

**Minutes of Executive Committee of the
West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 12, 2014
Gillette Room, Banbury Place, Eau Claire, WI**

Commissioners Present: Jess Miller, Ken Jost, Florian Skwierczynski, Norman Wesenberg, Joe Waichulis, Richard Creaser, Robert Walter, John Frank, Kathleen Clark, William Johnson, Craig Moriak, Larry Weisenbeck, Agnes Ring

Staff Present: Lynn Nelson, Lisa Ruth, Kim Zimmerman, Beth Waldhart

Others Present: Mike Finger, Innovation Foundation of Western Wisconsin; Maxwell Docksey, Sean Duffy's Office

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Jess Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was noted that this is an Executive Committee meeting, but all Commissioners were invited to attend the meeting, the orientation for the new Commissioners, and become acquainted with the staff.
2. **Innovation Foundation of Western Wisconsin – Discussion with Mike Finger:** Ms. Nelson noted that the Innovation Foundation of Western Wisconsin (IFWW) was started with a grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation which was submitted on behalf of the Eau Claire Area EDC and written by the WCWRPC. The IFWW provides a variety of services to entrepreneurs, innovators, and businesses. These services focus on creating growth through innovation. Mr. Finger went over the services of the IFWW and how the organization could complement and benefit from a partnership with the WCWRPC and RBF, Inc. and vice versa. Although formal discussions have not taken place, it was noted that the entities could leverage one another and help existing businesses through the RBF, Inc. with assistance. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed that this could be an extremely beneficial arrangement and further exploration should take place. They asked that Ms. Nelson put together a proposal, with details, regarding this endeavor.
3. **Action Items:**

Minutes of February 6, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Weisenbeck; motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements: Mr. Weisenbeck moved to approve the disbursements, seconded by Mr. Waichulis; motion carried.

Clark County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Agreement: Ms. Nelson stated that this was an update to Clark County's 2010 plan. Ms. Clark moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Creaser; motion carried.
4. **Information Items:**

Review/Discuss 2015 Budget and Work Program: Ms. Nelson went over the draft Work Program and briefly highlighted the program areas. She noted that the Commission is in good shape collecting contract revenue and went over the contractual revenue secured for 2014. She also went over potential contracts for 2014/2015. Some Commissioners expressed concern if budget obligations can be met so there isn't a repeat of last year's shortfall. She assured them that she is doing everything possible, but "other revenues" are not guaranteed, however this year looks good and next year looks promising. Ms. Ring thanked her for her hard work and appreciated the update.
5. **Next Meeting Date:** At this time, no meeting date was set for the next Executive Committee.
6. **Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. Waichulis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Weisenbeck; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

During the orientation, which was held in the RPC offices, Commissioners were treated to food items from around the region. The businesses and units of government representing the items were awarded grants through applications submitted by the WCWRPC or loans through the RBF, Inc. Various stations were set up throughout the WCWRPC offices to introduce the Commissioners to staff, WCWRPC program areas, the projects they are currently working on, and what is involved in the planning process.

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