

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

April 29, 2015

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

RICHARD BAKOVKA
GEORGE BORNEMANN
BOB EGAN
ROCKY GILNER
HARLAND LEE
ROBERT LUSSOW
CRAIG McEWEN
PAUL MILLAN
BETTYE NALL
JERRY NILES
RON NYE
THOMAS RUDOLPH
FRANK SAAL, Jr.
PAUL SCHUMAN
KIM SIMAC
EDMUND WAFLE
KENNETH WINTERS
DOUG WILLIAMS

STAFF PRESENT:

Andy Faust
Dennis Lawrence
Coleman Peiffer

GUESTS PRESENT:

Amber Danielski, Schenck

MaryAnn Lippert, Governor's
Northern Office Representative

Pam Smith, Guest

Jon Trautman, Schenck

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

BUCKY DAILEY
THOMAS HAFERMAN
VIRGINIA HEINEMANN
JIMMY LANDRU, Jr.
JERRY NELSON

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MR. LUSSOW called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

2.) AUDIENCE COMMENT:

MR. LUSSOW asked if there were any comments from the guests present. He then asked everyone to introduce themselves.

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

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

4.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2015 COMMISSION MEETING:

MR. LUSSOW asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as mailed. There being none MR. RUDOLPH made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, and MR. WAFLE seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 Chairperson's Welcome

MR. LUSSOW stated that he was happy to see everyone and welcomed them for attending. He also took some time to thank Bettye Nall for her 30 years of service on the NCWRPC. She represented Marathon County and served as both NCWRPC's Chair and Vice-Chair over the years. Her county appointment ends in June. Everyone joined in a round of applause for Bettye.

5.2 Executive Committee's Report

MR. MILLAN reported that the Executive Committee discussed a variety of items. First was the Executive Director's report that covered a variety of items. The EDA site visit was discussed, a regional bike grant was secured and the phone system is having some issues and may need to be replaced in the future. The financial report was presented and that was in good shape. There was a review of current commission vacancies by county. Next the Employee Handbook was updated to include part-time employee benefits, and the membership policy was reviewed.

5.3 State Update

MS. LIPPERT provided an update on things happening at the state, including the status of the budget. She answered a variety of questions as well.

5.4 2014 Audit Report

MR. LUSSOW introduced Auditors Jon Trautman and Amber Danielski. Mr. Trautman highlighted several areas of the Audit Report, first reviewing the Management Letter then the full financial report. Overall there were no issues identified.

He stated that the net position on the Net Position or Balance Sheet of over \$2,000,000 was higher than last year. Next he reviewed the Statement of Revenues or Income Statement, which showed an increase of nearly \$100,000 revenues, while expenses only increased by \$33,000. The resulting net position was \$1,265,571.

Ms. Danielski stated the NCWRPC had designated funds of \$1,168,461 which was a sound financial policy. She also stated that having an outside accounting firm was another very sound financial decision.

MR. BORNEMANN made a motion to approve the 2014 Audit Report, and MR. WAFLE seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.5 2014 Annual Report Review & Adoption

MR. LAWRENCE presented the draft copy of the 2014 Annual Report. He highlighted various areas of this report, including the impact of the NCWRPC, regional programs, local programs, and overall accomplishments. Both the Regional and Local projects are presented - nearly 60 projects in all categorized by county.

He stated that once the report was adopted it would be sent to the printer to reformat and print in color. The Annual Report is mailed to all county supervisors, city, village and town contacts, state and federal officials and other interested parties.

MR. NYE made a motion to approve the 2014 Audit Report, and MR. RUDOLPH seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.6 Regional Livability Plan Adoption – Resolution 2015-1

MR. LAWRENCE briefly reviewed the process to date and explained that the Regional Livability Plan (RLP) will become our new Regional Comprehensive Plan. In December the RLP Committee passed a resolution to recommend adoption of the plan and in January a Public Hearing was held to hear comments on the plan. Today the RLP is presented for adoption by resolution.

MR. PEIFFER then provided a summary of the Regional Livability Plan (RLP) document. The RLP identifies a variety of recommendations toward making the region and local communities more livable. He discussed numerous regional trends, from population changes to labor force to broadband. The RLP identifies ways to address the region's opportunities and weaknesses increasing the regions ability to become more livable for all residents. These issues are examined in detail for the entire region as well as the three sub-sectors of the region. Eleven overall goals were developed to as part of this effort, based in part on the US DOT Six Livability Principles. In addition, several objectives and policies are identified to address these trends.

MR. LAWRENCE stated that RLP is an advisory document and was prepared as a framework for local communities. Therefore each community can take what they like and incorporate it into their

local plans. He then mentioned that once the RLP was adopted we would have it printed and distributed. Funds were designated from our reserve account to cover those costs. Each county board member, among others will receive a copy. Finally he added that in future meetings we would discuss some of the targets identified in RLP and how we can track overtime to monitor progress toward the goals.

MS. NALL made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-1: Adopting the Regional Livability Plan, and MR. LEE seconded this motion. All were in favor.

5.7 CEDS Annual Performance Report – Resolution 2015-2

MR. LAWRENCE reviewed the 2014 CEDS Annual Performance Report which provides an update of the full CEDS report that was adopted last year. This is one of the requirements to maintain Economic Development District (EDD) designation for the region.

The Annual Performance Report includes information on the prior year's activities; economic change & issues; goals, objectives & actions; and a regional strategy. Also included was an economic assessment of the region using EMSI.

MR. WAFLE made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-2: Adopting the 2014 Annual Performance Report and MR. MILLAN seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.8 Announcements:

MR. BAKOVKA provided a brief update on the Town of Rome golf course and other development, including a proposal the Town is sponsoring to utilize Tax Incremental Financing to assist the project. The Town has received substantial support from various state officials with the hopes of passage soon.

LAWRENCE mentioned that our recent newsletter talks about both PASER road rating and comprehensive plan updates. Contact our office as soon you can.

He also stated that the next Commission meeting would be July 29, 2015 and held at the same location.

6.) ADJOURNMENT:

MR. EGAN made a motion to adjourn the meeting, MR. BORNEMANN seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Lunch was provided following the meeting.

The meeting was advertised and open to the public. The meeting was held at the Wausau Entrepreneurial & Education Center, Wausau.

Minutes Approved on July 29, 2015:
