

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION
November 5, 2008

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MARILYN BHEND
GEORGE BORNEMANN
FRED CAMACHO
ERHARD HUETTL
DONALD KRAHN
ROBERT LUSSOW
MAURICE MATHEWS
PAUL MILLAN
BETTYE NALL
RON NYE
WILBUR PETROSKEY
THOMAS RICK
THOMAS RUDOLPH
PAUL SCHUMAN
EDMUND WAFLE
DOUG WILLIAMS

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FAUST
DENNIS LAWRENCE
BERNIE LEWIS

GUESTS PRESENT:

BRYCE LUCHTERHAND, Governor
Doyle's Northern Office Director

DAVID HOVDE, Senior Local
Relations Representative for American
Transmission Company

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

TOM HAFERMAN
BRAD KARGER
DONALD KLINE
HELMI MEHUS

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MR. HUETTTL called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M., in the Homestead Room at the Howard Johnson Inn. Roll call was as presented on page one.

2.) AUDIENCE COMMENT:

MR. HUETTTL welcomed everyone, and asked the two guests present to introduce themselves. Mr. Bryce Luchterhand said that he is the Northern Office Director for Governor Doyle. Mr. David Hovde announced that he is from the American Transmission Company and would be presenting an update on the services his company is working on.

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 to approve the Agenda as mailed by MR. RUDOLPH and seconded by MR. KRAHN. Motion carried.

4.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 30, 2008 COMMISSION MEETING:

MR HUETTTL asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes as mailed.

There being none, MR. BORNEMANN made a motion to approve the Minutes and MR. PETROSKEY seconded this motion. Motion carried.

5.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

5.1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

MR. HUETTTL welcomed ROBERT LUSSOW, the new Commissioner from Lincoln County. He asked MR. LUSSOW to give a brief introduction of himself. MR. LUSSOW stated that he is a retired airline pilot who resides in Tomahawk. He said that he has been involved with the Lincoln County Board since the year 2000, and was recently elected to serve as the Lincoln County Board Chair.

MR. HUETTTL asked all Commissioners and Staff to introduce themselves and what county they represent.

MR. HUETTTL announced that DON KLINE has decided not to seek another term to serve as Commissioner for Forest County due to health reasons.

5.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

MS. NALL reported that the Executive Committee was pleased to learn that Vilas County has elected to become members of the NCWRPC Commission. She also reported that the Executive Committee the following:

- The NCWDC loan process is going very well.
- The North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will receive a grant from WisDOT in the amount of \$81,000.
- Matthew Schreiber has been hired as the Senior Economic Development Planner who will begin his employment on November 10, 2008.
- Health Insurance will again be offered to a part time employee.
- Salary increases will be approximately 2%.
- The Executive Committee recommended adopting the 2009 Budget.

5.3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MR. LAWRENCE announced that Vilas County has decided to again become a member of the Commission. They previously were members, but elected to drop out. He stated that the full County Board has decided to become members again beginning 1/1/09. MR. LAWRENCE stated that he was still working on Marathon, Portage and Wood Counties to become members of the Commission.

MR. LAWRENCE announced that Matt Schreiber will begin his employment with NCWRPC on November 10, 2008. He stated that Matt has a Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh with a major in Geography with a GIS emphasis, and also has a Masters of Urban Planning degree from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. Matt presently was working as a Senior Research Analyst in Milwaukee.

MR. LAWRENCE stated that he will be meeting with _____ from the _____ on _____ and that _____ requested that he ask the Commissioners the following question. "Do any of the County's have any good examples of land preservation in their County?"

MR. RUDOLPH said that the Northwood Land & Trust project in Oneida County would be a good example to use.

MR. BORNEMANN indicated the Plum Creek Conservation Easement in Langlade County would be a good example to use. He said that more information could be obtained from Becky Frisch, Langlade County Zoning Administrator.

MR. LAWRENCE reported that several Commissioners were waiting for formal approval of their appointment from the Governor's Office. He stated that once this was completed we would then be gearing up to obtain three more individuals to serve as Commissioners from Vilas County.

5.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

MR. LAWRENCE provided an update of the Economic Development program. He highlighted the following projects that has been accomplished:

- Completion of the 2008 CEDS strategy, which is the corner stone for eligibility for EDA funding.
- NCWRPC graduated to a new 3-year application cycle with EDA instead of providing the application yearly.
- Submitting an EDA Application for Flood assistance on behalf of Adams and Juneau Counties.
- Established a second revolving loan fund with a HUD grant, and approved two loans thus far.
- Secured funds from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce for Eagle River to conduct a business incubator study.

MR. LAWRENCE also provided each Commissioner with a copy of the Loan Portfolio for the NCWDC.

5.5 2009 WORK PROGRAM REPORT:

MR. LAWRENCE provided everyone with a copy of the Work Program for November 2008. He highlighted several projects, and then referred to the Transportation Program with the Safe Routes to School project being worked on at this time for the city of Wisconsin Rapids and City of Antigo.

5.6 RESOLUTION 2008-6: 2009 ANNUAL BUDGET:

MR. LAWRENCE presented the 2009 Annual Budget and highlighted various areas of the Budget. The Total Revenues show a 20.4% increase for 2009.

These areas were explained as follows:

- Levy shows a 29% increase for Counties due to Vilas County becoming members in 2009.
- Grants will be basically the same.
- Projects indicate a 29.9% increase
- Interest showed a decrease due to the interest rates.

For Expenditures there will be an 8.6% increase and MR. LAWRENCE explained the following:

- Salaries showed an 11% increase due to staff addition.
- Overhead shows an 11% increase due to the addition of three Commissioners appointed from Vilas County.
- Audit and Bookkeeping cost increased approximately 5%.

MR. LAWRENCE stated that the total proposed fund balance for 2009 is expected to be \$121,659. He also pointed out that the Budget includes a 2009

MR. LAWRENCE also said that the 2009 Levy Calculation comparison was provided.

MR. MILLAN made a motion to approve the 2009 Budget as presented, and MR. BORNEMANN seconded this. Motion carried.

5.7 AMERICAN TRANSMISSION COMPANY PRESENTATION:

MR. LAWRENCE introduced David Hovde, Senior Local Relations Representative for the American Transmission Company. MR. HOVDE stated that ATC started business on January 1, 2001, and is the only transmission company formed in the United States. He said that the ATC operates as a single-focus, transmission-only company and are operationally independent from all users. MR. HOVDE said that the electricity marketplace has changed to allow utilities to buy and sell power outside of its service area. Transmission systems were originally designed to move power locally and now must be able to move large quantities of power into, out of and through a greater region so that utilities have access to more competitively priced electricity and renewable energy resources.

He said that North Central Wisconsin is considered in the Planning Zone 1 area, and covers the counties of Oneida, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, Shawano, Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Juneau, Adams, Waushara, Marquette,

and Green Lake. He stated that the population is projected to grow at 0.6 percent annually. Marathon County is projected to realize the largest increase in population while Adams County is projected to have the highest growth rates.

MR. HOVDE provided an update on what some of the project the ATC is working on, and they are as follows:

- Construction is presently underway for the Gardner Park-Highway 22 project and will include a new 50-mile, 345-K V line between the Gardner Park Substation near the Weston Power Plant and a new substation in central Shawano County to be named Highway 22. This line is needed to support output of Weston Power Plan and strengthen reliability.
- The Cranberry-Conover project was recently completed between the southern boundary of Eagle River to just east of Conover. This is a new 115-K transmission line. This reinforcement project will also include the rebuild and conversion of the Conover-Iron River-Plains 69-kV line to 138-kV operation by 2010.
- The Clear Lake-Woodmin Transmission Line Project is being proposed to build a seven-mile power line between the Clear Lake Substation on Highway 47 near Mid Lake Road in the Town of Woodruff to a proposed new substation along Highway 47 near Arnett Road west of Woodruff.

5.8 OTHER

MR. HUETTL asked if there was any other business. There was none.

6.) ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by MR. RUDOLPH adjourn the meeting, and MR. PETROSKEY seconded this motion. All were in favor.

A lunch was served following the meeting.

Minutes Approved on _____

Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer