

**MARATHON COUNTY BOARD SIZE TASK FORCE
MINUTES
September 17, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: *John Robinson – Chair, Craig McEwen - Vice Chair, Tim Buttke, Sandi Cihlar, Arnold Schlei, Dave Eckmann, Deb Hager,*

MEMBERS EXCUSSED: *Rick Seefeldt, Jacob Langenhahn*

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Mack, Amanda Ley, Kurt Gibbs,

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order

In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Robinson at 3:32 p.m. via WebEx.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. Public Comment

No Comments were given by anyone at this time.

POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

4. Approve Minutes September 17, 2020 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY BUTTKE / MCEWEN APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

5. The Agenda items of:

COMPARISONS AND CONSIDERATIONS USED BY OTHER COUNTIES;

DECISION MAKING EVALUATION CRITERIA;

DEVELOPMENT OR OPTIONS FOR BOARD SIZE;

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS;

These items were all discussed during the overall conversation of the meeting and no one individual item was discussed with the intent to take action on them separately. Consensus was reached on how to proceed with items at the next meeting.

The overall discussion was as follows:

Robinson discussed the additions to the Changes to Numbers of Supervisors table from the packet. The items added were the amount of female supervisors from both 2014 and 2020.

Hager reviewed the additions to the evaluation criteria chart highlighting the scoring for each question and referencing the need to define the terms Service, Diversity and Efficiency for the members to help clarify those ideas. The discussion included concepts for defining diversity with old/young, rural/urban, gender, ethnicity,

Robinson explained the IAP2 Public Participation Model and expressed his thoughts that the Consult option fit this exercise the best. This would entail asking the public for their feedback on ideas put forth by the Task Force and would probably be in the form of public meetings. Members agreed with the concept of having three public “listening sessions” and it was thought they should be held on the west side and east side of the county with one in the metro area. Staff will look for the best locations with the dates to be sometime in late October or early November.

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Hager explained the results of the Board self-assessment that was given to the Executive Committee. The undertaking was very thorough and some main themes were identified as a result. Hager expressed that the themes would be good for the Board to review, but may not be very relevant to the discussion of Board size. It was agreed that the survey should be developed for the whole County Board to take, if leadership wanted.

For the next meeting, members agreed to discuss the evaluation criteria further with baseline information included, additional information from other counties that changed board sizes, and the public engagement process with meeting locations and more details on the program and questions for the public.

6. Future Meetings and Schedule – October 7, 2020

Action: THERE BEING A CONFLICT WITH THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING, THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7, 2020 AT 3:30 PM AT 210 RIVER DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI AND VIA WEBEX.

7. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **ROBINSON ADJOURNED THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY BOARD SIZE TASK FORCE AT 5:00 PM.**

Submitted by:

Dave Mack, Program Manager

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

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November 10, 2020