

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

October 30, 2024

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

REINHARDT BALCERZAK
LORETTA BAUGHAN
ALAN BISHOP
WILLIAM CHANEY
ANGELA CLOSE
TED CUSHING
RANDY FIFRICK
JAMI GEBERT
ROCKY GILNER
CINDY GRETZINGER
JASON GRUENEBERG
DENNIS KREJCI
DAVE LAFONTAINE
DOUG MACHON
BETTY MANSON
PAUL MILLAN
RONALD NYE
RICK PEASE
LARRY RAIKOWSKI
GENE SIMON
HOLLY TOMLANOVICH
KENNETH WINTERS

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

HANS BREITENMOSER
ALLEN HAGA JR.
ROBB JENSEN
JOSHUA KLINGBEIL
JOHN PAVELSKI
STEVEN SCHREIER

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDY FAUST
DAWN JOHNSON
DARRYL LANDEAU
DENNIS LAWRENCE
SAM WESSEL

OTHERS PRESENT:

ZACHARY NIENOW - MANAGER
ARIEL MAPPING, AYRES ASSOCIATES

JILL SCHOEN – WESTERN WI
SECRETARY’S DIRECTOR, WIDNR

JAMES YACH – NORTHERN WI
SECRETARY’S DIRECTOR, WIDNR

1.) CALL TO ORDER:

MR. MILLAN called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

2.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE 7/31/24 MEETING:

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

3.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

MR. MILLAN welcomed the newly appointed commissioners. MR. KREJCI from Juneau County and MR. FIFRICK from Marathon County. Both introduced themselves.

3.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

MS. BAUGHAN provided a recap of agenda items, including receiving the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association Spark award for the Lincoln County Broadband Plan. The Economic Development Administration is in the process of reauthorizing services to improve the cost split of 50/50 to 60/40.

3.2 REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. WESSEL stated that the third meeting had been conducted earlier in the month. Topics of discussion consisted of the chapters including Transportation, Economic Development and Land Use. Additional content discussed by the committee included intermodal transportation, electric bikes/scooters, the effects of remote work and the installation of solar/wind energy.

3.3 STATE & FEDERAL UPDATES

MR. YACH introduced the newly appointed West Central regional Secretary's Director JILL SCHOEN. He then discussed a grant opportunity through the Environmental Protection Agency called the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Program. This grant provides funding to address environmental justice and public health issues in underserved communities. MS. SCHOEN discussed her background with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the counties within the commissions' region that are covered by West Central.

3.4 2025 TRANSPORTATION WORK PLAN OVERVIEW

MR. LANDEAU provided an overview of the elements of the Rural Transportation Planning work program. They consist of regionwide planning, data center, local technical assistance, intergovernmental coordination and program administration. NCWRPC, as a designated rural planning partner, is required to prepare a work plan and submit it to WisDOT.

3.5 RESOLUTION 2024-6: ADOPT 2025 DOT WORK PROGRAM

MR. GRUENEGER made a motion to adopt the 2025 DOT Work Program, seconded by MR. BREITENMOSER. Motion passed.

3.6 2025 ANNUAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

MR. LAWRENCE provided an overview of the 2025 annual budget. Total revenues are expected to be \$1,110,040. This is made up of 3 main revenue streams. The largest being project income, followed by levy, and program grants. Expenditures are expected to be \$1,092,425, consisting of direct costs, fringe costs, and overhead costs. A modest fund balance of \$ 17,615 is expected. The budget may be adjusted over the year.

3.7 RESOLUTION 2024-7: ADOPT 2025 ANNUAL BUDGET

MR. BALCERZAK made a motion to adopt the 2025 annual budget, seconded by MR. CHANEY. Motion passed.

3.8 PRESENTATION: WROC 2025 STATEWIDE AIRPHOTO PROGRAM

MR. FAUST AND MR. NIENOW provided an overview of the Wisconsin Regional Orthoimagery Consortium. This multi-entity group is organized through the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The Consortium maintains a multi-participant program to acquire updated digital orthoimagery. Coordinates the collection of Lidar data. Assists members with mapping products and provides complex analytical services.

3.9 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. MILLAN announced that the next meeting will occur on January 29, 2025.

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 Entrepreneurial & Education Center, 100 N. 72nd Avenue, Wausau, WI.

Minutes Approved on January 29, 2025:
