

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION
July 26, 2006**

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

GEORGE BORNEMANN
FRED CAMACHO
WILBUR FRITZ
ROBERT HAYWARD
VIRGINIA HEINEMANN
ERHARD HUETTL
BRAD KARGER
DONALD KLINE
DONALD KRAHN
BEVERLY LONG
MAURICE MATHEWS
HELM MEHUS
PAUL MILLAN
BETTYE NALL
WILBUR PETROSKEY
CURTIS POWELL
THOMAS RICK
THOMAS RUDOLPH

STAFF PRESENT

ANDREW FAUST
JAMES HANKE
DARRYL LANDEAU
DENNIS LAWRENCE
BERNIE LEWIS

GUESTS

None

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

ROBERT CURRAN
SUSAN NOBLE
HERB RIECKMANN
DOUG WILLIAMS

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MR. HUETTTL called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M., in the Aspen 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 MR. MATHEWS 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 MAY 2, 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 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 welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Ronald Nye the new Commissioner from Langlade County who is taking over for Mr. Trimmel. He asked MR. NYE to give a brief summary of his professional experiences. MR. NYE stated that he is a retired teacher, and is a new Langlade County Board member. He previously had been on the Board of Adjustments, and is presently on the Commission on Aging, Solid Waste Management, and Water and Land Use Planning Committees.

MR. HUETTTL announced that MS. HEINEMANN has not been reappointed by the Governor to serve as a Commissioner; therefore, this would be her last official meeting. Everyone gave MS. HEINEMANN a round of applause for the dedication she gave serving as an officer of the Commission for a number of years.

MR. HUETTTL stated that the Executive Committee reviewed the financial status of the NCWRPC and found it to be very strong. He praised MR. LAWRENCE and staff for doing an excellent job.

5.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

MS. HEINEMANN reported that the Executive Committee reviewed the current financial report, discussed the levy and cap rates, and reviewed the projected budget revenues. She also announced that the NCWRPC received a \$300,000 legislative set aside from Congressman Obey to establish a new economic development fund. This set aside has been requested in the past and this year we were able to secure the funds.

5.3 RESOLUTION 2006-3: ESTABLISH 2007 LEVY RATE:

MR. LAWRENCE reviewed a handout that displayed the 2003-2005 Levy rates and collections from all of the Regional Planning Commissions from. He reminded the Commission that the Levy rate for 2006 had been reduced to 0.00175 percent. He then recommended that the Levy rate be reduced to 0.00150 percent for 2007. Assuming at least a five percent increase in equalized values, the new levy would result in collections of about \$191,000.

MS. NALL made motion to approve Resolution 2006–3 with the 0.0015 percent Levy rate for 2007, seconded by MR. BORNEMANN. Motion carried.

5.4 ESTABLISH 2007 MEMBER LEVY CAP LIMIT:

MR. LAWRENCE recommended that the 2007 Member Levy Cap Limit be reduced to \$52,500.00. This provides another reduction in the cap as the levy rate decreases.

MR. BORNEMANN made a motion to approve the \$52,500 Member Levy Cap Limit, seconded by MR. PETROSKEY. Motion carried.

5.5 FALL WORKSHOP UPDATE:

MR. LAWRENCE presented a Draft Agenda for the Regional Planning Forum scheduled to be held on November 9, 2006. The Forum will be sponsored by NCWRPC, the Center for Land Use Education (CLUE) at UWSP and the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association (WAPA). MR. LAWRENCE serves as the Northwest District Representative on the Board. MR. LAWRENCE stated that this Agenda was drafted in response to the survey responses handed out at the meeting and the comments written on them expressing interest in learning more about several topics. The topics for discussion on this Agenda are: Plan Implementation Through Zoning; Practical Applications of Conservation Subdivision; Linking the Plan to Capital Improvements Programming; and Plan Consistency – What you need to know.

5.6 COUNTY SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE:

MR. LANDEAU updated the Commissioners on the status of the countywide Human Services Transportation Planning Project. He stated that all 10 county planning meetings have been completed, and the total attendance was 87 out of 258 invited. MR. LANDEAU said that the next step would be to compile summary reports for each county.

MR. LANDEAU said that each county is required to have these plans to be eligible for certain federal grants under the most recent transportation act SAFETEA-LU. These grants include Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC), New Freedom, and Section 5310 capital grants. He stated that WisDOT asked us to coordinate these plans as part of our 2006 Work Program.

5.7 REFERRALS REVIEW:

MR. LANDEAU reviewed the five Referrals he received totaling \$1,392,333.00. Three were for multi-county projects as follows: Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. (\$40,250), The Heart of Wisconsin Business & Economic Alliance (\$355,000), and Western Wisconsin Technical College (\$67,776). The Impact Seven, Inc. from Wood County requested \$929,307. The fifth referral was from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in Vilas County for an environmental review, therefore, no funds were requested.

MS. NALL made a motion to accept the Referrals as presented, seconded by MR. PETROSKEY. Motion carried.

5.8 NEWCOM UPDATE:

MR. FAUST updated the Commissioners on the NEWCOM project. He stated that NEWCOM had its first official meeting on July 18, 2006, and elected the following officers: Curtis Powell, Chairperson, Gerald Thorp, Vice-Chairperson, and Jim Clark, Secretary-Treasurer. MR. FAUST stated that Bylaws were adopted, and each of the 16 counties would need to fund \$300 to the NEWCOM project for administrative expenses that occur throughout the year.

MR. FAUST also stated that the group is looking for more grants to apply for that would help aid this project.

5.9 PROGRAM AREA UPDATE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

MR. HANKE presented an update on the Economic Development program. He stated that there are four core areas for Economic Development Assistance,

they are: Access to Financing, Regional Economic Development, Local Assistance Projects, and Grant Writing and Management.

MR. HANKE said that presently North Central Wisconsin Development Corporation has six active loans in four counties, and currently the program still has approximately \$150,000 available to lend out. The Technology Development Zone has \$1.71 Million allocated to eight businesses and still has \$3.29 Million available. The goals and objectives are to continue to market the Technology Zone Program and to encourage the use of funds in counties where companies have not used the credits available.

MR. HANKE stated that the NCWRPC will receive \$300,000 from HUD through an appropriation secured by Rep. Dave Obey, and these funds would focus on early-stage companies. He also stated that the Angel Investing Networks (Marshfield Investment Partners and Badger AgVest) will continue contractual arrangements through 2006 with the NCWRPC, and there is a plan to expand the Marshfield Investment Partners to a Regional Network.

MR. HANKE informed the Commissioners that we are working with the two Regional Economic Development Organizations in our Region. They are: Centergy for Marathon, Portage, Wood Counties, and Grow North for Forest, Lincoln, Langlade, Oneida, and Vilas Counties.

5.10 OTHER:

MR. HUETTL asked if there was any other business or comments to be made. There were none.

MR. HUETTL announced that the next Commission Meeting has been scheduled for September 27, 2006.

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. A buffet lunch was served immediately following the meeting.

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Minutes Approved on _____, 2006

Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer