MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Water Quality Management Technical Advisory Committee
February 8, 2011

Members: Jim Burgener, Diane Wessel, Dave Mack, Brad Lenz, Gaylene Rhoden, Keith Donner, Jeff Gates, Tim Vergara, Blaine Oborn, Jeff Gates

Staff: Loretta Schultz – Conservation, Planning and Zoning

Others: Kevin Breit – City of Mosinee; Peter Hansen – AECOM

I. Call to Order
The agenda being properly signed and posted and the presence of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m. by Burgener. The meeting was held in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

II. Approve Minutes of the May 20, 2010 Meeting.
Motion/second by Gates/Rhoden to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

III. Amendment to the Wausau Urban Area Sewer Service Plan.
A. Goals and Objectives.
Wessel stated the changes discussed at the May 2010 meeting had been made and she had not received any additional comments regarding these changes. Discussion followed that amendments to the 208 service area are made as the need arises and the goals and objectives would be placed at the beginning of the document not as an appendix. Discussion of the last Policy under the Objective “To protect environmentally sensitive areas” resulted in the Policy changed to read: “Policy – areas with greater than 20% slope are generally excluded from the sanitary service area.” The 20% slope is to be addressed at a future meeting.

B. Limited Service Areas.
Wessel stated that the language for the Limited Service Areas is based on Dane County’s language and was modified to meet the needs of this area, referencing the Plan as necessary.

C. Mosinee Waste Water Treatment.
Gates stated that the City of Mosinee was going to discontinue treatment of its sanitary sewage at the City's Fremont Street facility; the City had filed an annexation petition with the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (RMMSD), and was requesting the text amendment to allow Mosinee's sewerage to be treated by the RMMSD. Peter Hansen, AECOM, discussed the proposed sanitary sewer route along Old Highway 51 including locations of 2 lift stations, distributing a USGS map of the route, and stated construction was anticipated to begin in July with completion during the winter of 2011-12. Gates stated the regional benefit of this annexation was an increased number of member communities in the RMMSD among which to share the costs with the possibility of stabilizing or reducing the rates. He added that the City of Mosinee was making a capitalization contribution to the RMMSD of $3.6 million which will also benefit the member communities. Gates also said that joining the RMMSD would be more financially beneficial to the City in the long-term than the $6 million cost of rehabilitating the City’s existing facility and then having to incur costs to again complete future upgrades to the facility when required in the future. The City is anticipating that this project was being funded through USDA-Rural Development and was awaiting DNR approval of the City's Facilities Plan Amendment. As the RMMSD had to hold a public hearing to approve the annexation, a decision was expected in the next few months. A brief discussion followed concerning capacity issues.

Motion/second by Oborn/Donner to recommend approval of the Amendment to the Wausau Urban Area Sewer Service Plan, adding “greater than 20% slopes are generally,” to the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

V. Adjourn.
There being no further business to come before the members, motion/second by Rhoden/Mack to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 a.m. Motion carried on voice vote, no dissent.

James Burgener, Director
Conservation, Planning and Zoning
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