

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION
April 29, 2009

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MARILYN BHEND
BOB EGAN
TOM HAFERMAN
ERHARD HUETTL
RON JACOBSON
DONALD KRAHN
GLEN LICITAR
MAURICE MATHEWS
BETTYE NALL
RON NYE
WILBUR PETROSKEY
THOMAS RICK
EDMUND WAFLE
THOMAS RUDOLPH
RALPH SITZBERGER
DOUG WILLIAMS

STAFF PRESENT:

DENNIS LAWRENCE
BERNIE LEWIS
MATT SCHREIBER

GUESTS PRESENT:

PAUL KNUTH, Northern Field
Representative for U.S. Representative
Steve Kagen

MIKE KONECNY, CPA, Schenck
Solutions

CHARLEY WEETH, Executive
Director for Citizens for a Scenic
Wisconsin

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

GEORGE BORNEMANN
FRED CAMACHO
ROBERT LUSSOW
HELM MEHUS
PAUL MILLAN
PAUL SCHUMAN

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

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

2.) AUDIENCE COMMENT:

MR. HUETTTL welcomed all Commissioners and guests to the meeting.

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 to approve the Agenda as mailed by MR. RUDOLPH and seconded by MR. KRAHN. Motion carried.

4.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2009 COMMISSION MEETING:

MR HUETTTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes as mailed. There being none, MS. NALL made a motion to approve the Minutes and MR. WAFLE seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

MR. HUETTTL introduced RALPH SITZBERGER, the new Commissioner representing Vilas County. He asked MR. SITZBERGER to give a brief introduction of himself. MR. SITZBERGER said that he is a member of the Vilas County Board and serves on the Economic Development Committee, Extension Education and Community Development Committee, Land and Water Conservation Committee, and Library Committee. MR. HUETTTL also welcomed BOB EGAN Commissioner for Vilas County and asked him to also give an introduction of himself. Mr. EGAN said that he is presently serving his third year on the Vilas County Board, and previously served 18 years on the Airport Committee. MR. HUETTTL asked all Commissioners to introduce themselves and indicate what county they represented.

MR. HUETTTL also announced that the financial condition of the NCWRPC was in very good condition and praised MR. LAWRENCE and his staff for doing a great job.

5.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

MS. NALL stated that the Executive Committee again found that the financial condition was very good, in fact the best it has ever been. She said that the Committee designated the majority of the unrestricted reserves and discussed the upcoming office lease. The Committee was informed of changes to the Technology Zone program and reviewed the need for the Wisconsin Counties Mineral Resources Association.

MR. HAFERMAN made a motion to approve this report and MR. PETROSKEY seconded this. All were in favor.

5.3 2008 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT: Mr. Mike Konecny, CPA, Schenck

MR. HUETTL introduced Mr. Mike Konecny, Auditor from Schenck Solutions. Mr. Konecny gave a report on the audit and highlighted various areas of this report. Some of the areas he mentioned were as follows:

- Independent Auditors' Report on Financial Statements, paragraph 3 was the key to this Report, and indicated that all was in conformity with accounting principles.
- The Balance Sheet indicated Assets of over \$1.4 million, Liabilities of about \$600,000, leaving Net Assets of approximately \$800,000.
- Revenue increased from \$750,000 in 2007 to \$1,760,000 in 2008.
- Operating Income was over \$40,000 in 2008.
- The Summary of Significant Accounting Policies indicates no changes other than the Indirect Cost Allocations were at 111%, which is lower than other regional planning commissions. Wisconsin Statute 66.0309 states that the levy charge to local governments shall not exceed .003%, and in 2008 the NCWRPC Commission only charged local units of government .001330%.
- Program and Contracts indicates the amount due at year end were \$164,777.
- Capital Assets show that the equipment is almost fully depreciated.
- The Employee Retirement Plan shows there are no contingent liabilities.
- The Audit Report also indicates the Work Program Charges.
- The Internal Control and Compliance indicates no deficiencies.

MR. MATHEWS made a motion to approve the Audit Report and MR. KRAHN seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.4 2008 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW & ADOPTION:

MR. LAWRENCE presented the 2008 Annual Report and highlighted the various sections of this report. The Annual Report lists the statutory purpose and mission statement, along with many of the on-going regional activities. The Local Activities section lists various projects completed for all the eight member counties. He stated that this section would include Vilas County next year. In all over fifty projects are listed, including many comprehensive plans. The next section was the audited financial information, followed by the current commissioners, and staff.

MR. KRAHN made a motion to approve the 2008 Annual Report as presented and MR. RUDOLPH seconded this motion. All were in favor.

5.5 RESOLUTION 2009-2: Review & Adoption of 2009 CEDS:

MR. SCHREIBER presented the 2009 CEDS Report and highlighted some of the updates, including: Business & Industrial Parks information and Brownfields listing. The CEDS includes over 150 Public Works Projects projects totaling nearly \$300,000,000.

A motion to approve Resolution 2009-2 was made by MS. NALL and seconded by MR. PETROSKEY. All were in favor.

5.6 PRESENTATION: Scenic Byways & More:

MR. HUETTTL introduced Mr. Charley Weeth, Executive Director for Citizens for a Scenic Wisconsin. Mr. Weeth presented a power slide of pictures to show how billboards can become an eyesore, which is why Zoning and Sign Ordinances are needed to regulate the number and size of signs allowed on our Scenic Byway roads. He stated that most complaints made are regarding signs and billboards. Wisconsin is third in the nation for the number of billboards per mile.

Mr. Weeth said to qualify as a scenic byway, a roadway must be a numbered state or federal non-interstate highway at least 30 miles long that offers travelers outstanding scenic views or historic resources combined with unique recreational, cultural or other educational opportunities. He said that scenic byways offer numerous benefits such as encouraging tourism and supports economic development in communities; promotes partnerships between local governments, businesses, civic groups and community leaders as well as other benefits. Mr. Weeth stated that byways could qualify for Federal and State funds.

MR. HUETTL thanked Mr. Weeth for his presentation.

5.7 OTHER:

MR. HUETTL asked if there was any other business. There was none.

6.) ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by MR. RUDOLPH to adjourn the meeting, and MR. LICITAR seconded this motion. All were in favor.

A lunch was served following the meeting.

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Minutes Approved on _____

Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer