

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
January 8, 2019

Commissioners: John Robinson – Chair, George Peterson – Vice-Chair, Raynard Zunker, Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Barbara Ermeling, Dave Meurett (for Wickham), Gaylene Rhoden (for Opall), Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Brad Lenz (for Mielke)

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Darryl Landeau, Andrew Lynch, Greg Seubert

Others Present: Brenda Iczkowski, Steve Kunst, Allen Wesolowski, Michael Wodalski

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 Chair Robinson at 2:00 p.m. in Room 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. Public Comment – Robinson commented that the MPO bylaw changes were approved by the county board in December.

4. Approve Minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK / ERMELING TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

5. Citizen's Transit Advisory Committee (CTAC) Update

Discussion: Lynch spoke of the CTAC being created in November 2018. To date, 6 applications are on file. The following have applied for the committee:

- Brian Bushnell - Village of Weston;
- Michelle Hazuka – Healthcare - North Central Health Care;
- Becky Hebda – Persons with Disabilities or Town of Rib Mountain;
- Scott Miles – Town of Rib Mountain;
- Kathi Zoern – Persons with Disabilities, Transit User or City of Wausau;
- Rebecca Zoromski – Village of Rothschild.

The first meeting is anticipated to be this month once the applicants are approved. There is still a few applicants who are interested and considering being part of the committee. The committee should be not more than 15 members.

Action: NONE AT THIS TIME.

Follow Through: Staff will provide the MPO Commission with the CTAC meeting agendas and minutes.

6. 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Discussion: Meurett shared that a couple projects to be amended into the TIP didn't have all the information with dollar amounts and numbers for the project when we completed the TIP in November. The City of Wausau, North 6th Street, wasn't in the TIP, the County K in Village of Maine, one component of the funds wasn't identified and the rail crossing wasn't included in the TIP.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY LENZ / PETERSON TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT WITH THE RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE MILITARY ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING ADDED TO IT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: Staff will make the appropriate changes to the TIP amendment resolution and send to WisDOT and FHWA.

7. Act 59 Prohibiting Eminent Domain for Bike Path Projects

Discussion: Robinson explained the changes to Chapter 32 Section 32.015 of the budget bill in 2017 which restricted the use of eminent domain to acquire land for the use of bike paths and recreational trails. Staff was asked at the last meeting to prepare a white paper on the response to Act 59. Staff

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handed out the draft white paper and Robinson indicated that a letter and draft resolution to our legislators will be brought to the Commission for their review.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK / GATES DIRECTING STAFF TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION AND A LETTER TO OUR LEGISLATORS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Follow Through: Staff to create a letter and resolution to send to Legislators.

8. Next Meeting – February 12, 2019

Action: CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 12, 2019 AT 2:00 PM.

Follow Through: This meeting will be scheduled.

9. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, MOTION / SECOND BY RHODEN / ZUNKER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:35 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

Submitted by:

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Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

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