

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
May 10, 2016

Commissioners: Milt Olson, Brad Lenz (for Mielke), Gaylene Rhoden (for Opall), Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Keith Donner (for Ermeling), Mark Thuot (for Hoehn), Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Tom Mullaley (for Hoenisch), Raynard Zunker, Jim Griesbach (for Kluck), Dave Meurett (for Habeck)

Absent: George Peterson, Steve Hagman, Jeff Weisenberger, Jim Riehle

TAC Members: Dave Mack

Others Present: Andrew Lynch; Steve Kunst – Town of Rib Mountain; Joe Gehin, Connie Conrad– Becher-Hoppe; Sara Guild – Wausau Region Chamber/Marathon County Supervisor

1. Introduction of New Commission Chairman – Allan Opall

Mack noted that Allan Opall has been appointed as chair and George Peterson as vice-chair. Mack also stated that Opall has informed him that he is not interested in being the commission's chair. The issue of how the chair and vice-chair is determined will be addressed when the by-laws are revised.

MOTION / SECOND BY GRIESBACH / LENZ TO ELECT RHODEN TO CHAIR THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

2. Call to Order

The presence of a quorum, the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Rhoden at 2:05 p.m. in Room 2, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

3. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

4. Approve Minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / FIFRICK TO APPROVE THE APRIL 12, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

5. Traffic Modeling Update

Discussion: Background concerns with the traffic modeling were reviewed. These concerns have been discussed with WisDOT – it is an issue of traffic volumes as measured by road design (previous models) vs. Level of Service (current model). Bus. USH 51 in Rothschild and the STH 153 bridge in Mosinee were discussed. Causes of congestion were noted; the ability of roads to handle a large volume of traffic with signalization. Discussion noted:

- Mosinee remains unconvinced that Highway 153 from the roundabout west to 4th Street in the downtown will be able to handle the traffic volumes over the next 35 years
- Current issues appear to be the Bridge Street bridge (Wausau), CTH WW (Brokaw), Grand Avenue (Wausau), and the STH 153 roundabout (Mosinee)
- Funding sources for projects remain the same
- Projects must be identified in the Long Range Transportation Plan to be eligible for state and federal funding.

Action: NO ACTION NECESSARY, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

Follow Through: None needed at this time.

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6. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Discussion: The amendment to the 2016-2019 TIP was to add the signalization improvements at 6 intersections in the Town of Rib Mountain and included updates to Tables 1 and 2. The amendment was distributed in the meeting packet.

- Rib Mountain has received the grant award
- Project termini are Cloverland to Morning Glory and Oriole to Robin and included signal timing and left turn lanes
- Construction to be done in 2017 – Table 1 needs to be updated to reflect this correction
- Model to reflect no congestion.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY GRIESBACH / FIFRICK TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENTS AT 6 INTERSECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN MOVING CONSTRUCTION TO 2017. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: This amendment will be forwarded to WisDOT as appropriate.

7. Next Meeting – June 14, 2016

Action: **CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14 AT 2:00 PM.**

Follow Through: This meeting will be scheduled.

8. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY LENZ / ZUCKER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:25 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:

Dave Mack, MPO Director

Marathon County

Conservation, Planning and Zoning

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May 18, 2016