

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION
Minutes & Public Hearing Comments**

July 29, 2015

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

BUCKY DAILEY
BOB EGAN
THOMAS HAFERMAN
JIMMY LANDRU, Jr.
JERRY NELSON
KIM SIMAC
CATHERINE WINEMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

DARRYL LANDEAU
DENNIS LAWRENCE
PAM WINKELS

GUESTS PRESENT:

ANN DANSART HIREKATUR, DNR,
Wisconsin River TMDL Project
Manager

DOUG HILL, Outreach Director, US
Senator Baldwin

KEITH LANGENHAN, Field Services
Representative for Wisconsin
Counties Association

MARYANN LIPPERT, Director, DOA-
Northern Office

SUSAN SANDFORD, DNR, Wisconsin
River TMDL Project

PAT SNYDER, Outreach Director,
Congressman Sean Duffy

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, including guests, 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, MR. BORNEMANN made a motion to approve the agenda as mailed, seconded by MR. WAFLE. Motion carried.

4.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2015 COMMISSION MEETING:

MR. LUSSOW asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as mailed. MR. NYE made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, and MR. LEE seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 Chairperson's Welcome

MR. LUSSOW stated that he was happy to see everyone. He mentioned that Pam Winkels is the new Office Assistant at NCWRPC and this will be her first Commission meeting.

5.2 Executive Committee's Report

MR. MILLAN reported that the Executive Committee discussed a variety of items. The financial report was presented, and there are no concerns at this time. The NCWRPC office remodeling is complete and a new copier may be needed in the next few

months. A new Planner was hired and will begin in August. They will be gearing up to help communities update their comprehensive plans.

The current work program was reviewed. There are 63 projects and programs underway. The three year EDA evaluation results were finally received and the NCWRPC scored well. The 2016 levy rate and cap was discussed and a recommendation was made. It was also stated that Virginia Heinemann submitted her resignation.

5.3 State Update

MS. LIPPERT provided an update on several topics. She discussed the state budget, and mentioned some of the funding that had been restored to schools and the Wisconsin University System. There is an increase in broadband funding, and she mentioned grants to rural school districts for implementation of fabrication labs.

She stated that an announcement is expected around October regarding funding to supplement counties for parcel mapping. Lastly, she mentioned that a systematic approach is being taken to fill board/commission positions that are currently vacant. She answered a variety of questions as well.

5.4 Federal Update

MR. HILL mentioned a variety of federal issues. Transportation funding will pass short-term extension. The fiscal year ends on September 30, 2015, and all 12 appropriation bills were passed. Senator Baldwin is pushing funding for broadband and trade protection for dairy farmers. Funding is expected to increase for agricultural workforce, dairy systems and water quality.

MR. SNYDER, Outreach Director, Congressman Duffy, also provided a brief update.

5.5 Resolution 2015-3: Establish 2016 Levy Rate

MR. LAWRENCE stated that the Executive Committee had discussed the 2016 Levy Rate and recommended that the rate be set at "not to exceed .00095%." Real Estate valuations will not be available until mid-August and are expected to increase at various rates throughout the region.

MR. BORNEMANN made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-3: Certifying a 2016 Levy rate for Member Governments at a rate "not to exceed" 0.00095% and MR. RUDOLPH seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.6 Establish 2016 Levy Cap for Counties

MR. LAWRENCE stated that the Executive Committee Levy had also discussed the Cap and recommended a reduction from \$45,000 to \$44,000 in 2016.

MR. RUDOLPH made a motion to approve the 2016 Levy Cap for Counties at \$44,000, and MR. WILLIAMS seconded this motion. All were in favor.

5.7 Presentation: Ann Dansart Hirekatur, DNR, Wisconsin River TMDL Project Manager, Bureau of Water Quality (Susan Sandford from the DNR in attendance as well)

MR. DARRYL LANDEAU introduced MS. DANSART HIREKATUR from the DNR. MS. DANSART HIREKATUR presented information on the Wisconsin River Basin Water Quality Improvement Project-Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Project. This project includes over 9,000 square miles, which covers approximately 20% of the State.

Certain levels of Phosphorus in water create toxic algae blooms which raises public health issues. She explained where the Phosphorus is coming from, and that this issue was recognized in the early 1990's. She mentioned the TMDL Watershed, the prioritizing of subwatersheds, and the 9-key element plan.

5.8 Announcements

The meeting members were informed that Bettye Nall had recently passed away. She had served on the NCWRPC for 30 years and had served on many other boards and commissions over the years. She will be missed. The funeral service is July 31 in Spencer.

MR. BAKOVKA provided an update on various projects in the Town of Rome. He mentioned that the recent Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) bill for the Town had passed unanimously.

MR. LAWRENCE stated that the next meeting would be the last Wednesday in October, the 28, and held at the same location.

6.) ADJOURNMENT:

MR. RUDOLPH made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and 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 October 28, 2015:
