

**NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes**

April 22, 2026

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

REINHARDT BALCERZAK
LORETTA BAUGHAN
JAMI GEBERT
ROCKY GILNER
JASON GRUENEBERG
DENNIS KREJCI
DAVE LAFONTAINE
DOUG MACHON
PAUL MILLAN
RON NYE
ERIC OLSON
RICK PEASE
LARRY RAIKOWSKI
TERRY TAFT
TOM TALLIER
HOLLY TOMLANOVICH

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

ALAN BISHOP
HANS BREITENMOSER
ANGIE CLOSE
TED CUSHING
RANDY FIFRICK
ROBB JENSEN
JOSHUA KLINGBEIL
BETTY MANSON
JOHN PAVELSKI
RAY RESER
MICHAEL TAUTGES

STAFF PRESENT:

DAWN JOHNSON
SAM WESSEL

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEAH LASECKI, CPA-PRINCIPAL,
CLIFTONLARSONALLEN

LYNN MARKHAM, LAND USE
SPECIALIST, UW-MADISON DIVISION
OF EXTENSION

1.) CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

MR. MILLAN called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

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

MR. MILLAN asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as mailed. Hearing none, MS. TOMLANOVICH made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by MR. GILNER. Motion passed.

3.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2026 MEETING:

MR. MILLAN asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as mailed. Hearing none, MR. PEASE made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by MR. NYE. Motion passed.

4.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

4.1 CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

MR. MILLAN welcomed everyone to the Wausau Business Incubator.

4.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

MS. BAUGHAN provided a summary of the discussion items that included the standard financial approvals. ADA fact sheet for web content accessibility and a round table discussion that included topics for future meetings.

4.3 FEDERAL AND STATE UPDATES

No updates were provided.

4.4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS: CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, & SECRETARY/TREASURER

MR. LAFONTAINE made a motion to retain the current officers of Paul Millan, Chairperson, Loretta Baughan, Vice-Chair, and Ron Nye, Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by MR. GRUENEGER. Motion passed.

4.5 PRESENTATION: 2025 AUDIT REPORT, LEAH LASECKI, CPA-PRINCIPAL CLA

MS. LASECKI presented the findings of the 2025 financial audit. The auditors concluded that the financial statements were presented fairly and reported no findings related to internal controls. The schedule of program charges and funding sources was reviewed, along with the supplemental Statement of Net Position, including updated trend analysis. Discussion followed, with questions raised regarding the unrestricted balance and whether the organization is achieving the best possible return on investment with its accounts. MR. LAFONTAINE made a motion to accept the 2025 annual audit, seconded by MR. BALCERZAK. Motion passed.

4.6 2025 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW & ADOPTION

MR. WESSEL provided a brief overview of the draft Annual Report, noting that the highlighted financial information will be updated to reflect the most recent audit. He also advised that any requested changes should be communicated to him before final printing.

4.7 PRESENTATION: UTILITY SCALE SOLAR – LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPTIONS LYNN MARKHAM, CENTER FOR LAND USE EDUCATION - UWSP

MS. MARKHAM presented an overview of utility-scale solar development, beginning with an explanation of the key factors driving its continued growth, including increasing energy demand and evolving policy and sustainability goals. She discussed the role of solar contracts in project development and implementation, highlighting their importance in structuring agreements between developers and other stakeholders.

The presentation also covered the solar permitting process in detail, outlining the steps involved and the various options available to local governments in reviewing and approving projects. In addition, she reviewed examples of projects currently operating under solar contracts to provide practical context.

Finally, MS. MARKHAM shared resources to support the development of solar contracts, including guidance on the overall contracting process as well as important content considerations such as clarity of terms, regulatory compliance, and long-term project planning.

4.8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. MILLAN announced that the next meeting will take place on July 22nd, 2026.

5.) ADJOURNMENT

MR. MILLAN adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm.

The meeting was advertised and open to the public. The meeting was held at the Wausau Business Incubator, 100 N. 72nd Avenue, Wausau, WI.

Minutes Approved on July 22, 2026:
