

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 23, 2009

2:00 p.m.

SEWRPC Office Building
Commissioners' Conference Room
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

David L. Stroik, Chairman
Thomas H. Buestrin
James T. Dwyer
Adelene Greene
Michael J. Miklasevich
Nancy Russell
Daniel S. Schmidt
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

Richard A. Hansen, Vice-Chairman
William R. Drew

Staff:

Kenneth R. Yunker
Loretta Watson

Executive Director
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Chairman Stroik called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present. Mr. Yunker noted for the record that Commissioners Drew and Hansen had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2009, AND APRIL 3, 2009, MEETINGS

Mr. Miklasevich noted that the minutes of March 26 indicate that he was present at the meeting but the minutes should indicate that he was excused.

Ms. Russell suggested that the last sentence in the first full paragraph on page 3 of the March 26, 2009 minutes should have the word "should" inserted between the words "they" and "still" to make it clear that her suggestion at the meeting was that the Administrative and Executive Committee meetings should have their meetings back-to-back recognizing the travel time attendant for some Commissioners traveling to

and from the Commission offices. Mr. Yunker stated that these two corrections will be made in the official copies of the minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Schmidt seconded by Mr. Miklasevich and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held on March 26, 2009, and April 3, 2009, were approved as corrected.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, MS. GREENE REPORTING
(Meeting of April 23, 2009)

Ms. Greene reported that the Administrative Committee, at its meeting held just before the Executive Committee meeting, had taken the following actions:

1. Reviewed and approved the Commission disbursements for two financial reporting periods: Year 2009 Nos. 7 and 8, extending over the period March 16, 2009, to April 12, 2009.
2. Reviewed the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the financial reporting period ending April 12, 2009.
3. Approved the replacement of a year 2000 Chevrolet Silverado four-wheel drive pickup truck used for the Commission surveying operations with a year 2009 Chevrolet Silverado, four-wheel drive pickup truck.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Miklasevich, and carried unanimously, the Administrative Committee report was approved.

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

Chairman Stroik asked Mr. Yunker to review the proposed contracts and agreements, noting that the Committee members had received a table listing two contracts prior to the meeting. Mr. Yunker then briefly reviewed the two contracts reported in the table.

There being no discussion, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt seconded by Ms. Green and carried unanimously, the report relative to the contracts was accepted and placed on file (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

WORK PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Yunker reviewed a table entitled "Work Program Progress Report" noting that the Committee members had received a copy of the table prior to the meeting (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

Mr. Wirth noted that he had attended the public meeting and hearing on the update to the Regional Natural Areas plan at the Riveredge Nature Center on April 21, 2009. Mr. Yunker noted that a total of four public meetings and hearings will be held on the plan and that two have been held to date with modest attendance and two additional meetings are to be held in the next week.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Yunker responded that the study and implementation of high-speed rail in the State of Wisconsin will be the responsibility of the Wisconsin Department of

Transportation. He noted that the State of Wisconsin in anticipation of a future Federal funding program has taken the lead among states in conducting planning studies and further conducting the necessary preliminary engineering and environmental impact studies so that the State has shovel-ready projects between Milwaukee and Madison and Milwaukee and Chicago.

Ms. Russell noted that recent elections in Walworth County have resulted in changes in local officials and this may result in possible delays in completing County and local comprehensive plans. Mr. Yunker responded that the Commission staff will work with Walworth County in addressing this issue. He noted he was not aware of similar issues in the Commission's work in completing comprehensive plans in Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, and Washington Counties.

CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING FOR THE MILWAUKEE URBANIZED AREA MODIFYING THE ADJUSTED MILWAUKEE URBANIZED AREA BOUNDARY

Mr. Yunker reviewed with the Committee the Commission staff memorandum entitled "Proposed Modification to the Adjusted Milwaukee Urbanized Area Boundary" (copy attached to Official Minutes). He noted that the proposed change in the boundary was recommended by Commission staff and by the Commission's Advisory Committee on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee urbanized area. He noted that the boundary change would permit the Lannon Road (CTH Y) reconstruction project by Washington County to be funded by the State of Wisconsin with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds which are available at the discretion of the State of Wisconsin to be spent on county and local projects within the State outside of urbanized areas with a population of over 200,000. Mr. Dwyer suggested for future memorandums that the specific minor changes to be made to the adjusted urbanized area be noted in a different color so it would be easier to identify the proposed changes.

On a motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Wirth, and carried unanimously, the requested change in the adjusted Milwaukee urbanized area boundary was approved (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

SUGGESTION OF ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Stroik asked whether any Executive Committee members would like to suggest items to appear on the next meeting agenda. There were no suggested items from the Committee members.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Yunker stated that it will likely be necessary for the Executive Committee to meet again on short notice in early May to consider approval of the projects selected to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program – Milwaukee Urbanized Area (ARRA FHWA STP-MUA) funding. Mr. Yunker noted that this meeting could be handled so Commissioners could choose to participate through a conference call. Mr. Yunker stated that the meeting will be noticed in the manner as all Commission meetings, and staff and some Commissioners will attend the meeting as usual at the Commission offices, but some Commissioners may choose to participate via telephone. Mr. Dwyer suggested that for such meetings, Commissioners participating by telephone should be requested to identify themselves before speaking.

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Mr. Buestrin noted that the work of preparing a book documenting the Commission's history over its first fifty years is nearly complete. He reminded the Commission that Paul Hayes, a long-time *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* environmental reporter who covered the Commission in its early years, is writing the book and the book is being reviewed by former Directors Kurt W. Bauer and Philip C. Evenson, and himself. He stated that what will be remaining is to publish the book next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Miklasevich seconded by Mr. Dwyer and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Yunker
Deputy Secretary

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Attachments