

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

October 29, 2025

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

REINHARDT BALCERZAK
LORETTA BAUGHAN
ALAN BISHOP
HANS BREITENMOSER
ANGELA CLOSE
TED CUSHING
JAMI GEBERT
ROCKY GILNER
JASON GRUENEBERG
DENNIS KREJCI
DAVE LAFONTAINE
BETTY MANSON
PAUL MILLAN
RON NYE
RICK PEASE
LARRY RAIKOWSKI
TOM TALLIER
MICHAEL TAUTGES
HOLLY TOMLANOVICH

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

RANDY FIFRICK
ROBB JENSEN
JOSHUA KLINGBEIL
DOUG MACHON
JOHN PAVELSKI
RAY RESER
TERRY TAFT

STAFF PRESENT:

DAWN JOHNSON
DARRYL LANDEAU
DENNIS LAWRENCE
SAM WESSEL

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEITH LANGENHAHN – WISCONSIN
COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

1.) CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

MR. MILLAN called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the Wausau Business Incubator.

2.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE 7/30/25 MEETING:

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

3.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

3.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

MS. BAUGHAN provided a summary of discussion items. Sam Wessel has accepted the Senior Planner/Assistant Director position and has begun the role. Twenty-six of the thirty commission seats are now filled. Ayres was selected as the consultant for the Wisconsin Regional Orthoimagery Consortium (WROC) following the qualifications review. Interviews for the GIS Manager position are in the final stages to prepare for Andy Faust's retirement at the end of the year. The FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program has been discontinued; however, Hazard Mitigation Plans remain a requirement. The 2026 Annual Budget was also reviewed and recommended by the committee.

3.2 FEDERAL AND STATE UPDATES

MR. LANGENHAHN discussed the annual conference, where county officials gathered to share knowledge, receive updates on county issues, and review legislative matters. He noted that the Monday Association call provides another forum for counties to stay informed. The next *In the Boardroom* session will focus on short-term rentals.

3.3 RESOLUTION 2025-3: ADOPT 2026 DOT WORK PROGRAM

MR. LANDEAU provided an overview of the five elements of the rural transportation planning work program. Those included regionwide transportation planning, regional transportation data center, local transportation technical assistance, intergovernmental coordination and transportation program administration. MS. TOMLANOVICH made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by MR. BALCERZAK. Motion passed.

3.4 RESOLUTION 2025-4 & 5 SRTS TAP URBAN & RURAL APPLICATIONS

MR. LANDEAU discussed the proposed TAP application being submitted to WisDot for the 2026-2030 award cycle. The application is to continue the Regional Safe Routes to School Program. The NCWRPC has secured the matching funds. MS. GEBERT made a motion to approve the resolutions with amounts not to exceed, seconded by MR. BREITENMOSER. Motion passed.

3.5 RESOLUTION 2025-6: VILAS COUNTY BIKE PLAN – TAP APPLICATION

MR. LANDEAU provided overview of the TAP application to prepare a bicycle and pedestrian plan for Vilas County. The NCWRPC has secured the matching funds for this application. MS. TOMLANOVICH made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by MR. CUSHING. Motion passed.

3.6 RESOLUTION 2025-7: ADOPT 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET

MR. LAWRENCE provided an overview of the 2026 budget. The 3 main revenue streams of project income, levy, and program grants are expected to be \$1,158,441. Expenditures consisting of direct costs, fringe costs, and overhead costs are expected to be \$1,129,019. A fund balance of \$29,422 is projected. This budget is very similar to recent budgets. Some adjustments to the budget may occur during the year. MR. LAFONTAINE made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by MR. BALCERZAK. Motion passed.

3.7 RESOLUTION 2025-8: ADOPT REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

MR. WESSEL provided a brief update of the regional comprehensive plan, including the timeline and public hearing. MR. LAFONTAINE made a motion to adopt the Regional Comprehensive Plan, seconded by MR. PEASE. Motion passed.

3.8 RESOLUTION 2025-9: RECOGNITION OF CINDY GRETZINGER

MR. LAWRENCE announced that MS. GRETZINGER has resigned as a commissioner. She has served the NCWRPC as the governor's appointee since 2019. MR. TALLIER made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by MS. CLOSE. Motion passed.

3.9 RESOLUTION 2025-10: RECOGNITION OF KEN WINTERS

MR. LAWRENCE stated that MR. WINTERS has served on the commission since 2012 as the governor's appointee. MS. MANSON made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by MR. KREJCI. Motion passed

3.10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. LAWRENCE announced that the next meeting will occur on January 28th, 2026. He then facilitated a roundtable discussion, providing an opportunity for commissioners to share updates on local initiatives and projects within their respective counties. During this discussion, commissioners were also invited to highlight any areas where they might require support or assistance from the NCWRPC, fostering collaboration and ensuring that resources could be effectively allocated to meet local needs.

4.) ADJOURNMENT

MR. MILLAN adjourned the meeting at 12:05pm.

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 January 28, 2026:
