Marathon County
Environmental Resources Team
Technical Advisory Team
Minutes
Wednesday, January 9, 2013
210 River Drive
Wausau, WI

Attendance: Present Not Present
Rebecca Frisch ........... X
Dave Mack ................ X
Andy Johnson ............ X
Diane Wessel ............ X
Paul Daigle ............. X
Ken Pozorski ............ X
Bill Duncanson ............ X
Tom Lovlien ............. X
Jim Griesbach ........... X
Mary Kluz ............... X
Dale Grosskrt ........... X
Meleesa Johnson ........ X

Others Present: Ken Fabel, County Board Supervisor

1. Call to Order.
   Meeting was called to order by Frisch at 1:00 pm.

   Action: MOTION / SECOND BY LOVLIEN / GRIEBACH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 31, 2012 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

   a. Safe Water Project.
      This request had been presented to and approved by the Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) and forwarded to the Finance and Property Committee for its consideration at its December meeting. Due to that committee’s concerns, action was postponed and was revisited at its January 7 meeting. The Finance and Property Committee did not approve funds for this project due to concerns over public funds being used to fund projects on private property and other reasons. It was anticipated that this project would be revisited by the ERC.

   b. Stratford Heritage Trail.
      The request for additional funds had been approved by both the ERC and the Finance and Property Committee at an amount less than the Village had requested due to the 50% local match requirements.

   a. History.
      Discussion: Information on the origin of the Environmental Impact Funds, past guidelines, original relevance to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and resolutions regarding the process for determining use of the funds was presented. A handout of projects funded from January 2005 through December 2012 was distributed.

   b. Policy Guidance.
   c. Role of Technical Advisory Team (TAT).
   d. Application Process (and Additional Fund Requests).
   e. Standing Committee Communication and Support.
      Discussion: The above topics were covered in a broad ranging discussion covering:
      - Currently no clear policy existed, there was no administrative stewardship responsibility of the project, relevance to the CIP was gone, and the supporting role of staff was unclear;
      - Identified challenges of existing membership relative to advocacy vs. policy, as well as the uncertainty of the team’s current function in support of the ERC;
      - Identified that customer service needs improvement to ensure requests are reviewed and processed timely;
      - The meaning of the ranking;
      - Past struggles of this group concerning its function;
Originally created to provide staff and technical support for the ERC;
What the TAT was to report to the ERC and the Finance and Property Committee;
- Need for clear policy for the use of these funds;
- The possibility of this process going through a LEAN process;
- The need to review the membership of the TAT.

**Action:** MOTION / SECOND BY WESSEL / LOVLJEN TO FORWARD A REQUEST TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE THAT THE ERC DEVELOP POLICY, PRIORITIZATION, AND PROCESS FOR PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FUNDS.

**Follow Through:** This request will be forwarded to the ERC for its consideration.

5. **Adjourn.**
   There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION / SECOND BY DAIGLE / MACK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:13 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:
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