enforcement agencies in non-park incidents as necessary; acts as court officer for the department and represents the department in court as necessary.

Jon is currently deputized by the Sheriff. Moving forward officers deputized by the Sheriff will work under the Sheriff's department. Administration has approved a collaboration between the Park, Recreation & Forestry Department and the Sheriff's Department where our department will contract with the Sheriff's Department to provide a Recreation Deputy that will be housed in the PRF offices. The Recreation Deputy will be assigned solely to patrolling and monitoring the parks and forest units. Funding for the position will remain in the PRF budget under contract services.

In addition, the Sheriff's Department is requesting a second Recreation Deputy that is 80% grant funded. This deputy will complete the task required by the grants such as boat and snowmobile patrol. This position will also work in conjunction with the contracted Recreation Deputy providing additional enforcement in the county parks and forest units. Two positions working together will ensure consistent patrol on evenings, weekends and holidays.



Capital Project Request Form

Project	Pickleball Courts	CIP Funds Requested	\$100,000.00
Project Number	(Do NOT fill in – for use by F&CM Department)		Request for Year 2020

General Instructions for completing this form:

- Enter requested information after placing the cursor (point and click) in the corresponding gray-shaded blank.
- For all but the most obvious items, more detailed instructions are available by typing the F1 key while the cursor placed on the corresponding blank.
- Each box will expand as necessary to include your text. Limits on text length are noted in the F1 instructions.
- Use the tab key to advance the cursor to the next blank; use shift/tab to move the cursor to the previous blank.
- *If this Charter form is not completed in its entirety, your request may not be ranked.*

1. REQUEST INFORMATION			
Project Title	Pickleball Court Development		
Location	Marathon Park		
Description	Reconstruct failing tennis courts into 6 pickle ball courts.		
Date of Request	05/02/2019	Project Type	Renovation/Remodel
Submitted By	Jamie Polley	Phone	715-261-1554
Department	Parks, Recreation Forestry	Email	jamie.polley@co.marathon.wi.us
Has this request been approved by the appropriate standing committee or board.	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Minutes of the meeting in which the funding request was approved must be submitted to F&CM Dept. prior to July 1 st .	
Has funding for this project been requested previously but not ranked high enough to be funded?	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	If so, how many times has the request been submitted previously?	3
Is this request a continuation of a previously funded CIP project?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If so, in which year was that project funded?	
Will this project be closed out within three years of the fiscal year in which it was funded? If not, please explain why below.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Is this project necessary due to a federal, state, or local legal mandate? If yes, please identify the specific mandate below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Will this project comply with recommendations or objectives addressed in an adopted plan (e.g. strategic plan), referendum, or study? If yes, please identify the specific plan, referendum, or study below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		



Capital Project Request Form

2. PROJECT DEFINITION AND SCOPE			
Project Objective(s)	Provide hard court recreational opportunities primarily for the older adult population		
Alignment to Departmental Mission Statement	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.		
Departmental Priority (check a different priority for each project)	(High)	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/>	(Low)
Related Other Projects			
Alternatives Considered	1. Leave failing tennis courts as is 2. 3.		
Why Alternatives Listed Above Were Rejected	1. Existing tennis courts will need to be removed due to condition. 2. Recreational opportunities for older adults will not occur 3.		
Target Start Date	6/1/2020	Anticipated Completion Date	September 30, 2020
Project Scope Statement List the major components of the project's scope of work below. Refer to documentation such as RFP's, proposals, functional specifications, etc. to set and limit the project scope.			
<p>"In Scope" = everything the project will include to meet the requirements of the project objectives.</p> <p>"Not in Scope" = any responsibilities, activities, deliverables, or other areas that are NOT to be funded as part of this project, even though they may have some relation to it.</p>	<p>In Scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidding • Demolition • Paving • Fencing • Nets • • • • • • 	<p>Not in Scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape renovation • • • • • • • • • 	

3. PROJECT RISK FACTORS	
Assumptions	Asphalt and steel pricing remain constant
Dependencies	Support of the Pickleball community
Constraints	Events in the park, weather



Capital Project Request Form

4. PROJECT COST			
Estimated Cost Components		Cost Allocation Per Fiscal Year	
Preliminary Design or Study	\$0.00	If project funds can be allocated over more than 1 year, please indicate the amount to be allocated for each year below:	
Final Design and Engineering	\$0.00		
Land Acquisition	\$0.00	Fiscal Year 2020	Amount \$100,000.00
Construction	\$100,000.00	Fiscal Year	Amount \$0.00
Equipment/Furnishings	\$0.00	Fiscal Year	Amount \$0.00
Other:	\$0.00	Fiscal Year	Amount \$0.00
Miscellaneous Costs	\$0.00	Fiscal Year	Amount \$0.00
Project Budget (total of estimated cost components)	\$100,000.00	←----- (sum of above should equal) -----!	
Is this project to be funded entirely with CIP funds?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If not, list below any other (non-CIP) funding sources for this project			Funding Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickleball Organization 			\$100000.00
			\$
			\$
Total CIP Funding Requested		\$0.00	

5. ASSET LIFE, RECURRING COSTS, AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT		
If an existing asset (facility or equipment) is being renovated or replaced, what is the age of the existing asset in years?	25	
Expected service life (in years) of the existing asset, based on applicable industry standards?	20	
Estimated Service Life of Improvement (in years)	20	
Future Estimated Recurring Costs	Annual Operating Costs	\$0.00
	Annual Maintenance Costs	\$500.00
	Other Non-Capital Costs	\$0.00
	Total Recurring Costs	\$500.00
Estimated Return on Investment (in years)		



Capital Project Request Form

6. OPERATING COST IMPACT

Will this project lead to a reduction in personnel or maintenance costs? If yes, please explain below.

Yes No

annual patching and repair will be reduced for several years due to new surfacing

Will this project lead to increased efficiency or productivity? If yes, please explain below.

Yes No

Current tennis courts are unusable, pickleball courts will make great use of the area

Will this project provide an additional revenue generating opportunity? If yes, please explain below.

Yes No

9 pickleball courts in one area provide a site for pickleball tournaments where entry and court fees will be charged



Capital Project Request Form

7. ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC BENEFIT	
Does this project have the potential to promote economic development county-wide? If yes, please explain below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does this project have the potential to promote economic development within a specific area of the county? If yes, please explain below.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Expansion of the pickle ball courts will allow for regional tournaments to be held at Marathon Park.	
Will this project result in an increase of long-term jobs within the county? If yes, please explain below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does this project enhance or increase recreational opportunities and/or green space? If yes, please explain below.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Active recreation targeted to older adults	
Does this project contribute toward improved transportation efficiency? If yes, please explain below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does this project impact the quality of life of the general county population? If yes, please explain below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does this project impact the quality of life of a specific demographic within the county? If yes, please explain below.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Active recreation targeted to older adults	
Does this project enhance or increase cultural or educational opportunities? If yes, please explain below.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Pickleball provides an multigenerational experience and can teach team work and life skills	
Does this project contribute toward improving the wellness of Marathon County Citizens? If yes, please explain below.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Active recreation targeted to older adults and is a sport that can be enjoyed by all ages	

8. RELATED DOCUMENTS
<i>List below any attached documentation including estimates, studies or plans, photographs, standing committee or board minutes, etc. that supports this project request.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographs • Approved by CIP Committee on July 23rd and recommended to the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee •

Request for Additional Services

Purpose: The Wausau & Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department has a desire to always provide high quality recreational services and facilities. With restricted financial and personnel resources the Department needs a process to evaluate requests for additional services. Additional services being defined as additions to programs and facilities or new programs and facilities.

In order to fully evaluate and stimulate thought on the complete aspects of additional services, please provide the Department with a request that includes the following (all items may not pertain and may not be known by requestor):

- Please describe program or facility where additional services are being requested.

The pickleball courts at Marathon Park.

- Please describe additional services/facility being requested.

We propose to increase the number of courts to 9 by adding an additional 6 courts.

- Why do you think this additional service/facility is needed?

At this time we often have 30 to 40 people showing up to play on a space that can only accommodate 12 people. With the addition of 6 more courts, all players could play.

- What exactly is being asked of the Department (funding, maintenance, construction)?

The Wausau Area Pickleball club is prepared to donate the construction and materials for all 6 courts. We are asking the park department to install the net posts, nets and care for the courts seasonally (take down the nets in late fall and put them back up in spring).

- What are the total costs for the additional services/facilities (not only initial costs but future costs)?

Unknown. The costs involve only the labor involved in installing the net posts and maintenance.

- How would it be funded (what is the County/City being asked to contribute, what is the group willing to contribute, grants, donations, etc.)?

Wausau Area Pickleball has secured funding for this project through individual donations, and grants.

- Who will provide maintenance in the future (will it be turned over to the Department upon completion, will there be maintenance funds put aside, group to provide some maintenance, who repairs damage, etc.)?

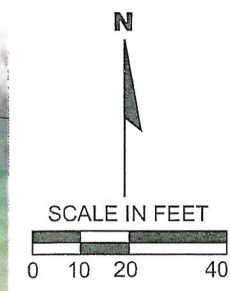
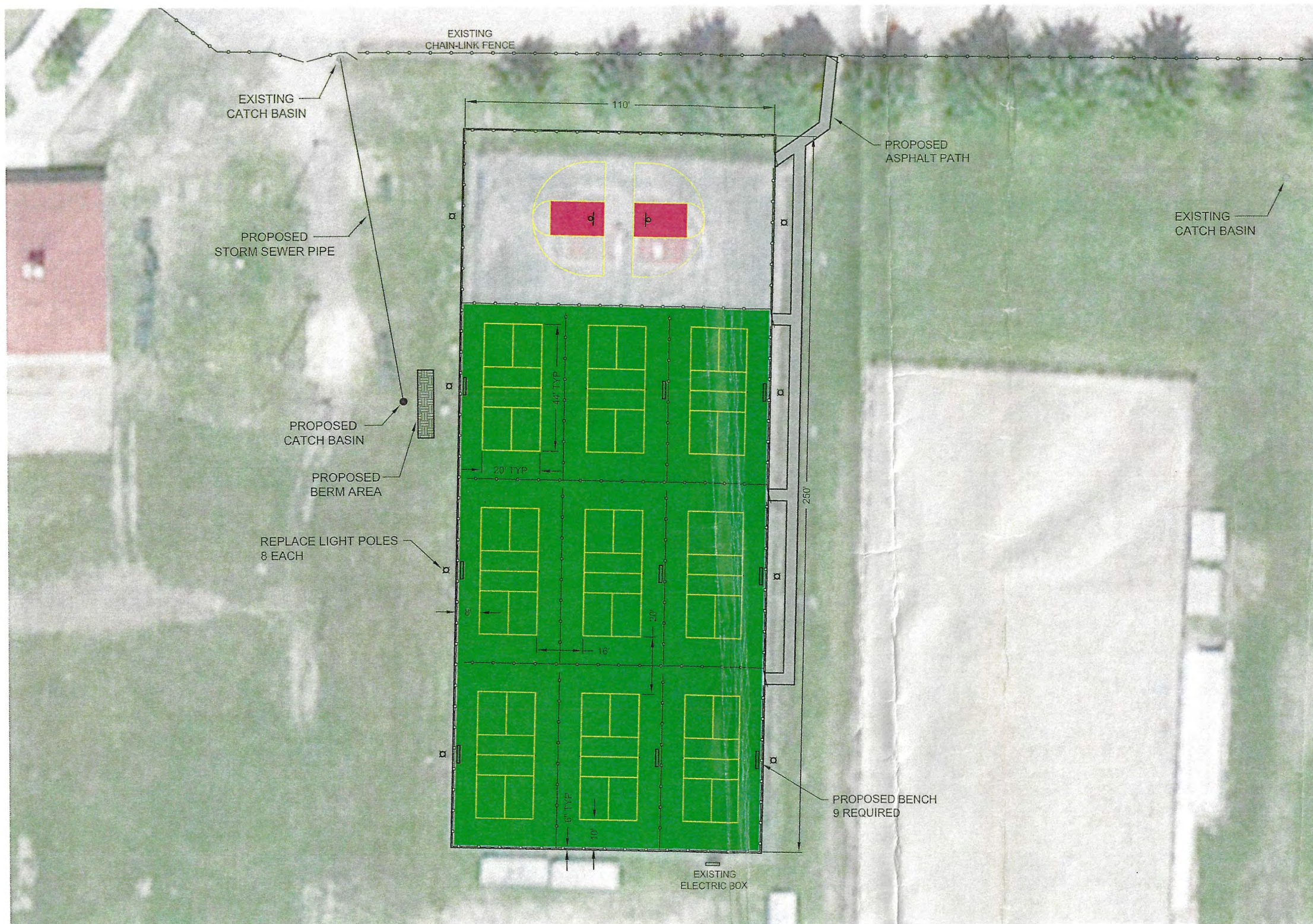
The Wausau Area Pickleball club will turn the facility over to the county. Maintenance on courts should be minimal. If major repairs need to be made, the club may be willing to assist financially.

- What are the expectations of the County/City once it is complete?

Seasonal care of the nets (taking them down and storing them for winter and putting them back up in the spring).

- What is the timeline for completion?

We hope to have the asphalt in by the end of August. The timeline for the finished project is dependent on whether or not we can get on the schedule to have the courts lined and painted. It is our hope to have this project completed by October 2019.



EXISTING BASKETBALL COURTS



EXISTING TENNIS COURT



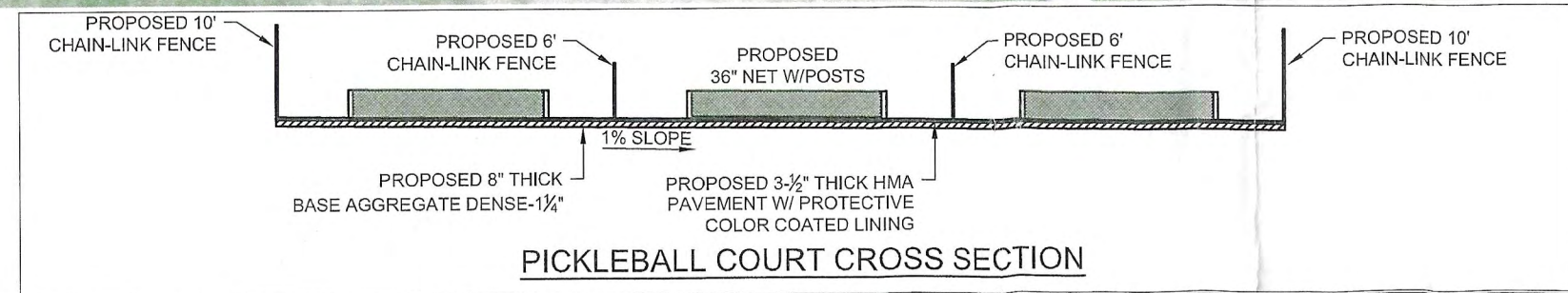
EXISTING PAVEMENT CRACKING



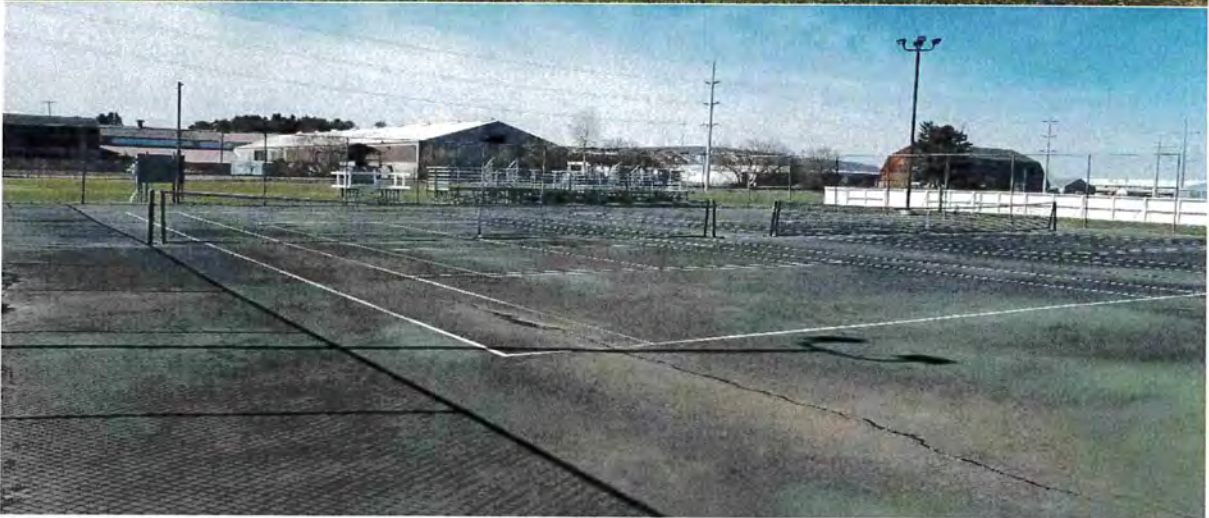
EXISTING ENTRANCE



EXISTING LIGHT POLES



PICKLEBALL COURT CROSS SECTION



Marathon County Land & Water Resource Management Plan 2010-2019



Functions of the Plan

- * 1. Assessment of Resources
- * 2. Overview and status of current land and water programs
- * 3. Overview of regulatory requirements
- * 4. Review of monitoring and evaluation methods
- * 5. Overview of information and education activities
- * 6. An implementation strategy
- * 7. Coordination with partners

Long Term Outcomes

1. Land use activities to minimize conflicts, maximize infrastructure investments, and protect rural character.
2. Improve and protect the surface and ground water assets
3. Maintain the soil resources through topsoil and organic matter conservation.
4. Agricultural and woodlot producers are profitable.



Diverse & profitable agriculture



Balanced mixed land use



Good surface water quality



Protect ground water quality and quantity



Maintain Soil Resources



Agricultural and woodlot producers are
profitable

A. Goals, Objectives, Priority Farm Strategy, and Programs



Goal 1: Reduce Agricultural Nonpoint Runoff



- * **Reduce runoff** leaving the Cropland;
- * Improve Nutrient Management activities on Livestock Farms
- * Education with emphasis on soil erosion, nutrient management, State performance standards and prohibitions.
- * Provide adequate **program and financial incentives** to implement Best Management Practices
- * Promote and **educate** landowners about new manure management technologies.
- * Improve enforcement strategies.

Resource Concerns: Soil Erosion

Year	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018		
Soil Erosion: Survey	Tons/Acre /Year	"T"(3-5 ton/ac/yr)	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.5



Resource Concerns: Water Quality



Nutrient Management Plans:

700+ farms
(1,300+ landowners)



Total acres	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
288,000	146,934 51%	142,376 49%	146,114 51%	151,448 53%	155,438 54%	159,846 56%	164,685 57%	169,267 59%

Waste Storage Closure



Total	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
151	90	102	120	128	135	143	154 100+%	158	166

Managed Grazing: 140+ farm



Total acres	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
25,000	14,214 acres	15,386 acres	18,162 acres	18,919 acres	19,802 acres	20,175 acres- 81%	20,907 acres- 83%	21,038 acres- 84%

Farm Compliance Certification: Performance Standards

Total	2010	2011	2012 (AEA)	2013 (FP Plan)	2014	2015	2016
290	160	177	146	212	222	255	265 91%

Goal 2: Groundwater quantity and quality

- * 1. Education
- * 2. Maintain current levels in aquifers
- * 3. Increase infiltration (soil health)
- * 4. Maintain and improve wetlands
- * 5. Protect wellhead recharge areas from pollution



Goal 3: Forestry

- * 1. Reforestation of barren lands and idle cropland
- * 2. Maximize participants in Managed Forest Law Program
- * 3. Keep large tracts of land in forestland
- * 4. Sustainable and healthy forests
- * 5. Healthy school forest centers
- * 6. Minimize invasive species

Goal 4: Land Use Conversion (22,000 acres/decade)

- * Maintain **prime farmland** in production
- * **Minimize fragmentation** of cropland by housing developments
- * Promote **Farmland Preservation Zoning and Agricultural Enterprise Areas**
- * Provide producers with **viable opportunities** to protect farmland



FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM REGIONS - MARATHON COUNTY WI



Map Developed by Marathon County
Conservation, Planning and Zoning GIS



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WBDHUC10 Areas	
	Antigo Flats
	Eastern Lakes
	Heart of America
	Lumberjack
	Wisconsin Central
	Wisconsin River Influence
	Dill Creek-Big Eau Pleine River
	Lake Dubay-Big Eau Pleine River
	Municipal Boundary

Antigo Flats

Vision for agriculture: The Antigo Flats will be a nationally and internationally recognized leader in seed potato production.



Heart of America

Vision for agriculture: Heart of America will be a leading dairy producing region in the state which supports family farms. Best management practices (BMP) will be environmentally sound and sustainable to protect farmland and natural resources. Urban and rural interests will be balanced and coordinated to ensure efficient delivery of services and maximum protection of the farmland resource.



Goal 5: Lake and Reservoir Management

- * Maintain existing wetlands
- * Restore critical drained wetland areas along surface waters
- * Keep sediments and nutrients out of wetland and surface waters
- * Improve awareness of public about water
- * Develop county wide inventory and report of aquatic invasive species

Accomplishments

Lake, Reservoir and Watershed Management

- * **Lake and Watershed Management Plans:**
 - * Eastern Lakes (11 Lake Management Plans)
 - * Big Eau Pleine River and Reservoir
 - * Lake Wausau
 - * Fenwood Creek 9 Key Element Plan
 - * Aquatic invasive inventory and report

- * **Citizen Involvement**
 - * Lake groups/districts
 - * Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization (BEPCO)-involvement, aeration plan
 - * Sporting groups (Pheasants Forever, etc)

- * **Farmer Engagement**
 - * Farm Bureau
 - * Farmers Union
 - * Grazing Network
 - * Agronomists
 - * Local Farm Producers

B. Priority Farm Strategy

- * Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
- * Livestock Operations with 500 animal units.
- * Mid-scale livestock operations during expansion
- * Ordinance Permittees
- * Working Lands Initiative Participants
- * Big Eau Pleine River Watershed
- * Managed Grazing

C. Implementation Strategy for Non-point Performance Standards and Prohibitions

Standards:

- * Erosion: All cropped fields shall meet tolerable (T) soil erosion rates
- * Tillage setback: No tillage within 5 feet of surface waters.
- * Phosphorus index of 6 lbs per acre per year or less.
- * **Manure storage facilities meet standards**
- * Process wastewater handling: (Feed leachate or milk-house) no discharge of process wastewater to waters of the state.
- * Clean water diversions around farmsteads.
- * **Nutrient management**

C. Implementation Strategy for Non-point Performance Standards and Prohibitions

Manure management prohibitions

- * **No overflow of manure storage facilities.**
- * No unconfined manure piles in a water quality management area.
- * No direct runoff from feedlots or stored manure into state waters.
- * No unlimited livestock access to waters of the state

D. Coordination with Other Resource Management Plans

- * Comprehensive Plan
- * Central Wisconsin River Basin plan
- * Groundwater Plan
- * Forest Comprehensive Land use plan

E. Conservation Programs and Partnerships

- * Managed Grazing project with Lincoln County
- * Managed Forest Law Program
- * Farmland Preservation Program
- * Nutrient Management Program

Conservation Delivery: Current Partnerships



*Clark County Government
Wisconsin*



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service



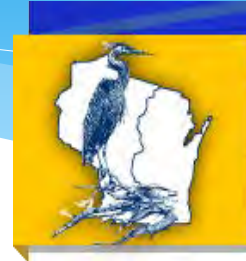
Conservation Delivery: New and/or renewed Partnerships



Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation - EPPIC



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Wisconsin Valley
Improvement
Company



Marshfield Agricultural
Research Station
University of Wisconsin-Madison



Farmers



F. State and Local Regulations

- * Animal Waste Storage & Nutrient Management Ordinance
- * Livestock Siting Ordinance
- * Zoning Ordinance
- * Shoreland, Wetland, Floodplain Ordinance
- * Land Division and Surveying Regulations
- * Nonmetallic Mining Ordinance
- * Monitoring-TMDL

V. Work plan Implementation and Coordination

Staff Resources

- * What would it take versus what can we afford? How is work prioritized?
- * Fiscal Resources
- * Total Cost to implement

Chapter VI- Information and Education

- * Performance Standards and Prohibitions
- * Waste Storage Facility and nutrient management code
- * Grazing Initiative and performance standards
- * Nutrient management and conservation planning
- * Livestock Facility Licensing Ordinance

Chapter VII-Compliance notification, monitoring, and resource evaluation

- * Soil erosion
- * Water Quality
- * Spot checks, audits and annual reports
- * Outcome measurement
- * Resource evaluation and monitoring

Solutions: People



Key Links

- * Comprehensive plan

<http://www.ncwrpc.org/marathon/county/index.html>

- * Land and Water Resource Management plan

http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/CPZ/Documents/lwrm2010_final_Posted_Version.pdf

- * Ordinances

<http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Departments/ConservationPlanningZoning/CPZOrdinancesRegulations.aspx>

Questions or comments?





MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 22, 2019
TO: Environmental Resources Committee
FROM: Becky Frisch
SUBJECT: Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department Update

I want to take this opportunity to inform you about the upcoming schedule for revisions to the Non-metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance and the Land Division Ordinance. As time allows, staff continues to work on drafting language for both codes in anticipation of public hearings this fall. The following is the proposed timeline for ERC involvement and action:

Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance: State compliance revision

October meeting: Educational presentation by Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Specialist Teal Fyksen on revisions required to the reclamation ordinance to remain consistent with state statute and NR135, Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation. Draft code language included in the October packet. NOTE: Simultaneously, the draft language will be submitted to the DNR for review and feedback.

November meeting: Public hearing on draft revisions. Incorporation of DNR recommended changes, if any. Possible referral of code revisions to County Board for action at November meeting.

December meeting: Back up meeting, if needed.

Effective date: January 1, 2020.

Land Division Ordinance: Comprehensive ordinance revision

September meeting: Educational presentation by County Surveyor Dave Decker on several policy items including but not limited to private roads, plat review process, and county wide minimum lot size, which were previously discussed by the committee. Draft code language on specific policy discussion items included in the packet. ERC discussion and possible direction to staff on policy items.

October meeting: Continued discussion and direction to staff on policy items and/or review of new code language based on ERC direction.

November meeting: Educational presentation on entire code. Public hearing draft language included in the November packet. NOTE: Simultaneously, the draft language will be sent to private surveyors for review and feedback in addition to town officials.

December meeting: Public hearing on draft revisions. Incorporation of recommended changes, if any. Possible referral of code revisions to County Board for action at December meeting.

January, 2020 meeting: Back up meeting, if needed.

Effective date: January 1, 2020 or February 1, 2020, depending upon County Board action.

Conservation, Planning & Zoning Department



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 22, 2019
TO: Environmental Resources Committee
FROM: Paul Daigle – Land and Water Program Director
SUBJECT: Grants for various conservation priorities

As the Land and Water Program Director, I would like to announce that the Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department has secured several grants for conservation priorities.

The grants are as follows:

- Wisconsin DNR Lake Protection Grant: Grant award is \$100,000 will allow the Department to fulfill the following objectives:
 - Work with local groups to promote community engagement, capacity building, and organizational development.
 - Implement public shoreland demonstration sites on Lake Wausau, and provide a wetland restoration program for land in agricultural use in the Big Eau Pleine Watershed.
 - Provide county-wide audience targeted water resource related information and education.
- National Association of Conservation Districts: Grant award is \$40,000 per year for three years (contingent up continued Federal funding) and will allow the Department to continue fulfill its objectives in relation to managed grazing:
 - Provide grazing planning assistance to new farmers and farmers converting to managed grazing (1000 acres per year)
 - Provide technical assistance to implement grazing plans, help farmers secure and develop cost share recommendations for the United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).
- Wisconsin Natural Resources Conservation Service: Grant award is \$240,000 (\$80,000 per year for three years), for technical assistance to implement the Fenwood Creek Watershed Plan. This will allow the Department to implement Phase II of the Fenwood Creek Watershed plan, with the following goals:



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- Phosphorus Reduction: A 45% reduction of the baseline weighted watershed phosphorus is the long term goal of the Fenwood Creek project. Therefore, the plan proposes to lower the watershed's average Phosphorus Index from 4.8 (lbs. /acre) to 2.6 over time.
- Soil Erosion Reduction: Similarly, the average soil erosion rate will be reduced from the current average of 3.1 (tons/acre/year) to 1.7. Table 1 provides a summary of the proposed phosphorus and soil erosion reduction goals.
- Increased Community Engagement: CPZ will implement a new strategy to greatly enhance community engagement in the Fenwood Creek sub-watershed, which should lead to increased implementation of best management practices that reduce runoff of phosphorus and sediment. CPZ will continue its efforts to work with EPPIC to accomplish this goal. EPPIC has secured a DATCP Producer Led Grant to accomplish the goals listed below for increased community engagement.
 - Goal 1: Improve water and soil quality by demonstrating the profitability, productivity, and conservation benefits of cropland practices.
 - Goal 2. The second goal is to host the third annual Common Ground event. Common Ground is an event and a movement focused on unifying people around the future of soil and water conservation in North-Central Wisconsin. The goal of this event is to foster new conversation and collaboration; to connect stakeholders who have never been around the same table. This event brings awareness of EPPIC and is a driver for gaining partnerships within the community.
- Develop a successful model for phosphorus and soil loss reductions that can be utilized in other watersheds of Marathon County. Through this effort, CPZ will identify successful methods to achieve reductions in sediment and phosphorus therefore the ability to utilize these methods in other areas of Marathon County.

Note: All grants applied for and received are consistent with the current Land and Water Resource Management Plan approved by the County Board.



What is an RC&D?

In 1962, an Act of Congress allowed the formation of Resource Conservation & Development Councils (RC&Ds) as a way for public & private entities to collaborate across county lines on large scale environmental issues.

How did Golden Sands RC&D Form?

In 1972, Loddie Laskot, the County Board Supervisor from Marathon County, joined in with other County Board Supervisors in Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Monroe, Jackson, Adams, Juneau, Waushara, and Marquette to form Golden Sands RC&D. All of these counties wanted to have a shared nonprofit organization that could work across county lines to promote conservation of Central Wisconsin's natural resources. The idea was to use this nonprofit as a tool to develop stronger partnerships and to build bridges between the conservation-related objectives of state and federal government agencies, county governments, municipalities, various conservation groups, grassroots organizations, teachers, farmers, woodland landowners, and conservationists. This RC&D would apply for funding opportunities that would help counties achieve their conservation efforts and also promote the use of federal, state, and local programs that constituents in these counties could use in their conservation efforts.

What projects does Golden Sands RC&D currently do that benefit Marathon County?

Woods and Wildlife for Today & Tomorrow: Golden Sands RC&D was awarded a federal grant from the US Forest Service to assist landowners to form woodland cooperatives. A 894 acre Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) cooperative has formed in the Township of Kronenwetter with the assistance of the Golden Sands program "Woods and Wildlife for Today and Tomorrow". 5 landowners (690 acres) and the D.C. Everest School Forest Twin Oaks property (204 acres) are all part of this cooperative. Everyone involved in this cooperative will get a site visit from a DNR Wildlife Biologist and Forester, who will provide them recommendations for what can be done on their properties to improve wildlife habitat. These landowners also have access to discounted forest management plans, assistance with the coordination to hire a logger together, and assistance to apply for habitat restoration projects through EQIP or through the DNR. Golden Sands RC&D is also working with UW Stevens Point professor Dr. Demchik who is leading a student class focusing on marking timber stands for creating better wildlife habitat and healthier forests.

Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Program: Golden Sands RC&D Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program has been ongoing since 2004. Funding for our AIS program comes through WI Department of Natural Resources AIS Education Planning and Prevention (AEPP) grants as well as local donations. Our AIS program is a regional approach that serves multiple counties. Service area may vary depending on funding and local support. We bring partners together across Central Wisconsin to increase awareness of AIS, educate about prevention methods and assist partners in AIS planning. Highly trained AIS staff also provide AIS identification, surveying and mapping services. Partners include but are not limited to County LCDs, County Highway Departments, local waterbody groups, Sanitary Districts, UW-Extension, WSP, River Alliance, UWSP, WDNR, Master Gardeners, WI Waterfowl Assoc., WI Trappers Assoc., schools, private citizens and others. In Marathon County the Eastern Lakes, Plover River, WI River, Eau Peine River, Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW), Mead Wildlife Area and purple loosestrife are the main focus points for AIS work.

What can be purchased through Golden Sands RC&D?

Golden Sands RC&D sells a number of useful and unique conservation resources on our website and in our main office, including: Bat Houses, Bluebird Houses, Tree Shelters, AIS playing cards, Acrylic Block Specimens (made-to-order), 'Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers' Fishing Bobbers, Aquatic Plant Field Guides, and other books.

What Co-employment contracts is Golden Sands RC&D involved in that serve Marathon County?

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership (CWWP): Golden Sands RC&D serves a co-employment contract with CWWP on providing the human resources support needed for LTE labor. This organization works with local farmers to plant trees at the edge of farmer's fields to establish windbreaks, shelterbelts, and living snow fences.

Farmers work with the CWWP and their LTEs to qualify for cost share programs and are guaranteed a 95% survival rate of trees planted. CWWP works out of the Hancock Agricultural Research Station and serves farmers throughout Central Wisconsin. A demonstration plot is also available at this research station where farmers can learn more about the benefits of installing windbreaks.

NRCS Soil Conservationists: Golden Sands RC&D just brought on two new Soil Conservationists through a co-employment contract with the NRCS. One will be based in the NRCS Wisconsin Rapids office and the other will be based in Waupaca. These employees are performing on-site inventory and evaluations, conducting necessary preliminary surveys, and providing recommendations for feasible practices to solve resource concerns that will help control erosion and conserve soil and water.

How can Golden Sands RC&D further assist Marathon County?

Watershed Management Planning: Joshua Beneš, Executive Director of Golden Sands RC&D, has six years of experience monitoring nutrients, measuring flow, and calculating nutrient loading for stream ecosystems. He also has experience with community engagement around natural resource management, including an internship he completed in Spring of 2017 assisting Marathon County with the community engagement portion of Fenwood Creek 9-key element watershed plan. His work provided some of the background research that went into forming “The Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation” (EPPIC). He would be willing to assist counties in any way he can in writing plans and/or working with private citizens in specific watersheds to build a community capacity around water resource management.

Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area:

Both Lincoln and Marathon county are left out of Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs) forming all around them throughout the state. Both Lincoln and Marathon could consider forming their own CISMA together. Golden Sands RC&D is currently bringing together partners across central Wisconsin who work on invasive species management in Adams, Juneau, Waushara, Marquette, Portage, and Wood Counties. With interest from both Marathon and Lincoln counties, Golden Sands RC&D could help facilitate a similar partnership by applying for a Weed Management Area grant through the DNR.

What contracted services can Golden Sands RC&D offer?

Seminars/Presentations on: Invasive species, bio-control, native plants and ecology, groundwater, lake management planning, native wetland plants, & rain gardens

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Help: Invasive species management, identification and removal training, scuba/snorkel team for AIS removal, lake, river and wetland surveys with mapping and summary, Eurasian Water Milfoil bio-control surveys, Purple Loosestrife biocontrol, & lake management guidance

Woodland and Wildlife Habitat Management: Wildlife habitat improvement, assistance forming woodland cooperatives, terrestrial invasive species, & Emerald Ash Borer municipal planning

Agriculture: Managed grazing & neighborhood gardens

Other Services: Shoreland inventories, residential rainwater runoff consultation & grant writing assistance

How does Marathon County remain represented within Golden Sands RC&D?

Marathon County LCC has the ability to delegate two members to our council. At least one of the individuals needs to be serving as an LCC member or other county board member. The other can be any other person chosen by the LCC to represent the county. Gary Beaston is the current county board member representing Marathon County and has been very active. Diane Hanson has been the non-county board delegate. Both of them attend our council meetings, and are good points of contact for the county to notify Golden Sands RC&D in how it can better serve Marathon County in the future.