NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2026

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

REINHARDT BALCERZAK
LORETTA BAUGHAN
ALAN BISHOP
HANS BREITENMOSER
ANGELA CLOSE
ROCKY GILNER
ROBB JENSEN
JOSHUA KLINGBEIL
DENNIS KREJCI
DAVE LAFONTAINE
BETTY MANSON
PHIL MCLAUGHLIN
PAUL MILLAN
RON NYE
ERIC OLSON
TERRY TAFT
TOM TALLIER
HOLLY TOMLANOVICH

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

TED CUSHING
JAMI GEBERT
JASON GRUENEBERG
DOUG MACHON
RICK PEASE
LARRY RAIKOWSKI
RAY RESER
MICHAEL TAUTGES

STAFF PRESENT:

DAWN JOHNSON
DENNIS LAWRENCE
SAM WESSEL

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEITH LANGENHAHN – WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

ERIN LENNINGER – CONSERVATION COORDINATOR, WISCONSIN FARMERS UNION

1.) CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

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

2.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2026 MEETING:

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

3.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

3.1 CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

MR. MILLAN welcomed everyone to the Wausau Business Incubator. He introduced MR. OLSON and MR. MCLAUGHLIN as new appointees to the commission. Each new commissioner briefly shared their background and introduced themselves to the group.

3.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

MS. BAUGHAN provided a summary of the discussion items, including the retirement of the accountant who managed the Commission's accounts and the transition to a new accountant. She also provided an update on the Next Generation 911 grant application, which supports local emergency communication centers in upgrading their systems. Additionally, she reported that efforts to map the Wisconsin River are moving forward and noted that a presentation on data centers is planned for a future meeting.

3.3 FEDERAL AND STATE UPDATES

MR. LANGENHAHN stated the government affairs team is currently building relationships with legislators and that the annual conference would be held September 20-22 in Wisconsin Dells.

3.4 RESOLUTION 2026-3: 2027 DOT WORK PROGRAM:

MR. LANDEAU discussed the five elements of the 2027 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program, which includes regionwide transportation planning, regional transportation data center, local transportation technical assistance, intergovernmental coordination and transportation program administration. A motion was made by MR. JENSEN to approve the work program, seconded by MR. KLINGBEIL. Motion passed.

3.5 RESOLUTION 2026-4: ESTABLISH 2027 LEVY RATE & CAPS

MR. LAWRENCE stated that the anticipated 2027 work program and annual budget will require a service charge not to exceed 0.0004199% of the equalized real estate value of each member government. The amount charged to any counties over $15 billion in valuation would be capped at $41,000 and any counties over $10 billion would be capped at $39,000. A motion was made by MS. TOMLANOVICH to approve the resolution, seconded by MR. KLINGBEIL. Motion passed.

3.6 PRESENTATION: WIND ENERGY FACILITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

MS. LENNINGER presented an overview of the Wisconsin Farmers Union and its mission. She discussed wind and solar energy projects, emphasizing the role of Joint Development Agreements (JDAs) in promoting collaboration among developers, local governments, and communities while helping ensure local priorities and benefits are addressed. There were a variety of questions.

3.7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. MILLAN announced that the next meeting is scheduled for October 28th, 2026.

4.) ADJOURNMENT

MR. MILLAN adjourned the meeting at 12:05 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 October 28, 2026:

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