ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

GEORGE BORNEMANN
ROBERT CURRAN
WILBUR FRITZ
VIRGINIA HEINEMANN
ERHARD HUETTL
BRAD KARGER
DONALD KRAHN
MAURICE MATHEWS
PAUL MILLAN
BETTYE NALL
SUSAN NOBLE
WILBUR PETROSKEY
THOMAS RICK
HERB RIECKMANN
THOMAS RUDOLPH
GENE SIMON
DOUG WILLIAMS

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

FRED CAMACHO
DONALD KLINE
ROBERT HAYWARD
BEVERLY LONG
HELMI MEHUS
FRANK TRIMMEL

STAFF PRESENT

JAMES HANKE
DARRYL LANDEAU
BERNIE LEWIS

GUESTS

RON WAY
DAVE KREGNESS
1.) **CALL TO ORDER:**

MR. HUETTL called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., in the Fireside Room at the Wausau Inn & Conference Center. Roll call was as presented on page one.

2.) **AUDIENCE COMMENT:**

There were no audience comments.

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

MR. HUETTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda as mailed. There being none, a motion was made by MR. MATHEWS and seconded by MR. RUDOLPH to approve the Agenda as mailed. All were in favor.

4.) **APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2005 COMMISSION MEETING:**

MR HUETTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes as mailed. There being none a motion was made by MS. NALL and seconded by MR. MILLAN to approve the Minutes. All were in favor.

5.) **BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:**

5.1 **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:**

MR. HUETTL apologized on behalf of Dennis Lawrence for his absence from today's meeting. He was unable to attend due to the passing of his father-in-law, and MR HUETTL expressed his sympathy to the family. MR. HUETTL then stated that MR. LANDEAU would fill in for this meeting.

MR. HUETTL introduced SUSAN NOBLE, who is the new Commissioner from Juneau County. MS. NOBLE indicated that she is the Assistant Director for the Juneau County Economic Development Corporation and has been working with NCWRPC on several projects.

MR. HUETTL then introduced JAMES HANKE, the Commission's new economic development planner. MR. HANKE gave a brief background of his work experiences. He indicated that he sees four core areas for growth in the Commission's Economic Development Program, including county specific special projects; regional economic development; Angel Investing management and deal analysis; and RLF Regionalization. MR HANKE thanked the Commission for this opportunity and stated that he looks forward to serving the North Central Region.
MR. HUETTL asked the Commissioners to review Appointment Roster included in their packets. Those with terms coming up that wish to continue as Commissioners should start thinking about what they need to do regarding their reappointment. He also pointed out the error in the Per Diem listed at the top of the roster sheet, which was recently increased to $50.00 per meeting and not $40.00 as printed.

5.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

MR. LANDEAU referred the Commissioners to the Strategic Planning Committee meeting minutes in their packets for a progress report. He stated that the Committee would to continue its working to develop a Strategic Plan, and that they would begin planning regional forums to bring counties together to discuss common issues. The Committee determined that wireless 911 would be a good first topic of interest to all counties. MR. LANDEAU then handed out a copy of an article from the Counties Association magazine regarding Marathon County's strategic planning effort and referred to BRAD KARGER, Commissioner from Marathon County and member of our Strategic Planning Committee.

MR. KARGER handed out a document on Organizational Excellence for Marathon County and highlighted the five core strategies being proposed. He stated that Marathon County is the first county to complete a strategic planning process. He indicated that Marathon County has realized that counties need to work together and think and act differently to be successful in the future. One problem he sees is that Marathon County is not a member of the NCWRPC.

5.3 REVIEW NCWRPC DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT:

MR. LANDEAU referred to the draft mission statement contained in the Strategic Planning Committee minutes and asked for any comments or concerns with the wording. MR. KRAHN questioned the term "built" environment. There was a general feeling that this may not have a clear meaning. MR. LANDEAU indicated that their concern would be brought to the attention of the Strategic Planning Committee to review. MR. HUETTL commented that the draft mission statement looked very good.

5.4 RESOLUTION 2006-1: Adoption of Annual Transportation Work Program:

MR. SIMON requested that staff provide some background on the purpose of the work program.

MR. LANDEAU explained that WisDOT provides an annual continuation grant to do rural transportation planning within our 10-county area. WisDOT requires the annual work program laying out how we intend to spend the funds and that the Commission adopts it by resolution. MR. KRAHN asked if the
work program was formed based on the mission statement. MR. LANDEAU indicated that it was not currently, but we might look at doing that in the future when the strategic planning effort is more complete. Currently, the work program is organized around what we see as our four statutory purposes, i.e.: planning for the development of the Region, serving as a data center, providing technical services to our membership and serving as a forum for intergovernmental coordination. The final category in the work program is administration.

MR LANDEAU then highlighted some of the key projects listed including: public transit coordination evaluation and action plans for all 10 counties at the request of WisDOT, local road improvement planning and traffic counting, transportation elements in various comprehensive plans being done by the Commission. Staff will also be pursuing additional WisDOT grants to develop land use ordinances for areas surrounding public airports in the Region. If Commissioners have airports with development pressure or land use issues, have them contact the Commission office.

MS. HEINEMANN asked if the Fee Schedule on page 7 was also to be approved. MR. LANDEAU stated that he would like to have the Fee Schedule for Local Road Improvement Program and WISLR Services approved as part of the work program to make it an official part of our overall Transportation Program.

MR. KRAHN made a motion to adopt this Resolution and MS. HEINEMANN seconded it. All were in favor.

5.5 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNTY MEETINGS:

MR. LANDEAU stated that WisDOT has requested assistance in meeting new requirements for specialized transportation coordination. New Federal reg's require coordination of services and the need to have plans in place by September for 2007 funding. MR. SIMON stated that the Department of Administration is working to develop a brokerage plan to provide specialize services throughout the state. MR. LANDEAU stated that he intends to bring more information on the brokerage plan to the counties during these meetings.

5.6 REFERRALS REVIEW:

MR. LANDEAU reviewed the eleven referrals received requesting funds totaling $1,407,312. He indicated that eight of these were typical annual assistance for specialized transit. He also pointed out that the applicant for item 5 should actually be Lincoln County and for item 6 should be the Regional Development Corporation, both of which are for recapitalization of revolving loan funds.
MS. NALL made a motion to accept the referrals presented, and MR. MATHEWS seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.7 Property Management Portal Presentation NAZCA:

MR. LANDEAU introduced RON WAY and DAVE KREGNESS, from Nazca a company that is working to provide internet based property data management services throughout the state. MR. WAY stated that there is a need to make property records more accessible and customer oriented while finding ways to process more transactions with the same staff. Administratively, the County retains control over how the data may be accessed. Commercial users are charged a monthly subscription fee and a transaction fee for printing documents to fund the system and provide income to the counties. However all current fees charged by the county would remain the same. MR. WAY stated that the commercial users include appraisers, closing/title/abstract companies, survey and engineering firms, mortgage companies and banks, law firms, real estate agents, taxpayers, and government agencies. Taxpayers would still have access to the information at no additional cost.

MR. LANDEAU stated that the Commission staff was not making any formal recommendation on the Nazca program but could organize a 1/2 day meeting for counties to get more detailed information. MR. HUETTL then asked for a show of hands to determine the Commission's interest in sponsoring such a meeting. All were in favor. MR. HEUTTL stated that staff would schedule a meeting with Nazca at some future date.

5.8 OTHER:

MR. LANDEAU asked about the scheduling of the next Commission Meeting. The week of our regular date was not good for many Commissioners, and it was determined that Mr. Lawrence would coordinate with MR. HUETTL for a date likely in the first week of May. MR. LANDEAU reminded everyone that election of officers would take place at this meeting and to keep in mind that nominations are now taken from the floor during the meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by MR. RUDOLPH to adjourn the meeting to lunch at 11:55 A.M. and MS. HEINEMANN seconded this motion. All were in favor.