



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 3, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Marathon County Courthouse, Wausau, WI

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Randy Fifrick, Chair	X		
Sandi Cihlar, Vice-Chair	X		
John Robinson	X		
Jeff Johnson	X		
Alan Christensen		X	
Richard Gumz	X		
Chris Dickinson	X		

Also Present: James Griesbach, Kendra Pergolski, Kevin Lang, Michael Puerner, Brian Grefe, Dave Mack, Jean Maszk, Kurt Gibbs, Gerry Klein, Jamie Polley, Andrew Lynch, Kris Baguhn

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Fifrick at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** N/A
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the January 6, 2022, Infrastructure Committee Meetings**
MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CIHLAR, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2022, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
 - A. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**
Discussion: Griesbach reviewed with the committee the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law including what is being sought after regarding project funding. Griesbach advised the committee which projects he intends to submit.
Action: N/A
Follow through: N/A
 - B. County Utility Accommodation Policy**
Discussion: Committee discussed the UAP packet provided. Committee noted two areas that need correction.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO ADOPT MODEL UTILITY ACCOMODATION POLICY SUBJECT TO CHANGING "DEPARTMENT" TO "COUNTY" AND CORRECTING OTHER TYPOS.
MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
 - C. Permitting process for Broadband Expansion**
Discussion: Committee discussed the approach needed to streamline the permitting process and fee structure.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CIHLAR, TO DIRECT STAFF TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERMIT PROCESS TO ALLOW FOR SUBMITTAL OF PERMIT APPLICATION ON TOWN BASIS AND APPLY A MECHANISM TO RECOVER TIME AND MATERIAL. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
 - D. Carry-over of Capital Improvement Funds for Broadband Expansion from 2021-2022**
Discussion: Committee discussed the remaining balance from 2021.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY DICKINSON, THAT REQUIRES THE HR/FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CARRYOVER THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
- 5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:** N/A
- 6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**
 - A. Airport Update**
Discussion: Grefe updated the committee on the airport's recent loss of an airline and how they intend to move forward. He also focused on upcoming infrastructure projects and air service improvements.

B. 2050 Transportation Plan Update

Discussion: Will be provided at March meeting.

C. Updates on 28th Avenue

Discussion: Becher Hoppe is currently revising their plan and projecting probable costs.

D. Broadband Expansion Update

Discussion: Robinson discussed their continued efforts with Bugtussle in regard to fiber and tower placement as well as their pending grant application.

E. Update from Highway Commissioner

Discussion: Griesbach provided the committee with current winter stats including total salt counts.

F. Updates from CCIT Director

Discussion: Report provided. Klein provided an update on Workday implementation.

7. **Announcements:**

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics

March 3, 9:00 AM, Marathon County Courthouse

8. **Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY DICKINSON. MOTION CARRIED.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 AM.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on February 14, 2022.