

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
FULL COMMISSION  
June 29, 2005 MINUTES

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ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

GEORGE BORNEMANN  
FRED CAMACHO  
ROBERT CURRAN  
WILBUR FRITZ  
ROBERT HAYWARD  
VIRGINIA HEINEMANN  
ERHARD HUETTL  
DONALD KLINE  
DONALD KRAHN  
BEVERLY LONG  
MAURICE MATHEWS  
PAUL MILLAN  
BETTYE NALL  
WILBUR PETROSKEY  
THOMAS RICK  
HERB RIECKMANN  
THOMAS RUDOLPH  
GENE SIMON  
FRANK TRIMMEL  
DOUG WILLIAMS

STAFF PRESENT

ANDY FAUST  
DARRYL LANDEAU  
DENNIS LAWRENCE  
BERNIE LEWIS

GUESTS

BILL RUDAHL, SCHENCK, S.C.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

BRAD KARGER  
HELM MEHUS

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MR. HUETTTL called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., in the Aspen Room at the Best Western Hotel. Roll call was as presented on page one.

2.) AUDIENCE COMMENT:

MR. HUETTTL noted there was no audience present.

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 MR. MATHEWS and seconded by MS. HEINEMANN to approve the Agenda as mailed. All were in favor.

4.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2005 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 MS. NALL and seconded by MR. KRAHN to approve the Minutes. All were in favor.

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

MR. HUETTTL did not have anything to report.

5.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

MS. LONG reported the Strategic Planning Committee met on June 20, 2005, to outline the process to complete an organizational strategic plan. She explained that Committee concluded that there should be three basic steps in the process. The first was creating a draft mission statement; the second, was to conduct focus groups with stakeholders; and the third was to host a special session to conduct a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the NCWRPC, all with the future in mind.

She then added that the Committee would like input from all Commissioners prior to the development of the draft Mission Statement and asked all Commissioners to complete the Mission Statement form and send it to North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission prior to their next meeting. The goal is to implement the Strategic Plan in early 2006.

5.3 2004 AUDIT REPORT:

MR. LAWRENCE introduced Bill Rudahl, Auditor from Schenck Solutions. Mr. Rudahl reviewed the audit report. He began with an overview of the Statement of Net Assets, often called a Balance Sheet. The NCWRPC total assets increased from \$823,267 in 2003 to \$921,524 in 2004. Meanwhile, total liabilities decreased. The net result was a 2004 Total Net Assets of \$687,793. Next he reviewed the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Assets, which is often called the income statement. Revenues in 2004 were \$720,930 with expenses of only \$628,143 resulting in an operating income of \$92,787.

He stated that the 2004 Audit again indicated that the NCWRPC was in good financial position. The Levy rate continues to decrease, other revenues are growing and costs are kept down. Overall the organization continues to show strong financial performance.

A motion was made by MR. WILLIAMS to approve the Audit as presented and MR. BORNEMANN seconded this motion. All were in favor.

5.4 RESOLUTION 2005-2 Establish 2006 Levy Rate:

MR. LAWRENCE reviewed a copy of Resolution 2005-2 for establishing the 2006 Levy Rate for Member Governments. In view of the positive Audit Report, he recommended reducing the levy rate from 0.00185% to .00175% for 2006. The estimated levy collection would be about \$197,000, which is what we need to collect for the anticipated workload. MR. RUDOLPH raised the question of a possible reduction for Oneida County. MR. LAWRENCE explained that the levy rate for Oneida County was capped at \$53,500, which in effective was a rate of 0.00102%, which was a lower rate.

A motion was made by MR. KLINE to approve setting the Levy Rate at 0.00175% for 2006, and MS. HEINEMANN seconded this motion. All were in favor.

5.5 ESTABLISH 2006 LEVY CAP LIMIT:

MR. LAWRENCE recommended keeping the Levy Cap set as is at \$53,500 for 2006.

MR. SIMON made a motion to continue the \$53,500 Levy Cap and MR. BORNEMANN seconded this motion. All were in favor.

5.6 RESOLUTION 2005-3: Support of Comprehensive Planning Law:

MR. LAWRENCE distributed some additional materials regarding the repeal of the Comprehensive Planning Law and the elimination of the grant program. The handouts included a copy of a letter from Marc J. Marotta, Secretary from the Wisconsin Department of Administration, excerpts from Professor Brian Ohm indicating what will be lost if the opponents of comprehensive planning are successful in having the 1999 law repealed, and a copy of an article from the Lakeland Times regarding the Smart Growth.

MR. RUDOLPH suggested that the Resolution be amended to add: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Doyle, Department of Administration, and Representatives of North Central Wisconsin.”

MR. LAWRENCE provided an overview of the legislation and the general planning process. He stated that about half of the local units of government in the Region have completed or are in the process of completing comprehensive plans. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the law and the planning relationship between state-region-county-city-village-town levels. MR. TRIMMEL had some issues with the law and the role of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. MR. LAWRENCE stated that the Comprehensive Plan was a “framework” plan, place to start for local planning processes. The Regional Plan is merely an advisory plan that provides background data and maps for local units to utilize; and hopefully save them some time and money in the process.

MS. NALL made a motion to accept the Resolution as amended, seconded by MR. SIMON. Motion carried, with one no vote.

5.7 UPDATE ON NEWCOM PROJECT:

MR. FAUST provided an update on the NEWCOM Project, which is incorporates sixteen counties. He reminded them that this project was funded by a \$600,000 grant that the NCWRPC secured.

CTA communications was the firm selected to complete the study. The study was completed in response to various problems with their radio communications systems. CTA analyzed each counties systems and developed recommendations for current and future demands.

The next step is finding funding for the various system upgrades. The NCWRPC will continue to assist in that process.

5.8 GROW REGION BY REGION:

MR. LAWRENCE discussed a GROW Region by Region Grant Application that the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission completed on behalf of North Central Wisconsin, working with several organizations. The goal of the effort is to promote regional economic development for our Region.

5.9 REFERRALS REVIEW:

MR. LANDEAU reviewed the 10 Referrals received totaling \$2,051,293.00. One referral was from Forest County for the USDA Rural Development to develop a new road crossing for safe and efficient transportation totaling \$211,000; From Lincoln County Impact Seven, Inc. requested \$62,973 to assist in the facilitation of programs for low-income individuals; from Oneida County Solid Waste Department requested \$553,927 for the waste water treatment facility; two from Portage County, one for \$221,804 to aid Portage County in community-based problem solving justice initiatives, and the other is requested by the UW-Stevens Point in the amount of \$25,000 for a statewide monitoring program for the sudden oak death disease; two for Wood County, one for Village of Milladore in the amount of \$450,000 to monitor chlorine residual in the water and manganese removal, and the other was requested by Heart of Wisconsin Business & Economic Alliance in the amount of \$355,500 to build a diverse and dynamic business base for the South Wood County and Town of Rome region. Two Multi-County referrals were received, one from Central Wis. Community Action Council, Inc., requesting \$40,250 for home owner rehab repairs, and the other from Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc. requesting \$130,839 for six VISTA members to serve one-year terms as support staff.

MS. NALL made a motion to approve the referrals presented, and MR. MILLAN seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.10 OTHER:

MR. LAWRENCE said that the next Commission Meeting is tentatively set for late September, on either the 23rd or 28th.

MR. HAYWARD asked if the new Commissioner from Juneau County was announced. MR. LAWRENCE stated that MS. SUE NOBLE was in the process of being appointed to replace MR. PELTON, who passed away.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, a motion was made by MR. RUDOLPH and seconded by MR. CAMACHO to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 A.M. All were in favor.

MR. HUETTL announced that everyone was welcome to stay for the Buffet lunch.

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