

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

October 28, 2015

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**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

RICHARD BAKOVKA  
GEORGE BORNEMANN  
TED CUSHING  
ROCKY GILNER  
HARLAND LEE  
CRAIG McEWEN  
PAUL MILLAN  
JERRY NELSON  
JERRY NILES  
RON NYE  
THOMAS RUDOLPH  
FRANK SAAL, Jr.  
PAUL SCHUMAN  
KIM SIMAC  
EDMUND WAFLE  
DOUG WILLIAMS  
CATHERINE WINEMAN  
KENNETH WINTERS

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

BUCKY DAILEY  
BOB EGAN  
JIMMY LANDRU, Jr.  
ROBERT LUSSOW

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDY FAUST  
DENNIS LAWRENCE  
BRAD SIPPEL  
PAM WINKELS

GUESTS PRESENT:

DOUG HILL, Outreach Director, US  
Senator Baldwin

JON HOCHKAMMER, Outreach  
Manger, Wisconsin Counties  
Association

KEITH LANGENHAN, Field Services  
Representative, Wisconsin Counties  
Association

MARYANN LIPPERT, Director, DOA-  
Northern Office

PAT SNYDER, Outreach Director,  
Congressman Sean Duffy

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

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

2.) AUDIENCE COMMENT:

MR. MILLAN asked if there were any comments from the guests present. He then asked guests to introduce themselves. Mary Ann Lippert, Governor's Northern Office, introduced herself and invited all interested to attend the Governor's Northern Economic Development Summit in Trego on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

MR. MILLAN asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as mailed. There being none, MR. RUDOLPH made a motion to approve the agenda as mailed, seconded by MR. NILES. Motion carried.

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

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

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 Chairperson's Welcome

MR. MILLAN welcomed everyone. Two new commissioners introduced themselves, Catherine Wineman representing Marathon County and Ted Cushing representing Oneida County. Also, Brad Sippel, new planner at NCWRPC, introduced himself.

## 5.2 Executive Committee's Report

MR. MILLAN reported that the Executive Committee discussed a variety of items. First he announced that Tom Haferman from Wood County has resigned as a Commissioner because of a move. The financial report was presented, and everything looked good at this time. The 2016 Budget and ETF Resolution were reviewed and both were recommended for adoption, and authorization for a new copier was approved. Salary adjustments were also approved.

The 2016 Initial Work Plan was reviewed. There are many projects in the plan related to Land Use and Comprehensive Planning so up to \$50,000 was recommended to move from reserve accounts to cover some of these costs. There was some discussion of the open NCWRPC position on the North Central Wisconsin Development Corporation.

## 5.3 Federal Updates

MR. HILL, Outreach Director, US Senator Baldwin, mentioned a variety of federal issues. He mentioned sequester spending caps, Spectrum sales on broadband, cuts to crop insurance, pension reform, rail issues and timber-related issues. Mr. Hill also spent some time explaining Senator Baldwin's Waterfront Community Revitalization and Resiliency Act.

MR. SNYDER, Outreach Director, Congressman Duffy, also provided a brief update. He mentioned that the Timber Act relegates I-39 from Wausau to Stevens Point to 98,000 pounds. He said money has been requested for the Great Lakes Restoration plan. Congressman Duffy would like to make broadband more accessible and other revenues are being explored regarding federal funding for roads. He went on to mention that the Job Fair this month went well with approximately 350 people seeking employment and 130 businesses participating. Lastly, Mr. Snyder encouraged attendees to visit [duffy.house.gov](http://duffy.house.gov) website to register for the Hunger and Homelessness Summit held on Nov. 9 at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center; he noted the keynote is HUD Secretary Julian Castro.

5.4 Resolution 2015-4: ETF Existing Employer Option Selection

MR. LAWRENCE stated that this is more of a “housekeeping” item regarding Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Fund (ETF)-Wisconsin Public Employers’ Group Health Insurance Program. NCWRPC participates as a local unit in the ETF system and the current health plan provided to employees includes dental coverage. ETF is making changes to many of its various programs and as a result they are requiring all local units to provide a resolution indicating the plan they want to participate in for 2016. The resolution indicates we are selecting the Traditional HMO-Standard PPO with Dental option, similar to the plan we are currently enrolled.

MR. BORNEMANN made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-4: ETF Existing Employer Option Selection and MR. RUDOLPH seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.5 Resolution 2015-5: Adoption of 2016 DOT Work Plan

MR. LAWRENCE stated the affiliation NCWRPC has with the DOT as a Rural Transportation Planning District. He then went on to highlight various section of the Work Plan and briefly reviewed the budget. DOT requires that the Work Plan be approved by resolution.

MR. SAAL, JR. made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-5: Adoption of 2016 DOT Work Plan and MR. WAFLE seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.6 Resolution 2015-6: Adoption of 2016 Annual Budget

MR. LAWRENCE reviewed the Annual Budget. He first discussed the three primary sources of Revenue. The levy membership charge is expected to collect about \$219,000, which is a 5.8 percent reduction from the prior year, continuing grants from EDA & DOT were the same at \$123,000, and project revenue are expected to be about the same around \$507,000. Combined, total revenues are down about 2 percent. He then reviewed anticipated Expenditures. The major cost is salaries and direct

costs at \$397,000, fringe costs at \$290,000, and overhead costs at \$119,000. Total expenses equal \$830,029, with a projected fund balance of about \$21,500. Mr. Lawrence also clarified that all of NCWRPC's reserve accounts are fully funded.

MR. WILLIAMS made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-6: Adoption of 2016 Annual Budget and MR. LEE seconded this motion. Motion carried.

#### 5.7 Review of 2016 Initial Work Plan

MR. LAWRENCE commented that there are approximately 60 projects identified to date for the 2016 Work Plan. The work plan is categorized into five basic areas, including economic development, land use and transportation. He specifically highlighted the large volume of Land Use and Comprehensive Plan projects soon to start. He also mentioned that DOT TAP applications (such as safe routes to school and bike planning) would be available in soon. The Work Plan is adopted at the January meeting.

#### 5.8 Appointment of NCWRPC Representative to NCWDC

MR. LAWRENCE provided an overview of the North Central Wisconsin Development Corporation (NCWDC) which is a 501(c)3 that manages a revolving loan fund program. The organization has a Board of Directors that oversees this scope of work. The board has one member from each of the ten counties and one representative from the NCWRPC. The position is currently vacant. He asked for volunteer to fill that spot.

MR. BORNEMANN volunteered to be the NCWRPC representative. MR. NELSON made a motion to appoint Mr. Bornemann as the NCWRPC representative on the NCWDC and MR. SAAL, JR. seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.9 Presentation: NEWCOM Mobile Communication Drill Update

MR. FAUST, Senior GIS Analyst, presented information on North East Wisconsin Public Safety Communications (NEWCOM) and a training event that was recently held in Oneida County. He focused on the Mobile Communication Event, which is held every three years. Over 80 persons attended from sixteen counties, as well as state and federal agencies. At this event, fourteen different communication platforms were demonstrated. In addition, various tests are conducted related to radio and other communication efforts. For example, the State has 12 mutual-aid channels, and roll call is done on each channel ensuring organizations can communicate throughout the region. There was also a drone (UAV) demonstration.

5.10 Presentation: State Legislative Update ~ Jon Hochkammer, Wisconsin Counties Association

MR. HOCHKAMMER shared a considerable amount of information in his legislative update. He began by stating that WCA and the Association of Regional Planning Commissions has a strong working relationship.

He mentioned the importance of broadband, especially in schools and hospitals. He explained some issues regarding economic development (jobs), and the challenges employers are having finding qualified, skilled workers. He identified the availability of child care and the changing housing market as challenges as well. He finished his presentation sharing statistics on favorability ratings of local, state, and federal government. The last item he mentioned was the Green Cities Initiative that WCA has been working with along with several other state organizations. He also answered several questions from attendees following his presentation.

6.) ADJOURNMENT:

MR. MILLAN announced that the next meeting would be Wednesday, January 27th, 2016. It would be held at the same location.

MR. CUSHING made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 PM and MR. RUDOLPH seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Lunch was provided following the meeting.

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

Minutes Approved on January 27, 2016:

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