

**Minutes of the  
West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC)  
Thursday, November 10, 2016 Meeting - 10:00 a.m.  
Curtiss Fire Station, Curtiss, WI**

**Commissioners Present:** Jess Miller, Ken Jost, Gary Taxdahl, Anson Albarado, Jason Bergeron, Chuck Rueth, Joe Waichulis, Norman Wesenberg, Richard Creaser, Kathy Clark, Gordy Steinhauer, John Frank, William Johnson, Craig Moriak, Warren Nelson, Agnes Ring, Larry Weisenbeck, Tom Coulter

**Commissioners Absent:** Steve Gerrish, Bob Walter, Tom Quinn

**Staff Present:** Lynn Nelson, Lisa Ruth, Landon Profaizer, Eric Anderson

**Visitors Present:** Brian Duell, Clark Co. Planning & Zoning; Sheila Nyberg, Clark County Economic Development Corporation; Jim Arch, Clark County Land Conservation

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** Commissioners, staff, and guests were introduced.
3. **Minutes of September 8, 2016 Commission Meeting:** Mr. Waichulis moved to accept the minutes as distributed; seconded by Mr. Coulter; motion carried.
4. **Review and Approve Disbursements:** A motion was made by Mr. Rueth to approve the disbursements, seconded by Mr. Coulter; motion carried.
5. **Director's Report:** Ms. Nelson updated Commissioners on current/upcoming projects, staffing changes, new RBF, Inc. brochure, EDA work taking place, January 2017 budget approval, and 2016 end of year financial outlook.
6. **Resolution Adopting Annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Report:** Per Economic Development Administration requirements, the WCWRPC must prepare and submit a CEDs annual report listing progress towards meeting the goals of the *CEDs Update* from 2015. Mr. Profaizer explained the framework for the annual report, how the region is performing in its economic health, and the WCWRPC work plan. Some questions/suggestions were mentioned that included sending the CEDs Annual Report to the EDCs, identify acronyms, and a request for verbal clarification on workforce development activities. Mr. Frank moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Rueth; motion carried.
7. **Resolution Authorizing Commitment of Matching Funds for the EDA Planning Grant Application:** Ms. Nelson noted that by November 15, 2016, WCWRPC must submit an EDA Partnership Planning Grant Application for the next three-year cycle of planning funds. As part of the application, WCWRPC must document the commitment of matching funds. She stated that additional funds will be available for 2017, but EDA has not confirmed that amount. WCWRPC should be notified of the amount in January or February of 2017. Mr. Johnson moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Ring; motion carried.
8. **Discussion/Approval of 2017 EDA Affirmative Action Program & Progress Report:** This annual Affirmation Action Program and Progress Report is required as per Title VI regulations and is a requirement of EDA. Ms. Clark moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Taxdahl; motion carried.
9. **Village of Frederic Comprehensive Plan Update Agreement:** The Village of Frederic is requesting WCWRPC assistance in updating the community's comprehensive plan. Work is to begin in January, 2017. Motion by Mr. Johnson to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Coulter; motion carried.
10. **City of Greenwood Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP), and/or Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Grant Application(s) Preparation Agreement:** The City of Greenwood is requesting WCWRPC assistance in preparing CDBG, CWFP, and/or SDWLP grant applications for completion of infrastructure improvements along East and West Begley Street. Mr. Rueth moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Waichulis; motion carried.

At this time, there was a 15 minute break.

11. **Discussion on FEMA Floodplain Mapping:** As brought to the attention of Commission staff by Commissioner Agnes Ring, and mentioned at a previous meeting, the inaccuracy of FEMA floodplain maps has been causing issues for residents in many counties. Ms. Nelson said that staff have looked into the issue and written a brief summary of findings that was handed out to Commissioners. Many issues were the result of using old, outdated information in updating the maps. Several Commissioners told stories of homeowners who carry an unnecessary burden of the cost to make changes on the FEMA maps for their property and the process is long and frustrating. After some discussion, it was suggested that the WCWRPC contact other RPC directors and find out if they are having the same issue and that maybe a regional solution could be initiated.

Prior to the presentation, Ms. Nyberg gave an update on Clark County economic activities.

12. **Clark County Ag Presentation:** Mr. Arch stated that a large hog facility is developing in Clark County. This facility would be start-of-the-art in their treatment of animals and is part of the Global Animal Partnership (GAP). Mr. Duell and Mr. Waichulis also commented on the cage-free chicken farms that are in the county with highly marketable manure. The county isn't expecting too many issues with either of these facilities. The most notable problem is the heavy trucks/machinery wearing down the roads.

Mr. Frank, being an expert on political issues, gave a brief analysis on the current election results.

13. **Recognition of Lisa Ruth for 40 Years of Service to the Regional Planning Commission:** Ms. Nelson gave a few historic facts/moments since Ms. Ruth came to the Commission in 1976. Ms. Ruth was presented with a clock and cake commemorating her years with the Commission.
14. **Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 12:15 pm.
15. **Next Commission Meeting Date:** The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2017 in St. Croix County.
16. **Adjournment:** Mr. Waichulis moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Clark; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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