

Members present: James Seefeldt, Alan Kraus, Kurt Gibbs, Shawn Bahr, Ken Fabel

Also present: Jim Burgener, Paul Daigle, Andy Johnson, Shawn Esser Dave Mack, Dean Johnson, Lane Loveland – CPZ; Matt Peplinski – FSA; Amy Neigum – NRCS, Jim Tharman – USDA-WI; Kaycie Stushek – Golden Sands RD&D; Matt Powers, Gary Beastron – County Board; John Bandow – Chair, Town of Frankfort

Call meeting to order. Approve minutes of January 3, January 20, and January 24, 2012, meeting – Meeting called to order by Chairman Seefeldt at 1:00 p.m. at 210 River Drive, Wausau. No January 20th minutes as meeting was canceled due to inability to attain a quorum. **Motion** / second by Gibbs / Bahr to approve the January 3 and 24, 2012 minutes as distributed. . Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

James Burgener, CPZ Director (Property owners, Steven and Christine Untiedt) – C-1 Commercial to A-2/1 General Agricultural – town of Holton – The Town Board and Planning Commission have requested this parcel be returned to its original agricultural zoning. The property owners consent, as they have moved the commercial aspects of their business outside of Marathon County. **Motion** / second by Kraus / Fabel to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

New resolution representing the will of the Committee regarding Melvin Miller rezone – Town of Wien – Burgener explained that the intent of the Committee to deny the Miller rezone in town of Wien, but due to clerical error the rezone denied was actually Burkholder in town of Wien. The intent of this action is to reflect that it was the will of the Committee to deny the Miller rezone. **Motion** / second by Fabel / Gibbs to re-affirm recommendation of denial of the Miller rezone (Tn. Wien) to the County Board. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Reinstate rezone of John and Joanne Burkholder erroneously denied at County Board due to typographical error – Town of Wien – Approval by the committee will reinstate the approval of the Burkholder rezone in town of Wien, as originally intended (see above). **Motion** / second by Gibbs / Bahr to recommend reinstating approval of the Burkholder rezone (Tn. Wien) to the County Board. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Town of Emmet – Zone changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats. – Emmet submitted a rezone request for George Baumann, from A-1 Agricultural to M-2 Heavy Industrial, 40-acre parcel in the SW¼ NW¼, Section 20. Use will be for nonmetallic mining. Burgener does not object. **Motion** / second by Kraus / Bahr to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Town of Stettin – Zone changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats. – Stettin submitted a rezone request for Leon/LuAnn Strei, from A-3 Exclusive Ag to A-1 Ag, two 5-acre parcels at 5001 and 4703 N 128th Ave., both in Section 4. Use will be for residential purposes, both parcels have existing residences. Burgener does not object. **Motion** / second by Gibbs / Kraus to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Review of Schug land division regulations and orders – Burgener reviewed the correspondence previously mailed to the Committee. He stated that sale / exchange of land between landowners requires a survey and is regulated by the State of Wisconsin administrative rules, Marathon County, and the Town of Frankfort’s own land division ordinance. The survey fee and review could be waived, but the survey could not then be considered to be measured accurately.

Review of, and responses to, issues raised by Chairman Bandow – Town of Frankfort – Burgener addressed options for definition of minor structures based on responses from other counties within the state. The preferred option is #3 which addresses a maximum of 48 square feet in size and exempts small easily movable accessory structures. Burgener asks that the chosen text be established as the definition used and adhered to until that text can be incorporated into the next conveniently scheduled public hearing for zoning ordinance text amendments. Gibbs questioned the small size of 48 square feet, saying there are some deer stands that would require permitting. That 48 square foot size is consistent with the language used in the recreational district. Burgener will do additional research on the size limit and return the issue to the March agenda. According to information from the state Attorney General’s office, a town can only withdraw from county zoning at the time that a comprehensive revision of the county’s zoning ordinance. Comprehensive revision is generally defined as a complete re-write, usually involves bringing in a consultant, and a “repeal and re-enact” situation.

Conservation Planning and Zoning Department 2012 work plan – The work program had been distributed with the meeting materials; the spreadsheet showing the person weeks has been included as a reference. Topics discussed included the possibility of assisting the Lake Wausau project as well as the continuing involvement with the eastern lakes project; the financial arrangement and services provided to Lincoln County as part of the managed grazing program; and the department’s involvement in the elderly and handicapped transportation program. **Motion** / second by Kraus / Gibbs to approve the Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department’s 2012 Unified Work Program. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Wildlife Damage and Abatement – Party of 3 Determination – The claim summary that resulted from the meeting of the Party of 3 was distributed – total of 13 claims, 2 of which were denied as requirements were not met. Letters of denial will be sent to the 2 landowners with denied claims and signatures will be obtained from the 11 landowners with approved claims. The claim summary was briefly discussed – the total for the Claims After Deductible will be reduced by \$7,667 as a result of the 2 denied claims resulting in a total Claims After Deductible of \$56,906, the possibility of reversing a decision made by the Party of 3; and appraisals are based on either the number of fields appraised (11 soybean fields) or the number of actual appraisals done of a specific field (1 field appraised 11 times). **Motion** / second by Fabel / Kraus to approve the 2011 Marathon County Claim Summary as presented.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

NRCS Conservation Reserve Program signatures / waiver – This is part of the long standing working relationship between the county and NRCS allowing the sharing of data. Review of the waiver could be scheduled at the time of the 5 year review of the operational Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). **Motion** / second by Kraus / Bahr that Marathon County will allow NRCS to develop and implement conservation plans without a Marathon County signature and that a statement be added to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would allow Marathon County to review the waiver of signature as part of the review of the MOU. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Conservation Division fee policy and schedule – The Conservation Division fee schedule was distributed with the meeting materials; changes were highlighted. Discussion included a single charge for all transfer systems (\$100), clarification of the late fee for filing of Nutrient Management Plans (NMP) and the significant reduction in late plans, and the statutory authority allowing the county to impose reasonable fees (§66.0628 - §66.028(3)). **Motion** / second by Fabel / Kraus to approve the Conservation Division fee policy and schedule as presented. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

NRCS – The EQIP applications were being ranked; EQIP would have \$133, 000 for crops and \$45,000 for pastures; the 5 applications for cover crops may be pulled.

Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims – Claims are in the process of being signed; the starling project is nearing completion.

DNR – No report.

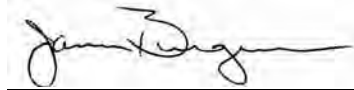
CPZ Zoning and Regulatory Division 2011 annual report – Reports were previously mailed to the Committee. Burgener reviewed the revenues and the permit numbers for the POWTS (septic), nonmetallic, and zoning programs. Revenues were down due to the continued decline in the economy. The reports are on file at CPZ.

CPZ Conservation Division 2011 annual report – The Land and Water Resource Management Plan 2011 Annual Review was distributed with the meeting materials and reviewed. Discussion covered Concentrated Animal Feedlot Operations (CAFOs), number of waste storage facility closures under the Waste Storage Facility (WSF) code, the Working Lands Initiative (WLI) program, the continuing development of policy by the Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) for the Big Eau Pleine River watershed, and the number of new grazing plans developed in 2011.

Golden Sands RC&D, Kaycie Stushek - 2011 Aquatic Invasive Species report – The 2011 Summer Field Season report was distributed and reviewed. Additional information on the 2011 activities included surveys done on Mission Lake and Wadley Lake, volunteer work parties on Pike Lake, and outreach and education events (Kids Day DC Everest School Forest and Clean Boats Clean Waters). In addition, a summary of activities scheduled for spring 2012 was presented.

Set date for next meeting/public hearing(s) – *Consensus* of Committee to approve Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. for the next meeting/public hearing date; Fabel and Kraus to be excused.

Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Gibbs / Kraus to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.



James Burgener for Jim Seefeldt, Chair

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cc: LCZ members; County Administrator; Deputy County Administrator; Conservation, Planning, & Zoning; Corporation Counsel; County Clerk; County Board Members, DATCP (via e-mail), DNR, FSA, NRCS, USDA/APHIS