

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
May 8, 2018

Commissioners: George Peterson, Barbara Ermeling, Raynard Zunker, Thomas Mullaley (for Hoenisch), Steve Kunst (for Opall), Randy Fifrlick (for Voll), Mark Thuot (for Hoehn) Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Brad Lenz (for Mielke), John Robinson

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Darryl Landeau, Dave Meurett, Keith Rusch, Greg Seubert, Jeff Pritchard,

Others Present: Andrew Lynch, Brenda Iczkowski, Becky Zoromski, Joe Gehin

1. Selection of Chair / Call to Order

In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Peterson at 2:03 p.m. in Room 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

Peterson announced the Village of Rothschild received funding from the Municipal Street Improvement Program for the Margaret Street project.

Lynch reported on a conference he attended in Indianapolis hosted by People 4 Bikes, an industry-led advocacy group. The group unveiled a new scoring system to rate communities on their bicycle experience. The City of Wausau took 1st place in the Small Cities category and 2nd place Overall. Lynch thanked the commission for their work in the past years to include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in their road projects and thanked Meurett for being a knowledgeable advisor in this area.

3. Commission Bylaw Changes Regarding Commission Leadership

Mack gave a briefing on the structure and establishment of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Commission is part of Marathon County structure and the county board chairperson appointments the chair and vice chair. When changes to the bylaws occurred in 1996, a clause was added that the chair would be someone who has been on the board for at least one year. Mr. Robinson was appointed Chair of the Marathon County Infrastructure Committee and then would also chair the MPO. The County Board will be reviewing the bylaws at their May meeting. A request to remove the sentence of "the chairperson must have served as a MPO member for one year immediately prior." has been submitted. The other change that was noted was in Article III of the bylaws was that the Town of Maine will be changed to the Village of Maine.

4. Approve Minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK / MULLALEY TO APPROVE THE APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

5. Public Hearing – Wausau Urban Area Sewer Service Plan, 2040

Comment: Peterson read through the public hearing notice for the Wausau Urban Area Sewer Service Plan. The public hearing was then opened. John Robinson, 1226 Highland Court, Wausau, WI 54403 commented as follows: Many of the sections seem to be outdated with the plan being a 20 year plan, looking at the assumptions for the City of Wausau, relative to the acreage required in the future with the population density of over 3 residents per acre with most of the new development in the Fountain Hills and Franklin Heights area having less density. This would then drive up the acreage numbers in the sewer service area. With the updated County's Strategic Plan being concerned with the quality and quantity of ground water, and also making a change to the Environmental Impact Fund by using it to replace Private Onsite Waste Treatment Systems, the concern is the lack of background data and should there be more

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current background data. The Mid-state and Gorski landfills could be used as some examples for a baseline.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY FIFRICK / EMERLING TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE WAUSAU URBAN AREA SEWER SERVICE PLAN. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: The hearing comments will be included as part of the Wausau Urban Area Sewer Service Plan.

6. Wausau Urban Area Sewer Service Plan, 2040

Discussion: Mack stated that due to the size of the Wausau Urban Area Sewer Service Plan, no additional copies were made. The plan is available for review on the Marathon County website and a 30 day public review period has been completed along with a Public Hearing.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / FIFRICK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2-18, THE ADOPTION OF THE WAUSAU URBAN AREA SEWER SERVICE PLAN, 2040. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: The Resolution will be included as part of the Plan.

7. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Discussion: Mack discussed the performance based planning and programming from the federal transportation bills that will be included in the TIP. With the amendment, the TIP will include a 5 page document which consists of the following measure goals; Safety, Infrastructure Condition, Congestion Reduction, System Reliability, Freight Movement and Economic Vitality, Environmental sustainability, and Reduced Project Delivery Delays. The MPO has 6 distinct measures that will be addressed thoroughly. Some of the safety measures in the current TIP are traffic signals on Rib Mountain Drive, Railroad crossings in Schofield and antiskid anti-resistance surfaces on area roadways.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY ERMELING / FIFRICK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 3-18 AMENDING THE 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Staff will include the amendment in the TIP and send it to WisDOT and FHWA for their consideration.

8. Draft 2018 Transit Development Program (TDP)

Discussion: Lynch stated that the 2018 Transit Development Program public review period has been completed. Meetings were held in Wausau, Rothschild, and Rib Mountain in an effort to reach more transit riders for comments. The following changes were handed out by Lynch:

- Pg. 10 Remove Town of Texas from Table 4;
- Pg. 28 Added copy of mail Survey Questions;
- Pg. 32 Added copy of Business Survey Questions;
- Pg. 37 Added copy of Rider Survey Questions;
- Pg. 47 Added Metro Ride Regular and Express route maps to Appendix C.

Seubert gave recognition to Mack and Lynch for all their work. Every 5 years the MPO creates a TDP for the Wausau metropolitan area.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY LENZ / MULLALEY TO ADOPT THE 2018 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Staff will inform the area municipalities the TDP was adopted and also present it to the Wausau Transit Commission.

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9. Next Meeting – June 12, 2018

Action: **CONSENSUS REACHED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED JUNE 12, 2018 AT 2:00 PM.**

Follow Through: This meeting will be scheduled.

10. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY MULLALEY / ROBINSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:43 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 17, 2018