Meeting Notice
West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC)
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Fill-Inn Station
104 W. Columbia Street
Chippewa Falls, WI

Agenda

1. Call to Order – Chair John Frank

2. Welcome and Introduction of Commissioners and Guests – Frank

3. Review and Approve Minutes of November 8, 2018 Commission Meeting – Frank

4. Review and Approve Disbursements – Frank

5. Broadband Expansion Update Presentation and Discussion on Connect Americans Now – Senior Planner Chris Straight/Frank
   Background: Mr. Straight will present information on broadband expansion tools and the Connect Americans Now (CAN) effort. The Commission will be asked to discuss interest in joining CAN.
   Potential Action: Discuss and approve WCWRPC joining CAN if appropriate.

6. Discussion/Approval of 2019 Work Program and Budget – Executive Director Lynn Nelson/Frank
   Background: A preliminary 2019 budget was approved by the Commission in September of 2018. A final 2019 Work Program and Budget is now being presented for review and approval.
   Potential Action: Review and approve final 2019 Work Program and Budget.

7. Regional Business Fund, Inc. Board Appointment – Nelson/Frank
   Background: Every three years the Commission makes an appointment to the Regional Business Fund, Inc. Board of Directors. Pam Owen from the Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) was a previous appointment but has served three terms and is not eligible for re-appointment. Nelson is therefore recommending the appointment of Dan Lytle as Ms. Owen’s replacement.
   Potential Action: Discuss and approve a Commission appointment to the Regional Business Fund, Inc. Board of Directors.

8. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Protection/Lake Management Plan Implementation Grant Application Submittal – Straight/Nelson/Frank
   Background: WCWRPC is proposing submittal of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Protection/Lake Management Grant Application. The requested funds will be used to implement public education and citizen engagement activities as recommended in the document “Healthy Soils and Healthy Waters: A Community Strategy for the Eau Claire River Watershed”.
   Potential Action: Discuss and approve resolution authorizing application submittal.
   
   **Background:** The Altoona School District is requesting WCWRPC assistance with implementation activities identified in the community’s Safe Routes to School Plan.
   
   **Potential Action:** Review and approve agreement.

10. **Chippewa Falls Area United School District Safe Routes to School Plan Implementation Agreement – Nelson/Frank**
    
    **Background:** The Chippewa Falls Area United School District is requesting WCWRPC assistance with implementation activities identified in the community’s Safe Routes to School Plan.
    
    **Potential Action:** Review and approve agreement.

11. **Eau Claire Area School District Safe Routes to School Plan Implementation Agreement – Nelson/Frank**
    
    **Background:** The Eau Claire Area School District is requesting WCWRPC assistance with implementation activities identified in the community’s Safe Routes to School Plan.
    
    **Potential Action:** Review and approve agreement.

12. **Town of Arthur Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance Agreement – Nelson/Frank**
    
    **Background:** The Town of Arthur in Chippewa County has requested assistance in developing a Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance.
    
    **Potential Action:** Review and approve agreement.

13. **Barron County FEMA Funded Safe Room Administration Agreement – Nelson/Frank**
    
    **Background:** Barron County was recently awarded Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding to assist with the construction of two community safe rooms in response to tornados that took place in the summer of 2017. WCWRPC staff will be assisting the county with meeting FEMA administrative requirements tied to the project.
    
    **Potential Action:** Review and approve agreement.

14. **Chippewa Falls Shared Ride Taxi Administration Agreement – Nelson/Frank**
    
    **Background:** The City of Chippewa Falls is requesting WCWRPC assistance with administering the state and federal funding requirements tied to the community’s shared ride taxi program. Similar administration was also provided in 2018.
    
    **Potential Action:** Review and approve agreement.

15. **Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Market Study Agreement – Nelson/Frank**
    
    **Background:** The Chippewa Valley Innovation Center (CVIC) is a business incubator located on the northside of the City of Eau Claire. CVIC has requested assistance in completing a market study for the facility and its incubation services.
    
    **Potential Action:** Review and approve agreement.

16. **Neillsville Economic Impact Analysis Agreement – Nelson/Frank**
    
    **Background:** In response to the development of a new campus for the Memorial Medical Center in the Town of Pine Valley, the City of Neillsville has requested the completion of an Economic Impact Analysis to be utilized by the city and partner entities in planning for the future.
    
    **Potential Action:** Review and approve agreement.
17. Dunn County Economic Development Corporation Commute to Careers Agreement – Nelson/Frank

Background: The Dunn County Economic Development Corporation, in coordination with Dunn County Transit, was recently awarded Commute to Careers funding from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Wisconsin Department of Administration. The funding will be used to establish employee transportation services to the Stout Technology and Business Park and the Menomonie Industrial Park. WCWRPC will be assisting with the initial service model development.

Potential Action: Review and approve agreement.


Background: Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) has requested WCWRPC staff assistance in conducting a placemaking exercise in the City of Hayward. WCWRPC’s assistance is meant to provide training to NWRPC staff on how to conduct placemaking exercises so they can provide the service to communities in their region in the future.

Potential Action: Review and approve agreement.

19. Rain to Rivers Storm Water Outreach Coordinator Agreement – Nelson/Frank

Background: Rain to Rivers is seeking to contract with WCWRPC for staffing to fill their Storm Water Outreach Coordinator position. The position will assist with public education and outreach activities related to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits required under the Clean Water Act. This service has been provided to the group since 2016 but was previously under an agreement with Eau Claire County.

Potential Action: Review and approve agreement.

20. Director’s Report - Nelson

Background: Nelson will provide an update on project, budget, and staffing activities.

Potential Action: Informational only.

21. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date – TBD

22. Next Commission Meeting Date – FRIDAY, March 8, 2019 – DUNN COUNTY

23. Adjournment – Frank

ATTENTION COMMISSIONERS: If you are unable to attend, please contact Lisa Ruth at 715-836-2918 or lruth@wcwrpc.org. Counts are needed for quorum and lunch purposes.