

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION
January 30, 2008

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MARILYN BHEND
GEORGE BORNEMANN
TOM HAFERMAN
ERHARD HUETTL
RON JACOBSON
BRAD KARGER
DONALD KRAHN
PAUL MILLAN
BETTYE NALL
RON NYE
WILBUR PETROSKEY
CURTIS POWELL
THOMAS RUDOLPH
DOUG WILLIAMS

STAFF PRESENT:

DARRYL LANDEAU
DENNIS LAWRENCE
BERNIE LEWIS

GUESTS PRESENT:

RANDY HULKE, Director of the EDA
Center for the University of Wisconsin-
Stout
KAREN GRAFF, Representative from
Senator Feingold's Office

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

FRED CAMACHO
ROBERT HAYWARD
DONALD KLINE
MAURICE MATHEWS
HELMI MEHUS
THOMAS RICK
HERB RIECKMANN
PAUL SCHUMAN

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MR. HUETTTL called the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M., in the Tamarack Room at the Midway Hotel & Hoffman House Restaurant. Roll call was as presented on page one.

2.) AUDIENCE COMMENT:

MR. HUETTTL asked if there were any comments from the audience. There was none.

3.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA AS MAILED:

MR. HUETTTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda as mailed. There being none, a motion was made by MR. BORNEMANN and seconded by MR. WILLIAMS to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

4.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2007 COMMISSION MEETING:

MR HUETTTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes as mailed. MR. NYE made a motion to approve the Minutes and MR. POWELL seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

MR. HUETTTL reported that Commissioner DON KLINE is on the road to recovery and hopes to attend the next Commission Meeting. MR. HUETTTL also announced that Commissioner TOM RUDOLPH received the 2007 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association Outstanding Supervisor Award, and asked everyone to give him a round of applause. MR. HUETTTL also indicated that NCWRPC was in very good financial status.

MR. HUETTTL asked MR. LAWRENCE to summarize the three handouts that were given. MR. LAWRENCE reported that the first document entitled "Regional Agencies" was copied from the 2007-2008 Wisconsin Blue Book, which explains the purpose of Regional Planning Commissions. It also lists each of the commissions in the state and lists all of the commissioners. The second document listed the current Commissioners, type of appointment, and term timeline. He stated that presently we have three vacancies; two in Juneau County and one in Oneida County. The third document entitled FY 2007 Appropriations Request Summary gives an overview of two set asides the the NCWRPC has worked with Congressman Obey's office to secure. Fund - one is to further capitalize the regional revolving loan fund and the other is for the NEWCOM emergency management communication effort.

5.2 PRESENTATION: UW-STOUT EDA UNIVERSITY CENTER
RANDY HULKE, DIRECTOR:

MR. LAWRENCE introduced Randy Hulke, Director of the UW-Stout EDA Center. MR. HULKE presented a Power Point explaining what the UW-Stout EDA Center provided for our region. He stated that one of his goals is to get new entrepreneurs to become aware of EDA's availability to provide them with technical resources, and aid entrepreneurs in rural Wisconsin to retain higher wage jobs and create new businesses that have higher wage jobs to retain the educated workforce. He stated that a study of the 2007 New Economy Index shows that Wisconsin ranks below neighboring states and US in per capita income, unemployment rates exceeding state and national rates, ranks below neighboring states in innovation, globalization, and other key measures of the new economy. The UW-Stout EDA office is available to assist entrepreneurs, foster innovation, and collaborate on regional economic initiatives by helping entrepreneurs and companies with business development, process improvements, quality and regional economic development.

MR. HULKE went on to say that EDA-UC's current and ongoing efforts include providing a family business succession model, market surveys for incubator client, success case method for lean transformation, virtual incubator network development, as well as many other efforts. He then ended his presentation and answered several questions from the audience.

5.3 RESOLUTION 2008-1: Adoption of 3-year EDA/EDD Work Program

MR. LAWRENCE provided an overview of the new 3-Year Work Program. In the past we have developed a 1-Year Work Program as part of our submission for the annual planning grant application. Now that we are moving toward "graduation" into the three year grant application we need to develop a 3-Year Work Program.

The 3-Year Work Program overviewed both regional and local assistance that will be provided by the NCWRPC. Some of the regional projects included: manage the regional revolving loan and provide and develop the annual comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS); meanwhile some local projects include: assist with community comprehensive plans, grant application assistance, and overall economic development support.

MR. WILLIAMS made a motion to pass this Resolution and MR. BORNEMANN seconded it. Motion carried.

5.4 RESOLUTION 2008-2: Adoption of Annual DOT Work Program

MR. LANDEAU highlighted some of the projects associated with the Annual Transportation Work Program for 2008. They are: Public Transportation for the Aging; GIS assistance to aid in the mapping for transportation and land use elements and local comprehensive plans; Development of the transportation and land use elements; countywide bikeway facility and assist communities and WisDOT with the Safe Route to School Program; assist WisDOT with the Highway Corridor Study for US Highway 8; and develop an all-hazards mitigation and/or evacuation plan.

MS. NALL made a motion to accept Resolution 2008-2 and MS. BHEND seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.5 RESOLUTION 2008-3: Submission of CBED Grant for Grow North

MR. LAWRENCE announced that Resolution 2008-3 was proposed to provide assistance to the Grow North group, which represents Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas Counties. They are still working to establish themselves as a legal entity and needed someone to sponsor their application. This resolution and the resulting project would have no financial impact on the NCWRPC.

The resolution is part of an application being submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, Community Based Economic Development (CBED) Program. The funding received would fund a study for that area related to broadband service.

MR. WILLIAMS made a motion to pass Resolution 2008-3, and MR. POWELL seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.6 REVIEW DRAFT "Commissioner Orientation Handbook"

MR. LAWRENCE overviewed the draft Commissioners Handbook. He explained that the purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the role of a Commissioner. This is critical information from a general knowledge standpoint, especially for new Commissioners. Over the last few years we have had several new Commissioners and this handbook will provide a better understanding of what the NCWRPC does, and the commissioners role. There were some discussions.

Since time was short, he advised them to review this handbook before the next Commission Meeting. At that time it will be on the agenda for adoption. A suggestion was made to recommend that all County Board Chairs have a copy of this handbook on file for a reference for new recruiting Commissioners.

5.7 OTHER:

MR. HUETTL asked if there was any other business to be discussed. MS. KAREN GRAFF, the representative from U.S. Senator Feingold's office, complimented the NCWRPC Newsletter. She also stated that the Senator's office would be able to assist in obtaining grants.

MR. LAWRENCE stated that the 2007 Audit should be available for review at the next Commission Meeting. He also asked for any comments regarding cancellation of Commission Meetings should the weather be a question, and it was decided that if anyone had any questions of whether the meeting was still on or not should contact the NCWRPC office.

He reminded everyone that there would be election of officers at the next meeting.

5.8 SET NEXT MEETING DATE

MR. LAWRENCE stated there was a conflict with the next regular meeting date, which is usually the last Wednesday of the month. Therefore, after a discussion Thursday, April 24, 2008, was set for the next Commission Meeting. All were in favor.

6.) ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by MR. RUDOLPH to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 P.M., and MR. KRAHN seconded this motion. All were in favor.

A buffet lunch was served following the meeting.

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Minutes Approved on _____

Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer