

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the  
West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC)  
Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 1:00 p.m.  
Zoom Video or Dial-In Meeting**

**Commissioners Present by Phone/Video:** Louie Okey, Steve Gerrish, Joe Waichulis, Steve Rasmussen, John Frank, William Johnson, Larry Weisenbeck

**Visitors Present by Phone/Video:** Congressman Ron Kind, Mark Aumann-Ron Kind's Eau Claire Office

**Staff Present Phone/Video:** Lynn Nelson, Lisa Ruth, Tobi LeMahieu, Landon Profaizer

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Frank called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting:** A motion was made by Mr. Waichulis to approve the April 9, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Johnson; motion carried.

Prior to continuing with the agenda items, Congressman Ron Kind provided a COVID 19 update to the Commissioners. He touched on many areas of concern including the Paycheck Protection Program, CARES Act, and the scarcity of personal protection equipment for medical staff. He noted that a right balance needs to be found before Wisconsin opens up, including a comprehensive testing regime. He also explained his Five Point Family Farm Rescue Plan that would give relief to Wisconsin farmers. After his update, Congressman Kind participated in a Q &A from Commissioners.

3. **Agreement with Chippewa County for the Provision of Administrative Assistance for the Chippewa County Small Business Disaster Relief Loan Fund:** Ms. LeMahieu stated that the Regional Planning Commission would be hired on a per loan basis to perform loan closings to assist Chippewa County in this endeavor. Chippewa County tabled approval of the fund at their initial review meeting but will be revisiting the proposal on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Approval of the agreement to utilize RPC staff for assistance has already taken place and will move forward when and/or if the fund is approved. Ms. Nelson asked that Commissioners act on the agreement, so if or when the fund is approved by Chippewa County, RPC staff will be ready to quickly move forward with assistance. Mr. Weisenbeck moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Rasmussen; motion carried.
4. **Any Other Business or Updates:** Ms. Nelson noted that at the March Commission meeting it was requested that the approved levy charge to counties for 2021 be revisited at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting considering the unpredictable times we currently find ourselves in due to COVID 19. A final levy fee for 2021 just needs to be determined prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> to meet applicable guidelines, giving Commissioners time for further discussion. At the March meeting, Option 4 was approved including a 2% levy increase to member counties for 2021. Ms. Nelson presented three other options to the Commissioners for consideration at the May meeting. After much input and conversation, it was felt that Option 3, no increase to any counties from the 2020 dollar amount, was to be presented and discussed at the Full Commission meeting in May as the revised option being recommended by the Executive Committee.

Ms. Nelson also discussed the county board appointments to the Commission as known to date.

5. **Next Commission Meeting Date – Thursday, May 28, 2020 – Remote Zoom meeting**
6. **Next Executive Committee Meeting Date – Thursday, June 11, 2020 – Location to be determined**
7. **Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. Waichulis moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rasmussen; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.