



**Marathon County  
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes  
Thursday, March 7, 2019  
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Not present</u></b>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....		X (excused)
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Randy Fifrick.....	X	
	Rick Seefeldt .....	X	
	Jim Bove .....	X	
	Allen Drabek .....	X	
	Ashley Lange.....	X	
	Sara Guild.....	X	
	Allen Opall .....	X	
	Marilyn Bhend .....	X	
	Kelly King .....	X	

Also present: Rebecca Frisch, Paul Daigle, Dominique Swangstu, Robert Hoffman, Cindy Kraeger – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Jamie Polley, Tom Lovlien – Park Recreation and Forestry (PRF); Doug Freeman, Andy Cychose, Randy Weinkauff – Ahlstrom - Munksjo; Brian Kowalski – City Pages; Lance Leonhard – Deputy Administrator; Steve Boe and Jim Burgener.

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Vice Chair Fifrick at 3:00 p.m. at 500 Forest Street – Assembly Room, Wausau, WI.
2. **Public Comment** – None.
3. **Approval of February 7, 2019 Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) minutes with clarifications.**

**Motion** / second by King / Drabek to approve of the February 7, 2019 Environmental Resources Committee minutes as distributed. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**

- A. Public Hearings, Review, Possible Actions, and Possible Recommendations to the County Board for its Consideration (County Zoning Changes)
  1. Public testimony on text amendments to the Marathon County Code of Ordinance for Chapter 17 Zoning Ordinance Code

**Discussion:** A summary of the text amendments was included in the meeting packet and briefly explained. Swangstu discussed and distributed grammatical corrections to the text amendments. In addition, Swangstu discussed changes related to the setbacks to the road right of way and centerline. There was no testimony in favor or opposed to the text amendments to the Marathon County Code of Ordinance for Chapter 17 Zoning Ordinance Code.

Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:15 p.m.

**Action:** **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Opall to approve the text amendment revisions with the grammatical corrections as distributed and discussed. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

**Follow through:** Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

B. Review and Possible Action

1. Pine Ridge Pointe Final Plat – Town of Easton

**Discussion:** Frisch reviewed the Pine Ridge Pointe Final Plat with the Committee. The preliminary plat was reviewed with the Committee previously and no substantial change from the preliminary plat to the final plat has occurred.

**Action:** **Motion** / second by King / Drabek to recommend approval of the Pine Ridge Pointe Final Plat Map. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

**Follow through:** Committee Vice Chair signed Final Plat.

C. Siting Agreement between the City of Mosinee, Town of Knowlton, County of Marathon, and Ahlstrom-Munksjo Na Specialty Solutions, LLC for Mosinee Mill for Cell 2 Landfill Expansion

**Discussion:** Frisch briefly explained the agreement and the past year and a half work with the local siting committee. Corporation Counsel was involved with review and revisions to the agreement and the document is ready for action by the committee and county board.

**Action:** **Motion** / second by Guild / Opall to recommend authorizing the Siting Agreement between the City of Mosinee, Town of Knowlton, County of Marathon, and Ahlstrom-Munksjo Na Specialty Solutions, LLC for Mosinee Mill for Cell 2 Landfill Expansion. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

D. Authorizing Resolution for DNR Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Grant

Discussion: Frisch discussed Marathon County governments MS4 Stormwater Permit for stormwater generated from county owned properties in urban area and the ability to apply for a grant to help assist in development of a plan to manage stormwater runoff.

Action: **Motion** / second by Opall / Bove to recommend authorizing the resolution for the DNR Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Grant. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

5. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**

A. County Forest Division 2018 Annual Report

Discussion: Lovlien discussed some of the program highlights including revenue and expenses, timber management, road and trail maintenance, wildlife management, recreation, public outreach and professional development.

Action: None needed.

Follow through: The report will be distributed to the full County Board and regular plan holders according to the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

B. Department Updates: Conservation, Planning, and Zoning, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry (PRF), and Solid Waste Department

Discussion: CPZ

- Frisch discussed informational materials will be forthcoming from the Metallic Mining Committee for ERC feedback.

PRF

- Polly discussed the Outdoor Recreation Plan is being updated.
- Plan to Play event scheduled for April 30 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Mission statement is in the process of being updated.

Solid Waste Department – None.

C. Should Marathon County develop more restrictive standards for the application of manure during high risk times for farms licensed by the County?

1. Options the county provides to reduce phosphorus runoff
2. What is currently done to work with farmers when a runoff event occurs from winter spreading.
3. List of the number of animals on each licensed dairy.
4. Map of the county showing where each facility is located and where the farm drains.
5. Counties with more restrictive requirements.

Discussion: Fifrlick distributed an email that was received from Marathon County Farm Bureau regarding banning winter spreading of manure on medium sized dairies. Daigle shared a presentation that was included in the packet relaying the role of important of role of phosphorus to plants and animals, but also the importance of reducing phosphorus when it is present in excessive amounts and the negative impact it can have on freshwater ecosystems. As part of the presentation, Daigle also reviewed answers to the questions listed in the agenda.

Action: None, for informational purposes only.

Follow through: Staff directed to develop a policy white paper on phosphorus, consider alternatives, costs, proposed language, and also monitor the state budget to see if there are any proposed statewide changes in phosphorus management. Bring back to ERC as an educational item. Engage landowners and other stakeholders where possible.

6. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration:**

A. Land Division Code proposed revisions

1. Minimum Lot Size – 1 acre
2. Differentiating Access, Shared Driveways, Private Roads, Easements, Access Strips

Discussion: Frisch discussed the Staff is working on the Land Division Code. The existing code does not establish a minimum lot size county wide if there is no zoning code. Most counties have a minimum lot size in their land division codes and a 1 acre minimum lot size is common. It is especially needed to

assure adequate areas are available for private onsite wastewater treatment systems (POWTS) regardless of the zoning classification. The committee previously discussed the challenges of allowing the creation or expansion of private roads. New language would be included in the revised code to clarify the town's and county's role to protect the town and public from inadequate private roads.

Action: None, for informational purposes only.

Follow through: Staff will continue drafting revised Land Division Code language.

7. **Next meeting date, time & location and Agenda items:**

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.

- Environmental Fund Update

B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

8. **Adjourn – Motion** / second by Drabek / King to **adjourn** at 4:55 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Rebecca Frisch, CPZ Director

For Randy Fifrick, Vice Chair

cc: (via email/web site) ERC members; County Administrator; Deputy County Administrator; Corporation Counsel; County Clerk

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