

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 26, 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
Allen L. Morrison
Daniel S. Schmidt
David L. Stroik
Paul G. Vrakas
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

William R. Drew, Vice-Chairman
Richard A. Hansen
Linda J. Seemeyer

Absent:

Staff:

Philip C. Evenson
Loretta Watson

Executive Director
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Chairman Buestrin called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present. Mr. Evenson noted for the record that Commissioners Drew, Hansen, and Seemeyer had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006, MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on September 28, 2006, were approved as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, MR. VRAKAS REPORTING

(Meeting of October 26, 2006)

Mr. Buestrin 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 2006 Nos. 20 and 21, extending over the period September 18, 2006, to October 15, 2006.

2. Received a report from the Commission's financial consultant that the trustee for the funds placed by the Commission to allow early retirement of the bonds used to acquire the Rockwood Drive Building has placed such funds in a U.S. Treasury note that bears a five percent interest rate. The auditor has suggested that the Commission make one additional cash advance payment on these bonds in February 2007 in the amount of \$360,000. This would permit full retirement of the remaining bonds early in 2011. The Committee determined to review this matter after the close of the year and a staff report on the probable fiscal condition of the Commission at that time.
3. Received a report that group medical insurance rates for 2007 through the Group Insurance Board operated for local governments by the State of Wisconsin increased in 2007 but in relatively modest terms compared to prior years. All increases were single digits except the Humana HMO, which increased rates by about 10 percent.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, 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 one contract prior to the meeting. Mr. Evenson then briefly reviewed the one contract reported on the table. He noted that this contract provides for a pass-through to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources of certain funds provided to the Commission by the Wisconsin Department of Administration for the purpose of supporting State work efforts to help the Commission update its natural areas and critical species habitat plan and extend that plan to Sheboygan County.

There being no discussion, on a motion by Ms. Greene, seconded by Mr. Vrakas, and carried unanimously, the report relative to the contract 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 a summary of one project application was provided to the Committee members with the agenda for the meeting. There were no conflicts, he said, with the project and the adopted regional plans.

Following a brief discussion, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and carried unanimously, the following application was recommended to the grantor agencies for approval as being in conformance, or not in conflict, with adopted regional plans: one conservation program (CONSER-1002) (copy of table attached to Official Minutes).

WORK PROGRESS REPORTS

Mr. Evenson reported that progress continues to be made on establishing a work program attendant to the redevelopment of the 30th Street industrial corridor in the City of Milwaukee. The Commission's work efforts, which are being undertaken at the request of the Milwaukee County Board's Economic and Community Development Committee Chairman, Supervisor Michael Mayo, are intended to result in an

action plan for the revitalization of that corridor area. The envisioned work effort in 2007 will consist of the development of a vision, the generation of both private and public sector commitments to translate that vision to an action plan, and the establishment of a management structure to carry out that action plan.

In connection with this work effort, Mr. Evenson continued, the Commission staff intends to establish a small branch office in Milwaukee County. The office will need to be located where meetings can conveniently be held of several groups of individuals that will be assembled to help move this work program along. Mr. Evenson indicated that he would work with the Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman in establishing an appropriately located and sized office for this purpose.

Mr. Evenson also reported that work is now fully underway on all five of the county's comprehensive planning efforts being directed by the Commission relative to meeting the State's "Smart Growth" planning requirements by 2010. He noted that three counties – Ozaukee, Washington, and Kenosha – are being managed in the Commission's Community Assistance Division, with two counties – Walworth and Racine – being managed in the Commission's Land Use Planning Division.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Evenson reported that the Milwaukee County Finance Committee voted unanimously to approve the Commission's budget request. The Milwaukee County Board will vote on this budget item next month. He indicated that no contacts with other counties concerning the Commission's 2007 budget request had been made. In response to a question by Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Evenson indicated that no additional action has been taken relative to a resolution submitted by an individual Milwaukee County Board Supervisor relative to a study of the relationship of the Commission and Milwaukee County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Vrakas, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip C. Evenson
Deputy Secretary

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