

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

January 29, 2014

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

BETTYE NALL, CHAIR
PAUL MILLAN, Vice-Chair
RICHARD BAKOVKA
HARLAND LEE
GLENN LICITAR
ROBERT LUSSOW
CRAIG McEWEN
JERRY NELSON
RON NYE
THOMAS RUDOLPH
FRANK SAAL, Jr.
PAUL SCHUMAN
RALPH SITZBERGER
KENNETH WINTERS

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

GEORGE BORNEMANN, SEC.-TRES.
BUCKY DAILEY
BOB EGAN
THOMAS HAFERMAN
VIRGINIA HEINEMANN
JIMMY LANDRU, Jr.
EDMUND WAFLE
DOUG WILLIAMS

STAFF PRESENT:

DARRYL LANDEAU
DENNIS LAWRENCE
BERNIE LEWIS

GUESTS PRESENT:

KEITH LANGENHAN, Field Services
Representative for Wisconsin
Counties Association

DENNIS LEONG, Economic Planning
& Development for Wisconsin
Department of Transportation

NATHAN SCHWANZ, Outreach
Director for Congressman Sean Duffy

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

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MS. NALL called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M., in the Birch Room at the Best Western Midway Hotel & Hoffman House in Rib Mountain.

2.) AUDIENCE COMMENT:

MS. NALL asked if there were any comments from the guests present. MR. LANGENHAN mentioned that the Wisconsin Counties Association had recently completed a Strategic Plan and Staff Plan. That effort has moved some people and positions around but it was working smoothly. He would still be our primary staff contact.

MR. SCHWANZ, from Congressman Duffy's Office, stated that the Farm Bill had passed earlier this morning and that Congressman Duffy feels that this legislation is good for our area.

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

MS. Nall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda as mailed. There being none, MR. SITZBERGER made a motion to approve the Agenda as mailed, seconded by MR. LUSSOW. Motion carried.

4.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 31, 2013 COMMISSION MEETING:

MS. NALL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes as mailed. There being no additions or correction MR. RUDOLPH made a motion to approve the October 31, 2013 Minutes, and MR. NELSON seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 Chairperson's Report:

MS. NALL announced that the Executive Committee had a very good meeting and found that the financial situation was very

good, and the Committee was pleased with the 2014 work plan presented by the Executive Director.

5.2 Executive Committee's Report:

MR. MILLAN reported that the Executive Committee discussed a variety of items. First was the financial report which was good. Next there was a discussion of current Commissioner vacancies by county. The 2014 Work Plan was presented to the Committee and it was recommended for adoption. There are many projects identified for the upcoming year.

MR. MILLAN then reported that the Central Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (CWED) is looking at options for loan fund management. One option might include the NCWRPC becoming the fund manager. These discussions are still very preliminary and there was still much more discussion to take place. He also stated that the Committee reviewed the Strategic Plan and is considering ways to add non-member counties.

5.3 2014 NCWRPC Work Program:

MR. LAWRENCE reviewed the 2014 Work Plan presented and identified the projects that the NCWRPC have been requested to complete. He overviewed the Work Program which lists over 50 projects and over a dozen pending projects for 2014. Projects are categorized by the Program areas of Economic Development, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Intergovernmental Cooperation, Land Use, and Transportation. He highlighted many of the projects under each of the program areas and added that this will be a very busy year.

MR. LUSSOW made a motion to approve the 2014 Work Program, and MR. NYE seconded this motion. All were in favor.

5.4 Resolution 2014-1: Adoption of the 2014 CEDS:

MR. LAWRENCE reviewed the 2014 CEDS Report which is one of the requirements to maintain Economic Development District (EDD) designation for the region.

The CEDS was developed by a committee over the last six months. A variety of topics from basic demographic data to economic analysis to project identification are covered. Overall the document is about 75 pages, plus a variety of attachments. There are multiple tables, graphs, and maps as well. The CEDS identifies seven regional goals and outlines an action plan for the NCWRPC.

He noted that an Executive Summary was also prepared since many may not want to review the extensive CEDS. Once the CEDS is adopted copies of the full document and executive summary will be distributed throughout the region.

MR. MILLAN made a motion to adopt the 2014 CEDS presented, and MR. LUSSOW seconded this motion. All were in favor.

5.5 Resolution 2014-2: Commitment of Match to EDA Planning Grant:

MR. LAWRENCE presented Resolution 2014-2 for the commitment of local funds for the EDA Planning Grant. He stated that this was a 50-50 matching grant for a three year period, and the NCWRPC would commit at least \$154,884 as a match for the 2014-2017 EDA Three-Year Partnership Planning Grant.

MR. RUDOLPH made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-2 to commit local match to the EDA planning grant and MR. LUSSOW seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.6 Resolution 2014-3: Cancel Outstanding Checks:

MR. LAWRENCE presented Resolution 2014-3. The resolution voids all outstanding checks (issued before 2012) not presented for payment, which totals about \$1,100. He stated that Wis. Statutes provides that local governments take action to cancel checks that have not been presented for payment within two years of issuance.

MR. LUSSOW made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-3 to cancel outstanding checks issued prior to December 31, 2011, and MR. SITZBERGER seconded this motion. Motion carried

5.7 Northwoods Rail Study Presentation: Dennis Leong, WisDOT:

MR. LANDEAU introduced DENNIS LEONG, from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Investment Management which prepared a Freight Rail study examining the northern portion of our region.

MR. LEONG presented findings of the report and as well general background information and detailed commodity flow freight analysis. Overall he stated that there is a lack of service in northern Wisconsin even though there are customers that would like to utilize rail. MR. LEONG then answered several questions from the audience.

5.8 Announcements:

MR. LAWRENCE announced that the next Commission Meeting would be held April 23rd and at that time we would have elections for officers. He stated that anyone interested in holding an officer position should contact either an Executive Committee member or the executive director to state their interest in an office.

6.) ADJOURNMENT:

MS. NALL asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15. MR. RUDOLPH made the motion, seconded by MR. LUSSOW, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Lunch was provided following the meeting.

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes Approved on _____.

Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer