

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

January 25, 2023

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

REINHARDT BALCERZAK
LORETTA BAUGHAN
HANS BREITENMOSER
WILLIAM CHANEY
ANGELA CLOSE
TED CUSHING
JAMI GEBERT
ROCKY GILNER
JASON GRUENEBERG
DAVE LAFONTAINE
DOUGLAS MACHON
BETTY MANSON
PAUL MILLAN
JERRY NILES
RONALD NYE
DAVID OBERBECK
RICK PEASE
LARRY RAIKOWSKI
STEVEN SCHREIER
KENNETH WINTERS
JAY VERHULST

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

DANIEL GUILD
ALAN HAGA, JR.
ROBERT HANSON
HARLAND LEE
CRAIG MCEWEN
JOHN PAVELSKI
EUGENE SIMON

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDY FAUST
DAWN JOHNSON
DARRYL LANDEAU
DENNIS LAWRENCE
ERIC SONNLEITNER
SAM WESSEL

OTHERS PRESENT:

PAUL CHAMBERLAIN - REGIONAL
DIRECTOR, US SENATOR
RON JOHNSON

GREGG WAVRUNEK – REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE, US SENATOR
TAMMY BALDWIN

1.) CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:

MR. MILLAN called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. There were no new introductions to make.

2.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE 10-26-22 MEETING:

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

3.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

3.1 CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

MR. MILLAN welcomed everyone and introduced representatives from both US Senator Tammy Baldwin and US Senator Ron Johnson.

3.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

MS. BAUGHAN provided an overview of the Executive Committee meeting held earlier in the day. She stated that February 13-16, 2023, were the dates that the financial audit is to occur with the results expected at April's meeting. The Main Street Bounceback Grant was closed at the end of the year. A total of 560 grants were approved.

3.3 STATE & FEDERAL UPDATES

MR. WAVRUNEK stated that the 118th Congress has begun and committee and sub-committee assignments should be determined by the end of the week. SENATOR BALDWIN visited Wausau last week to highlight funding for PFAS Remediation in Wausau and Rib Mountain. He recapped the highlights of the 117th Congress.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN discussed The Prevent Government Shutdown Act. The bill provides continuing appropriations to prevent a government shutdown if any of the appropriations bills for a fiscal year have not been enacted before the fiscal year begins and continuing appropriations are not in effect. The bill also limits official travel, congressional recesses or adjournments, and the consideration of legislation that is unrelated to appropriations after the beginning of a fiscal year if the appropriations process has not been completed.

3.4 RESOLUTION 2023-1: COMMITMENT OF EDA PLANNING GRANT MATCH FUNDS

MR. LAWRENCE stated that since 1979 NCWRPC has been designated as an Economic Development District (EDD) by the US Department of Commerce and Economic Development Administration (EDA). We are preparing our 3 Year Partnership Planning grant to continue that designation. The resolution commits our match to the grant so we continue our economic development program.

MS. CLOSE made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-1: Commitment of EDA Planning Grant Match Funds, seconded by MR. CUSHING. Motion carried.

3.5 2022 WORK ACTIVITIES & 2023 WORK PREVIEW

Staff provided an overview of 2022 projects and highlighted upcoming projects. The presentation was structured around our five program areas.

Economic Development – MR SONNLEITNER discussed highlights including the Main Street Bounceback, administration, resilience & recovery updates to CEDS, NCWRPC Regional Recovery Plan, Wausau Metro Housing Plan, as well as upcoming projects for 2023.

GIS Program – MR FAUST highlighted project mapping and graphics, data creation and maintenance, local GIS assistance/special projects, and office IT support.

Intergovernmental Cooperation – MR FAUST discussed ongoing support including North East Wisconsin Public Safety Communications (NEWCOM), Wisconsin Regional Orthoimagery Consortium (WROC), North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition (NCSWC) and Northwoods Rail Transit Commission (NRTC).

Land Use – MR HEIDER discussed outdoor recreation planning and the Land & Water Conservation Fund. 2023 preview includes comprehensive plans for 5 counties, 2 villages and 4 towns. Outdoor Recreation Plans for Vilas, Adams and Oneida Counties. All Hazard Mitigation Plans for Mole Lake Tribe and the counties of Lincoln, Juneau, Oneida and Vilas.

Transportation – MR LANDEAU highlighted bicycle & pedestrian planning, county transit planning, freight rail, and pavement rating assistance. 2023 preview included Wood County bike plan, Wausau Safe Routes to School, Intermodal Freight Study, WISLR pavement rating assistance, Wausau MPO Participation/Support, BIL Application Support, and WisDOT Urban Boundary Adjustments.

3.6 ADOPTION OF 2023 NCWRPC WORK PROGRAM

MR. LAWRENCE provided a brief overview of the 2023 Work Program. Nearly 70 projects are identified.

MR. BALCERZAK made a motion to adopt the 2023 NCWRPC Work Program, seconded by MR. GRUENEBERG. Motion passed.

3.7 NORTH CENTRAL REGION INDUSTRIAL PARK STUDY

MR. WESSEL highlighted the 2022 North Central Industrial Park Inventory, Absorption, and Needs Study. The NCWRPC researched and inventoried all 69 industrial parks across the 10-county region and determined total, vacant, and developed acreage of each park. NCWRPC also analyzed air photos from 2000, 2010, and 2020 within the boundary of each identified park to determine the rate at which lots were developed to forecast future acreage demand. These locations and calculations were verified by local staff when possible.

3.8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. MILLAN announced that the next commission meeting would be held on April 26th.

4.) ADJOURNMENT:

MR. MILLAN adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.

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, 2023:
