

MARQUETTE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 6, 2026, 1:00pm – Virtual and In-Person
PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM – MARQUETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Members present: Gary Sorensen-Chair, John Bennett, John Larkin, Eli Schmudlach, Dennis Fenner

Members absent: None **Staff absent:** None

Others present: Jean Potter, Megan Stalker, Zach Hughes, Nicole Ziebell-virtual, Ron Barger, Shawn Ager – Virtual, David Sidney – Virtual, Traci Warnke-Wiand, Thomas Wiand

Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and asked for approval of the agenda. Motion by Bennett, 2nd by Fenner; motion carried 5-0.

Chair Sorenson asked for approval of minutes from previous meeting. Motion by Bennett, 2nd by Larkin; motion carried 5-0.

Citizens' comments or concerns: None.

Chair opened item 5: A public hearing for **Traci Warnke-Wiand**, N114 State Rd 22, Pardeeville, WI 53954-9611, requesting a rezoning from Prime Agriculture (AG-1) to an Agricultural Residential (AG-3(4)) district for the following lands, all in Section 34, T14N R10E, Town of Buffalo, Marquette County, WI. A request to rezone 4 acres to AG-3(4) described as Lot 1 CSM 2740, being part of the SW1/4-SE1/4, totaling 4.0 acres for tax parcel 002-01196-0005.

Potter summarized stating that rezone was properly noticed in local paper twice. Town of Buffalo approved as it was presented. Motion to approve the rezone and move onto County Board by Bennett; Second by Larkin; discussion; motion carried 5-0.

Chair opened item 6: Department Reports

- a. *Register of Deeds:* Ziebell reported everything is up from last year with the revenues. Updated the Tapestry numbers for June.
- b. *Land Information Director:* Stalker reported working on budgets and fees. Started remapping projects. Uploads to the NG911 and the grants came in. Splitting servers out for security purposes. Working on transfers. 3 outstanding municipalities for open book review.
- c. *Zoning Administrator:* Potter introduced Shawn Ager and David Sidney, Place Foundry LLC, the consultants hired for 10-year comprehensive plan update. Consultants updated committee on the project timeline and deliverables with adoption scheduled for the end of the year. Potter reported July zoning revenue and permitting on track and consistent with last year. The department is seeing more landowners for shoreland activities with it being summer and rezone discussions and applications continue unchanged. District meeting held at Emrick Lake Campground with regional county zoning staff in attendance. 20 TRH renewals processed in July.
- d. *Zoning Technician:* Hughes attended 1 septic and 9 zoning onsite at landowner and plumber requests. Rivers Bend restaurant has burned down but they are moving forward with pool house upgrades to failing septic system in the campground. 18 septic installs inspections and 15 permits reviewed and issued in July. Septic permitting is similar to last year in July. Fire numbers sign orders are coming in at a

better pace. Walk ins were 122 for July with a 17% increase from June. Phone calls were 558 with a 4% increase for July.

Chair opened item 7: Review of Department Vouchers. None.

Chair opened item 8: Future Agenda Items for Action or Discussion.

September has 2 rezones. October has 1 rezone. Mary Walters wants to discuss additional fines to be assessed by the Board of Adjustment (BOA) if after-the-fact projects that need variances come in front of the BOA. Sept. 3rd, 2026, is the next meeting and will be the budget review meeting.

Chair adjourned meeting at 1:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Nicole Ziebell

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