

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

January 25, 2017

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

RICHARD BAKOVKA, Vice-Chair
LORETTA BAUGHAN
ANGELA CLOSE
WILLIAM CONNORS, Jr.
TED CUSHING
BUCKY DAILEY
BOB EGAN
ROCKY GILNER
PETER HICKETHIER
PAUL MILLAN, Chairperson
RON NYE
THOMAS RUDOLPH
FRANK SAAL, Jr.
PAUL SCHUMAN
EDMUND WAFLE, Sec./Treas.
CATHERINE WINEMAN
BILL ZEITZ

STAFF PRESENT:

DENNIS LAWRENCE
BRAD SIPPEL
PAM WINKELS

GUESTS PRESENT:

ADAM DeKLEYN, Planner, Wood
County

JON HOCHKAMMER, Outreach
Manager, Wisconsin Counties
Association

KEITH LANGENHAN, Field Services
Representative, Wisconsin Counties
Association

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

DANIEL GUILD
HARLAND LEE
CRAIG McEWEN
JERRY NELSON
JERRY NILES
KIM SIMAC
JAY VERHULST
KENNETH WINTERS

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MR. MILLAN called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. He then asked guests to introduce themselves. Guests in attendance were ADAM DeKLEYN, Planner at Wood County; JON HOCHKAMMER, Outreach Manager with Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA); and KEITH LANGENHAN, Field Services Representative with WCA.

2.) AUDIENCE COMMENT:

There was no audience comment.

3.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2016 MEETING:

MR. MILLAN 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 MS. WINEMAN seconded this motion. Motion carried.

4.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

4.1 Chairperson's Welcome

MR. MILLAN welcomed all members. He mentioned that the EDA Peer Review was held on January 24, 2017. MR. BAKOVKA, MS. CLOSE, MR. EGAN, and MR. MILLAN participated in the review via telephone conference. He stated that the review went well.

4.2 Executive Committee's Report

MR. BAKOVKA reported that the Executive Committee discussed a variety of items. The EDA Peer Review went well, and the Employee Handbook revisions are complete. There was an update on programs, grants, and agreements. The NCWRPC annual audit is being conducted this week. The financial report was presented, and the NCWRPC is in good standing. All county levy money has been received, except from one county, and the amended budget was approved. He also mentioned that NCWRPC will be working on an inventory compilation of business

and industrial parks in our region; this will be more comprehensive than what is currently included in CEDS. Lastly, the Executive Committee approved a Commissioner Recognition Program.

MR. CUSHING made a motion to approve this report, and MR. DAILEY seconded this motion. Motion carried.

4.3 State & Federal Updates

None.

4.4 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Overview

MR. LAWRENCE provided a brief overview of the CEDS development process. Then MR. SIPPEL presented the 2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). He reviewed several areas: Demographics, Workforce, Employment and Economy, and Resilience. Demographics includes population change and migration; Workforce includes labor force participation and unemployment rates and related information; Employment and Economy include job growth and statistics, industry sector employment, regional clusters, tourism and future employment projections; and Resilience is a new section that looks at an area's ability to prevent, withstand, and quickly recover from major disruption or shock. He also reviewed the seven goals of the Regional Strategy.

MR. LAWRENCE then mentioned that the CEDS is updated every five years and becomes the foundation for the regional planning commission's economic development work plan. He also added that an Executive Summary would be prepared and everyone would receive a copy.

4.5 Resolution 2017-1: Adoption of 2017 CEDS

Following the CEDS presentation, MR. RUDOLPH made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-1: Adopting Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, and MR. CUSHING seconded this motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

4.6 Resolution 2017-2: Commitment of Matching Funds to EDA

MR. LAWRENCE explained that the EDA Planning grant is a three year grant period, with a 50 – 50 matching grant rate. As part of the application process the NCWRPC must verify that it has the matching funds available for the grant. He stated we have these funds in our reserve accounts. NCWRPC will commit at least \$210,000 as local match for this three year period (2017-2020).

MR. CUSHING made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-2: Commitment of EDA Planning Grant Match Funds, and MR. NYE seconded this motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

4.7 Presentation: Election & Legislative Update – Jon Hochkammer, WCA

MR. HOCHKAMMER, Outreach Manager at Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), provided an election and legislative update. Before starting his presentation, he reminded those present that WCA is a nonpartisan organization. He started with a discussion of the 2016 Elections. There were many interesting facets that contributed to the final results in the state of Wisconsin. Voter turnout in Wisconsin was quite a bit less than the turnout in previous presidential elections; only one county in Wisconsin (Sauk) saw a higher percentage in voter turnout. Also, many more counties voted Republican in the 2016 election compared to 2012. The Wisconsin State Senate now has 20 Republican seats and 13 Democratic; furthermore, the Wisconsin State Assembly has 64 Republicans and 35 Democrats. The Governor delivered his State of State Address on January 10, and the 2017-19 State Budget will be introduced in February. He also highlighted the WCA legislative priorities.

MR. HOCHKAMMER answered questions after his presentation. MR. RUDOLPH stressed the importance of local control as it relates to Shoreland Zoning. He also distributed two documents: "Economic Value of Lakes & Rivers in Oneida County" and "Doing the Right Thing for Our Lakes and Rivers." He requested that these documents be shared with board members or other appropriate people.

4.8 Announcements

MR. LAWRENCE stated the next meeting will be Wednesday, April 26th, 2017 at the same location.

5.) ADJOURNMENT:

MR. RUDOLPH made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 PM, seconded by MR. HICKETHIER. 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 April 26, 2017:
