



## MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Marathon County Courthouse, Wausau, WI

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Sandi Cihlar, 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, Judy Pagryzinski, Jean Maszk, Jamie Polley, Dave Mack, Joe Ponchack, Andrew Lynch, Tom Lobbin, Kevin Clint, Joe Ponchack

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Cihlar at 10:01 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** Judy Pagryzinski of Ringle, representing Rural Riders, addressed the committee requesting that more roads be open to ATV/UTV use in the county as well as extended hours of operation referencing the previous meeting proposal of 10pm.  
  
Kevin Clint of Stratford expressed support of opening county roads to ATV/UTV use.  
  
Joe Ponchack of Mosinee expressed his support for the use of ATV/UTV use on county roads.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 9, 2021, Infrastructure Committee Meetings**  
**MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**
- 4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
  - A. Approval of Decision-Making Process for 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor and Consideration to Forward to County Board**  
**Discussion:** Leonhard addressed the committee regarding the appropriate framework required for the decision-making process concerning the 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor. Leonhard expounded on the proposed overview provided in the packet detailing the process.  
**Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSON TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED PROCESS WITH A PROVISION THAT DIRECTS STAFF TO REVIEW THE FACILITY EXPANSION PORTION. CHRISTENSEN OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Follow through: N/A**
- 5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
  - A. Consideration of draft amendments to section 7.125 (ATV/UTV Ordinance)**  
**Discussion:** Leonhard provided the committee with two options regarding the request made in the previous meeting. Option one: abandon the previous criteria based system, change the role of the Commissioner, evaluate under different criteria and change hours of operation. Option two: moves away from criteria based system, inserts public safety evaluation (section 4b), adds discretion of Commissioner, requires single-file riding on roads, changes hours of operation. Committee discussion ensued, members highlighted the difference between the options citing the main difference as being the discretionary determination able to be made by the Commissioner; members agreed this to be an added layer of safety whilst still providing the community with a majority of open roads.  
**Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO ADOPT OPTION TWO PROVIDED IN THE PACKET AND MOVE FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION BY DICKINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO AMEND OPTION TWO TO STATE THE HOURS OF OPERATION BE FROM 5AM-12AM. OPPOSED: JOHNSON, ROBINSON, CIHLAR. FOR: GUMZ, DICKINSON, CHRISTENSEN. AMENDMENT FAILED.**
- 6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**

A. 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan

**Discussion:** Cihlar reviewed with the committee the objectives listed in the Strategic Plan and asked that the committee provide accomplishments thus far in the year to relay for a future meeting.

B. Commissioner's Report

**Discussion:** Report provided. Commissioner Griesbach touched on the GTA funds being reduced for the upcoming term.

C. Broadband Task Force

**Discussion:** Robinson provided the committee with a broadband update which included the grant application, conduit binding, the American Rescue Plan and how to utilize the funds, Bugtussels proposal on where to lay fiber and the timeline for expansion.

D. CCIT Report

**Discussion:** Report provided. Klein briefly reviewed the 2022 budget, additional security and enhancements proposed for 2022.

7. **Announcements:**

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics  
November 4, 9:00 AM, Marathon County Courthouse

8. **Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY DICKINSON. MOTION CARRIED.  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:17 AM.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on October 28, 2021.