

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 31, 2006

2:00 p.m.

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

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Thomas H. Buestrin, Chairman
Adelene Greene
Richard A. Hansen
Allen L. Morrison
Daniel S. Schmidt
David L. Stroik
Paul G. Vrakas
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

William R. Drew, Vice-Chairman
Linda J. Seemeyer

Absent:

Staff:

Philip C. Evenson
Loretta Watson

Executive Director
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Chairman Buestrin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present. Mr. Evenson noted for the record that Commissioners Drew and Seemeyer had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2006, MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 27, 2006, were approved as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, MR. VRAKAS REPORTING

(Meeting of August 31, 2006)

Mr. Vrakas 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 three financial reporting periods: Year 2006 Nos. 15, 16 and 17, extending over the period July 10, 2006, to August 20, 2006.
2. Reviewed the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the financial reporting period ending August 20, 2006. With about 65 percent of the year completed, the projections indicate a year end surplus of about \$53,000, not including interest income and proceeds from the sale of materials.
3. Received a report that the trustee for the Rockwood Drive Building bond transaction activity, JP Morgan Chase and Company, has sold its corporate trust business to The Bank of New York. Consequently, the Commission will be dealing with a Bank of New York relationship manager in the years ahead.

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

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

Chairman Buestrin asked Mr. Evenson to review the proposed contracts and agreements, noting that the Committee members had received a table listing the contracts prior to the meeting. Mr. Evenson then briefly reviewed the three contracts reported on the table. He noted that the first contract is with Walworth County and involves preparation of a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan for the County. Walworth County did not receive a "Smart Growth" planning grant from the State of Wisconsin; accordingly, Walworth County has determined to fund the planning effort with local resources. The remaining two contracts are with State agencies and involve providing technical services to those agencies.

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

GEO 29 REVIEW

Chairman Buestrin asked Mr. Evenson to report on the Federal grants and loans and direct Federal development projects submitted to the Commission for intergovernmental review pursuant to the requirements set forth in Gubernatorial Executive Order No. 29.

Mr. Evenson noted that summaries of the four project applications were provided to the Committee members with the agenda for the meeting. There were no conflicts, he said, between any of the projects and the adopted regional plans.

Following a brief discussion, on a motion by Mr. Stroik seconded by Ms. Greene, and carried unanimously, the following three applications were recommended to the grantor agencies for approval as being in conformance, or not in conflict, with adopted regional plans: one community action program (CAP-2169); two conservation programs (CONSER-996 through CONSER-997), and one housing program (HOUS-590) (copy of table attached to Official Minutes).

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO 2005-2007 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Evenson referred to Resolution No. 2006-12, which, if approved, would amend the 2005-2007 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. He asked that the Committee consider Resolution 2006-12, attached to which are exhibits attendant to a total of six transportation projects. These projects include two that would aid low-income families in purchasing vehicles for job transportation, one that would fund a pilot project to help individuals reclaim driver's licenses as an aid in becoming employable, one that would initiate public transit service along Canal Street in the Menomonee Valley in Milwaukee, one that would initiate transit service from Granville Station in Milwaukee to the Mequon Campus of MATC, and one that involves the installation of guard rails in the median of IH 43 in Ozaukee County. All six of these projects, he said, are consistent with regional plan recommendations. Moreover, all six have been approved by mail ballot of the members of the Commission's Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine Urbanized areas.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, to adopt Resolution 2006-12 (copy attached to Official Minutes).

Mr. Evenson then referred to Resolution No. 2006-13, which, if approved, also would amend the 2005-2007 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. He asked that the Committee consider Resolution 2006-13, attached to which are exhibits attendant to two transportation projects. The two projects, he said, were submitted by the City of Milwaukee and involve reconstruction of existing arterial street facilities beginning yet this year. Both projects are consistent with the Commission's regional plan, he said, and both projects have been approved by mail ballot of the members of the Commission's Advisory Committee on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee Urbanized area.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and carried unanimously, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-13 (copy attached to Official Minutes).

WORK PROGRESS REPORTS

Mr. Evenson indicated that he had no work progress reports at this time. He indicated that he would comprehensively review the Commission's work program at the September 13, 2006, Commission meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Evenson reported that the Commission had been informed that Walworth County Board Supervisor Allen L. Morrison has been reappointed to the Commission for a six-year term ending in September 2012. On behalf of the entire Commission, Chairman Buestrin congratulated Commissioner Morrison on his new appointment.

Mr. Evenson also reported that Commissioner Robert Brooks, Chairman of the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors, had informed the Commission that he is resigning from his Commission position. The press of his County Board duties and business and family obligations prohibit his continuation on the Commission.

Finally, Mr. Evenson noted that a Democracy Award Luncheon has been scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2006, by the Les Aspin Center for Government at Marquette University. The luncheon will honor Congressman John Lewis of Georgia. It was agreed that the Commission should try to be represented at the forthcoming luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Greene, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip C. Evenson
Deputy Secretary

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