

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

April 30, 2025

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

REINHARDT BALCERZAK
LORETTA BAUGHAN
ALAN BISHOP
HANS BREITENMOSER
WILLIAM CHANEY
ANGELA CLOSE
ROCKY GILNER
JASON GRUENEBERG
DAVE LAFONTAINE
DOUG MACHON
PAUL MILLAN
RONALD NYE
RICK PEASE
LARRY RAIKOWSKI
MICHAEL TAUTGES
HOLLY TOMLANOVICH

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

TED CUSHING
RANDY FIFRICK
JAMI GEBERT
CINDY GRETZINGER
ROBB JENSEN
JOSH KLINGBEIL
DENNIS KREJCI
BETTY MANSON
JOHN PAVELSKI
RAY RESER
KENNETH WINTERS

STAFF PRESENT:

CHRISTIAN BOULANGER
ANDY FAUST
DAWN JOHNSON
DENNIS LAWRENCE

OTHERS PRESENT:

MAGGIE CRONIN – DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE, US
CONGRESSMAN TOM TIFFANY

LEAH LASECKI – CPA PRINCIPAL,
CLIFTONLARSONALLEN

GREGG WAVRUNEK – REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE, US SENATOR
TAMMY BALDWIN

1.) CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

MR. MILLAN called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. MR. TAUTGES, the new Commissioner for Oneida County, introduced himself.

2.) APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF THE 1/29/25 MEETING:

MR. MILLAN asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as mailed. A correction was noted regarding the spelling of MS. BAUGHAN last name in section 3.2. MS. TOMLANOVICH made a motion to approve, seconded by MR. BALCERZAK. Motion passed.

3.) BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

3.1 CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

MR. MILLAN welcomed everyone to the Wausau Business Incubator.

3.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

MS. BAUGHAN provided a recap of several items discussed, which included approving 2025 fund balance restrictions, establishing a part-time assistant director, and reviewing the new GIS Manager job description related to the upcoming retirement of MR. FAUST. Additionally, she announced the birth of Senior Planner MR. WESSEL'S daughter.

3.3 STATE & FEDERAL UPDATES

MR. WAVRUNEK discussed the co-sponsorship of various bills relating to a fair tax system. He also addressed the opposition to the current tariff policy, advocated for the immediate release of disaster funds to farmers, supported year-round E15 biofuel sales, and opposed federal funding cuts in Head Start and Social Security.

MS. CRONIN discussed legislation regarding federal penalties for law enforcement that are targeted while they are protecting and serving. Delisting of the grey wolf, safe routes act to allow for logging trucks to use interstate highways, safe girls act to protect women and girls in sports, and the congressional art contest.

3.4 PRESENTATION: 2024 AUDIT REPORT LEAH LASECKI, PRINCIPAL CLA

MS. LASECKI presented the findings of the financial audit. It is the opinion of the auditors that all financial statements were presented fairly and that there were no findings regarding internal controls. The schedule of program charges and funding sources was discussed along with the supplemental Statement of Net Position with trend analysis. It is the opinion that the NCWRPC has a strong financial position. MR. LAFONTAINE made a motion to accept the 2024 annual audit, seconded by MS. CLOSE. Motion passed.

3.5 FEDERAL FUNDING DISTRUPTION IMPACTS

MR. LAWRENCE discussed the current year budget risks and the potential impacts on the NCWRPC and its member counties related to federal funding uncertainty. Several grants that had already been awarded and started have been stalled, while other funding is being reviewed by various agencies. These could create cashflow issues as well as loss of funding.

3.6 2024 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW & ADOPTION

MR. LAWRENCE provided an overview of the draft annual report, which is required under state statute. The report summarizes the many activities of the organization over the past year and highlights regional and county projects for 2024. Over 90 projects were identified as completed or underway throughout the region. He stated that once the draft was reviewed, it would be formatted, printed, and distributed to our mailing list. MS. TOMLANOVICH motioned to approve the report and distribute it when ready, seconded by MS. CLOSE. Motion passed.

3.7 PRESENTATION: REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OVERVIEW

MR. BOULANGER presented an update on the regional comprehensive plan process and highlighted some of the findings. Per state statute, the plan needs to be updated every ten years. When completed, the plan provides a general framework for county and local plans. The plan has been in development over the past year and is being overseen by a steering committee. He highlighted each of the ten chapters in the plan and mentioned that the regional comprehensive plan survey will close in mid-May. The full plan and survey results will be presented at the July meeting and adopted in October.

3.8 ESTABLISH CEDS STEERING COMMITTEE

MR. LAWRENCE explained that, as a regional Economic Development District, NCWRPC is required to update its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) every five years. As part of that process, we need to establish an ad hoc Steering Committee to oversee the development of that plan. A motion to form a steering committee was made by MR. BREITENMOSER, seconded by MS. CLOSE.

Members were requested for the steering committee, MS. CLOSE, MR. GRUENEBERG, MR. MILLAN and MS. TOMLANOVICH volunteered.

3.9 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. MILLAN announced that the next meeting will be held on July 30th, 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 Business Incubator, 100 N. 72nd Avenue, Wausau, WI.

Minutes Approved on July 30, 2025:
