

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
FULL COMMISSION  
May 2, 2006**

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**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

GEORGE BORNEMANN  
ROBERT CURRAN  
WILBUR FRITZ  
VIRGINIA HEINEMANN  
ERHARD HUETTL  
BRAD KARGER  
DONALD KRAHN  
MAURICE MATHEWS  
HELM MEHUS  
PAUL MILLAN  
BETTYE NALL  
WILBUR PETROSKEY  
CURTIS POWELL  
THOMAS RICK  
HERB RIECKMANN  
THOMAS RUDOLPH  
DOUG WILLIAMS

**STAFF PRESENT**

ANDREW FAUST  
DARRYL LANDEAU  
DENNIS LAWRENCE  
BERNIE LEWIS

**GUESTS**

RENE DANIELS, from  
U.S. Congressmen Dave Obey's Office

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

FRED CAMACHO  
DONALD KLINE  
ROBERT HAYWARD  
BEVERLY LONG  
SUSAN NOBLE  
FRANK TRIMMEL

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MR. HUETTTL called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M., in the Bayberry Room at the Midway Hotel & Hoffman House Restaurant. 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. HUETTTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda as mailed. There being none, a motion was made by MS. NALL and seconded by MR. PETROSKEY to approve the Agenda as mailed. All were in favor.

4.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2006 COMMISSION MEETING:

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

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

MR. HUETTTL welcomed CURTIS POWELL, the new Commissioner from Lincoln County who replaced Gene Simon. MR. POWELL stated that he retired from the Tomahawk School District after serving as their Superintendent, and is now serving his second term on the Lincoln County Board, and also works as a financial advisor.

MR. HUETTTL also reported on the Executive Committee meeting, which was held earlier that day. He overviewed the 2005 NCWRPC Audit Report, which showed that the organization was in solid financial shape. As a result the Executive Committee was considering decreasing the levy again in 2007. MR. HUETTTL praised MR. LAWRENCE and staff on their hard work. In addition, the committee discussed some changes to the EDA planning grant and approved some personnel recommendations.

5.2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

MR. LAWRENCE indicated that all of the present officers expressed an interest in keeping their positions on the Board. Therefore, MR. HUETTTL turned the meeting over to MS. HEINEMANN for the election of Chairperson. MR. HUETTTL was nominated by MR. BORNEMANN for the Chairperson

position, and MR. RICK seconded this nomination. No other nominations were made. MR. KRAHN made a motion to close the nomination, seconded by MR. MILLAN. All were in favor. MR. HUETTL remained Chairperson.

MR. HUETTL asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. MR. MATHEWS nominated MS. HEINEMANN as Vice-Chairperson, and seconded by MR. PETROSKEY. No other nominations were made. MR. BORNEMANN made a motion to close the nomination, seconded by MR. MILLAN. Motion carried. MS. HEINEMANN remained Vice-Chairperson.

MR. HUETTL asked for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. MR. BORNEMANN nominated MR. MATHEWS as Secretary-Treasurer, seconded by MR. RICK. No other nominations were made. MR. PETROSKEY made a motion to close nomination, seconded by MR. KRAHN. Motion carried. MR. MATHEWS remained Secretary-Treasurer.

### 5.3 RESOLUTION 2006-2: ORGANIZATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT:

MR. LAWRENCE reviewed the final draft Mission Statement. He reminded the Commission that the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Commission had developed the draft Mission Statement and that it was reviewed in detail at the last meeting. He also added that the Mission Statement was included in the last newsletter for general review and comment. The intent of the Mission Statement is to provide overall guidance to the operation of the NCWRPC. This is the first step in the overall Strategic Planning process.

A motion to approve Resolution 2006 – 2 was made by MS. NALL and seconded by MR. RUDOLPH. Motion carried.

### 5.4 WORK PROGRAM UPDATE:

MR. LAWRENCE overviewed the Work Program. In all there are over 50 projects identified. He then highlighted some of the major projects being worked on by staff. In the Economic Development area he mentioned the two Angel Investment management projects; in the GIS area he reviewed the Langlade and Forest Counties Addressing Projects; in the IGOV area he mentioned the Air Photo Consortium which provided an estimated savings of 30 to 40 percent to our counties; in the Land Use area he mentioned the numerous comprehensive planning projects, and the Town of Rome Wildfire Plan and, which would be the second plan developed in the State and the first one developed for our Region; and finally in the Transportation area he highlighted the County level Specialized Transportation Plans as well as the traffic counting programs.

MR. MILLAN made a motion to accept this Work Program as presented and MR. KRAHN seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.5 TOPIC DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE FALL WORKSHOP:

MR. LAWRENCE discussed the idea of establishing an annual workshop meeting that covered various topics of interest to the communities within the Region. The goal is to provide a forum where the NCWRPC helps provide education for local decision makers. The workshop would be co-sponsored with UW-Stevens Point Center for Land Use Education (CLUE) and the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association (WAPA).

He mentioned the efforts of the East Central and Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commissions and handed out examples of some of their sessions. He then distributed a survey form and asked that each Commissioner take a few minutes and jot down some sessions of interest. He then collected the survey. The results and details of the workshop will be discussed at the next meeting.

5.6 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW & ADOPTION:

MR. LAWRENCE reviewed the Draft 2005 Annual Report and highlighted the various sections. As in previous reports there are two basic sections. Nine major regional activities and nearly 50 local activities are listed in the report. The Clearinghouse Review summary reflected that 46 projects were reviewed and totaled over \$27 million. In the Audit Financial Statement indicates the Net Asset to be \$110,416. The Commissioner List was also updated. MR. RUDOLPH suggested that the new Mission Statement should be included in the Annual Report. All agreed.

A motion was made by MR. MATHEWS to approve the Annual Report with the inclusion of the Mission Statement, MS. NALL seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.7 REFERRALS REVIEW:

MR. LANDEAU reported that seven Referrals were received totaling \$3,820,238 in requested funds. Two Referrals were for specials transit assistance; one was for the NCWRPC to maintain an on-going economic development process in the Economic Development District; one was from the UW-Stevens Point for surveillance sampling for Sudden Oak Death; two were from the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community to construct the enterprise business incubator and the other was for the purchase of equipment for a business to expand; and one was for the School District of Rhinelander for the Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant.

MR. KRAHN made a motion to accept the Referrals as presented, and MR. RICK seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.8 NEWCOM UPDATE:

MR. FAUST presented a PowerPoint update on the NEWCOM project. He stated that 16 counties were working together and presently creating a NEWCOM Mission Statement to provide the participating counties with a reliable and responsive communications link between all emergency services and public safety agencies. The idea is to get counties working together with equipment that allows public safety agencies to communicate with each other via radio communications systems on demand in real time when needed. Presently, counties can't talk together because systems aren't compatible due to aging, fragmented planning, lack of coordination/cooperation, limited radio spectrum and funding. Counties need to work together before spending costly funds on systems. NEWCOM has received a grant for \$418,000 and hired CTA Communications to do a study for the counties. Presently By-Laws need to be drafted and a NEWCOM Board needs to be formed.

MR. FAUST indicated that presently he is working on another grant to help counties replace their old equipment. The idea of this project is to reduce cost and stop duplication. Everyone related to Public Safety is involved and would benefit from this project.

5.9 OTHER:

MR. HUETTL asked if there was any other business or comments to be made. MS. DANIELS stated that she was happy to hear about the NEWCOM project.

MR. HUETTL announced that the next Commission Meeting has been scheduled for July 26, 2006.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by MR. RUDOLPH to adjourn the meeting to lunch at 12:05 PM, and MR. MILLAN seconded this motion. All were in favor. A buffet lunch was served immediately following the meeting.

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Minutes Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer