

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

April 24, 2024

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

REINHARDT BALCERZAK
ALAN BISHOP
HANS BREITENMOSER
WILLIAM CHANEY
ANGELA CLOSE
TED CUSHING
ROCKY GILNER
CINDY GRETZINGER
JASON GRUENBERG
JOSHUA KLINGBEIL
DAVE LAFONTAINE
HARLAND LEE
DOUGLAS MACHON
PAUL MILLAN
RONALD NYE
RICK PEASE
JOHN PAVELSKI
LARRY RAIKOWSKI
HOLLY TOMLANOVICH
KENNETH WINTERS

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

LORETTA BAUGHAN
ALLEN HAGA
ROBERT HANSON
BETTY MANSON
STEVEN SCHREIER

STAFF PRESENT:

DAWN JOHNSON
DENNIS LAWRENCE
SAM WESSEL

OTHERS PRESENT:

LANDIS HOLDORF – DISTRICT
DIRECTOR, US CONGRESSMAN TOM
TIFFANY

LEAH LASECKI – CPA-PRINCIPAL,
CLIFTONLARSONALLEN

MARK PAULI – REGIONAL PROGRAM
MANAGER, WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

EUGENE SIMON

JAMES YACH – SECRETARY'S
DIRECTOR NORTHERN REGION,
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

1.) CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:

MR. MILLAN called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2.) 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. LAFONTAINE made a motion to approve, seconded by MR. MACHON. Motion passed.

3.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE 1-31-24 MEETING:

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

4.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

4.1 CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

MR. MILLIAN welcomed everyone to the Wausau Entrepreneurial & Education Center and acknowledged two new commissioners. MR. KLINGBEIL from Marathon County and MR. BISHOP from Lincoln County introduced themselves. Others present from the roll call also introduced themselves.

4.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

MR. LAWRENCE provided a recap of agenda items which included the current financial report, updates on programs, grants & agreements, an update on Wisconsin River Watershed planning, EDA Technical assistance grant, 2023 audit, and the 2024 fund balance designation to restricted funds.

4.3 REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. LAWRENCE discussed the formation of the committee and the need to reschedule the kickoff meeting.

4.4 STATE & FEDERAL UPDATES

MR. HOLDORF discussed the service academy day that was held in Merrill. CONGRESSMAN TIFFANY voted against reauthorizing Section 702 of FISA, which is a tool used by our intelligence agencies. Refugee Pair Act which requires the federal government to consult and coordinate with local government on the effective resettlement and economic self-sufficiency after arrival in the United

States. Small business loans are available for businesses in regions that were impacted by the lack of snowfall. The co-sponsorship of Dillon's Law encourages states to train citizens to carry and administer epinephrine for severe allergic reactions. CONGRESSMAN TIFFANY voted against the additional foreign aid package regarding Israel, Ukraine, and Taiwan, supporting some elements of the foreign aid package and filing amendments to other portions of the package.

MR. YACH presented items regarding the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources which included the open sitting secretary position, 3 key program areas of Green Tier, Enviro Check, and small business environmental assistance.

MR. PAULI and MR. YACH presented items about the national primary drinking water regulation regarding PFAS. A PFAS Interactive Data Viewer can be found on the DNR website, which is a mapping tool that incorporates datasets from several DNR programs to show locations throughout Wisconsin that have been impacted by PFAS. They also discussed nitrates and phosphorus as continued occurrences in drinking water.

4.5 ELECTION OF OFFICERS: CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, & SECRETARY/TREASURER

MR. MILLAN asked for nominations of officers. MR. CUSHING nominated the current officers of MR. MILLAN as chair, MS. BAUGHAN as vice-chair and MR. NYE as secretary/treasurer. No other nominations were made, MR. LAFONTAINE 2nd the nomination. Motion passed.

4.6 PRESENTATION: 2023 AUDIT REPORT

MS. LASECKI presented the information regarding the deliverables of the financial audit and the federal single audit. The financial audit was unmodified, resulting in a clean audit. The single audit resulted in no internal control findings. There were no corrected statements in the Governance Communication. The supplemental trend analysis was discussed, and it is the opinion that the NCWRPC has a strong financial position. MR. LAFONATINE made a motion to accept the 2023 annual audit, seconded by MR. CUSHING. Motion passed.

4.7 RESOLUTION 2024-2 – RECOGNITION OF CRAIG MCEWEN

MR. LAWRENCE stated that MR. MCEWEN has served on the commission since 2009. He has been involved with various local and county organizations and has been an enthusiastic proponent of planning and collaborative approaches. The resolution is a thank you for his many years of service to our organization. MR. CUSHING made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by MR. LEE. Motion passed.

4.8 2023 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW AND ADOPTION

MR. LAWRENCE provided a summary of the draft annual report. The report summarizes the activities of the organization over the past year. It highlights over 100 regional and county projects for 2023.

MR. GRUENEBERG motioned to approve the report and distribute it when printed, seconded by MS. CLOSE. Motion carried.

4.9 REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

MR. WESSEL reviewed materials regarding the plan's background, goals, objectives, and actions. A public hearing will be held before the adoption of the plan. A motion was made by MR. PEASE for the adoption of the plan, seconded by MR. NYE. Motion carried.

4.10 REGIONAL ISSUES SURVEY/DISCUSSIONS

A survey was distributed, and MR. LAWRENCE asked for feedback regarding the eight questions on the survey that pertain to the strategic planning conducted by staff at the planning commission.

4.11 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. LAWRENCE announced that the next meeting will occur on July 31, 2024.

5.) ADJOURNMENT

MR. MILLAN adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm.

The meeting was advertised and open to the public. The meeting was held at the Wausau Entrepreneurial & Education Center, 100 N. 72nd Avenue, Wausau, WI.

Minutes Approved on July 31, 2024:
