

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION**

October 31, 2012

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

ERHARD HUETTL, CHAIR
BETTYE NALL, VICE-CHAIR
GEORGE BORNEMANN, SEC.-TRES.
BOB EGAN
VIRGINIA HEINEMANN
DONALD KRAHN
GLEN LICITAR
CRAIG McEWEN
PAUL MILLAN
JERRY NELSON
THOMAS RUDOLPH
PAUL SCHUMAN
RALPH SITZBERGER
EDMUND WAFLE
DOUG WILLIAMS
KENNETH WINTERS

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

FRED CAMACHO
THOMAS HAFERMAN
JIMMY LANDRU, Jr.
ROBERT LUSSOW
RON NYE
JACK SORENSEN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FAUST
DARRYL LANDEAU
DENNIS LAWRENCE
BERNIE LEWIS

GUESTS PRESENT:

JIM HAWKINS, Attorney at Great
Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.

KEVIN JENKINS, Outreach Director
for Congressman Sean Duffy

PAM LaBINE, Forest County
Zoning Administrator

KYLE MAGYERA, Wetland Policy
Specialist, Wisconsin Wetlands
Association

KEITH LANGENHAN, Field Services
Representative for Wisconsin
Counties Association

WILLIAM ZEITZ, Chairperson for the
Town of Pine River in Lincoln Co.

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MR. HUETTL called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M., in the Aspen Room at the Best Western Midway Hotel & Hoffman House. Roll call was as presented on page one.

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

MR. HUETTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda as mailed. There being none, a motion was made by MR. RUDOLPH to approve the Agenda and seconded by MR. MILLAN. All were in favor.

3.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 25, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING:

MR HUETTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes as mailed. There being no additions or correction MS. NALL made a motion to approve the Minutes and MR. SITZBERGER seconded this motion. All were in favor.

4.) AUDIENCE COMMENT:

MR. HUETTL welcomed the guests present and asked them to introduce themselves for the benefit of the commissioners. He asked if they had any comments they would like to make. There were none.

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 Chairperson's Report:

MR. HUETTL informed the group that fellow Commissioner BOB LUSSOW received the Elite Aviation Award, which is a lifetime achievement award. The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is presented to only the most distinguished flyers in the country. MR. HUETTL stated that this award is presented by the Federal Aviation Administration to pilots who have logged 50 or more years of safe flying with no accidents or incidents without just cause. He said

that MR. LUSSOW has been flying for 54 years, including 32 years with Delta Airlines. He currently owns and operates a flight school at the Tomahawk Airport. An article was provided that included more details. MR. LUSSOW was unable to attend this meeting.

5.2 Executive Committee's Report:

MS. NALL reported that the Executive Committee received a good financial report for North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The committee also reviewed several new agreements, and the 2013 budget. They were informed that Marathon County has included membership for the RPC in its recommended budget. The Executive Committee also discussed staff salaries and benefits.

MR. WILLIAMS made a motion to approve this report and MR. LICITAR seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.3 Tribal Representation on Regional Planning Commission:

MR. LAWRENCE introduced JIM HAWKINS, Attorney for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. and stated that they had expressed interest in learning more about regional planning commissions and might have interest in being represented on the Commission.

Copies of the state statutes creating RPCs were provided. The statutes outline that three positions for each county, one was a Governor's appointment, one was a joint appointment where each county is allowed submit two or more persons to the Governor's office to serve as commissioners, and the third one is a Governor's appointment. He also provided copies of the By-laws that do allow for ex-officio that need to be followed.

MR. HAWKINS stated that he was asked to attend this meeting to gain insight on the commission and would take the information back for further discussion.

5.4 Resolution 2012-4: Adoption of the 2013 DOT Work Program:

MR. LANDEAU announced that a Resolution was needed for the 2013 DOT Work Program. He then explained several areas of this program such as the Urban Boundary and Functional Classification Updates, the WISLR Support area that provides assistance to counties and local units of government; Transportation Alternatives Program which includes the Safe Routes to School Program, Transit Planning which mandates a new plan every five years, and the Northwoods Rail Transit Commission that includes nine counties to preserve and enhance the importance of the railroad.

MR. BORNEMANN made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-4, and MR. WAFLE seconded this motion. All were in favor.

5.5 Resolution 2012-5: Adoption of 2013 Annual Budget:

MR. LAWRENCE presented the 2013 Tentative Annual Budget. He stated that the Budget will likely be brought back at a future meeting to amend. He then reviewed the Budget document in detail.

The first page was Resolution 2012-5, which would be used to adopt the budget. The second page identified revenues in the three primary categories. The first was "Program Levy" which is the amount collected based on membership. This is expected to increase about 18 percent as Marathon County becomes a full member of the NCWRPC. The second area was "Program Grants" which are expected to stay at the same level as 2012. The final category is "Project" revenues, which are expected to be down about 30 percent. Overall revenues are anticipated to be \$652,991. This is down from \$716,000 last year. There are numerous grants and other projects that are still in process that may add revenues in 2013.

Pages three and four list anticipated expenses for 2013 by Direct, Fringe, and Overhead. Salaries and Fringe Benefits are the primary cost to the organization. Salaries were unchanged from 2012 and benefits were reduced about 3 percent. Overhead was reduced by nearly 3 percent. Overall costs were down about 2 percent from 2012. Total expenditures are expected to

be \$716,000. Budget shortfall would be covered by cost saving measures and/or reserve funds.

Mr. LAWRENCE stated that this is another difficult budget, as was last year's. He went on to mention that there are fewer grants and projects available, which makes it very challenging to maintain and grow the organization. Hopefully 2014 will be better as the economy recovers.

MS. NALL made a motion to approve the 2013 Annual Budget as presented and MR. SITZBERGER seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.6 Presentation: Wetlands: Legislative Changes and Funding Opportunities Wisconsin Wetlands Association:

MR. LANDEAU introduced KYLE MAGYERA, Wetland Policy Specialist for the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. He stated that he attended a conference regarding the Wetland programs and found this to be very interesting and invited MR. MAGYERA to present information about this program at the Commission Meeting. MR. MAGYERA said the Wisconsin Wetlands Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection, restoration and enjoyment of wetlands and their associated ecosystems through science-based programs, education and advocacy. He provided the handout "Wetland Resources for Wisconsin Local Governments" and then presented a power point showing some of the legislative changes and the benefits of having wetlands.

He stated that there was a network of wetland partners and professionals with the Wisconsin County Code Administrators being one of the major partners. This Network received the 2012 Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award for Education which they were honored to receive. MR. MAGYERA stated that wetlands hold a tremendous economic value for communities. He stated that wetlands are an asset to communities and they offer numerous "free" public benefits. He also stated that he is willing to work with the RPC to aid in regional, watershed based planning projects.

5.7 Presentations: Mobile Communications Exercise Overview:

MR. FAUST provided information on the Mobile Communication Event that was held in Oneida County. His power point included several photographs of the various types of equipment that were brought for the exercise. He stated that this event included many demonstrations that were beneficial to the area law enforcement organizations.

5.8 Announcements & Other:

MR. LAWRENCE mentioned that the NCWRPC had received two 2012 NADO Innovation Awards – the only two in the state.

One award was for the Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo - a partnership with Langlade County, Northcentral Technical College, and the Langlade County Economic Development Corporation. The other was for the Community Economic Recovery Guidebook that was developed by NCWRPC, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and three other regional planning commissions.

He then mentioned that Governor Scott Walker had provided a Proclamation proclaiming October as Community Planning Month. All were provided copies.

He then informed that group that the states regional planning commissions were being highlighted in next month's Wisconsin Counties Association Magazine. He thanked WCA and MR. LANGENHAN for all their help to make that happen.

Finally, MR. LAWRENCE stated that the next Commission Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 30, 2013.


6.) ADJOURNMENT:

MR. HUETTL asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. MR. RUDOLPH made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. MR. McEWEN seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Lunch was provided following the meeting.

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Minutes Approved on January 30, 2013.



Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer