

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

QUARTERLY MEETING

September 12, 2007

3:00 p.m.

Waukesha County Airport – Crites Field
Airport Terminal Building Conference Room
2525 Aviation Drive
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Present:

Excused:

Commissioners:

Thomas H. Buestrin, Chairman
Richard A. Hansen, Vice-Chairman
Charlene S. Brady
William R. Drew
James T. Dwyer
Anita M. Faraone
Adelene Greene
Susan S. Greenfield
Michael J. Miklasevich
Allen L. Morrison
Robert W. Pitts
David L. Stroik
Paul G. Vrakas
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

Gregory L. Holden
Lee Holloway
William E. Johnson
Mary A. Kacmarcik
Daniel S. Schmidt
Anselmo Villarreal

Absent:

Staff:

Philip C. Evenson
Robert P. Biebel
Loretta Watson

Executive Director
Special Projects Engineer
Executive Secretary

Guests:

Daniel P. Vrakas
Duane H. Bluemke
Laurie Faraone
Vilas J. Lund

Waukesha County Executive
Former SEWRPC Commissioner

ROLL CALL

Chairman Buestrin called the 218th meeting of the Commission to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present. Mr. Evenson indicated for the record that Commissioners Holden, Holloway, Johnson, Kacmarcik, Schmidt, and Villarreal had asked to be excused.

WELCOME

Chairman Buestrin recognized Waukesha County Executive Daniel P. Vrakas for welcoming remarks. Mr. Vrakas indicated that Waukesha County was pleased to host this meeting of the Commission at its County Airport facility. He noted that during his stint as a State Legislator, he observed that the Commission was respected State-wide and that it clearly is a valued partner in the seven-county southeastern region of the State. He noted that not only is the Commission effectively working in such important areas as water supply and telecommunications, but that the Commission also contracts with the County to perform County Surveyor duties. In speaking with his own staff, Mr. Vrakas indicated that he found that there is a very good working relationship between the County and the Commission and that having the Commission and its staff expertise available made for a very productive and efficient partnership. He then complimented the Commissioners on their willingness to serve on the Commission and provide leadership in looking ahead to the needs of the Region's future generations of residents.

Mr. Buestrin thanked Mr. Vrakas for his remarks and then recognized Mr. Duane H. Bluemke, a former SEWRPC Commissioner and currently a member of the Waukesha County Airport Commission. Mr. Bluemke noted that when he joined the Commission in 1992, he was very impressed with the quality of the Commission staff, noting that the Commission's culture resulted in thorough and complete research and the publication of reliable data. He was very pleased, he said, to have served on the Commission for 12 years. As a member of the Waukesha County Airport Commission, he welcomed the Commissioners to Crites Field, noting that the airport facility has great potential to develop into one of the most important economic assets in the State. He indicated that he looked forward to observing the Commission's meeting today.

Mr. Buestrin thanked Mr. Bluemke for his remarks and for his continuing support of the Commission's work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2007, MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Hansen, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 20, 2007, were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Noting that Mr. Drew was en route to the meeting, Chairman Buestrin asked Mr. Evenson to present the Treasurer's report. Mr. Evenson noted that a copy of the report had been provided to all Commissioners for review at the meeting. In commenting on the report, he called attention to the following items:

1. Based upon disbursements through August 5, 2007, it is projected that total disbursements for the year will approximate \$7.5 million. Revenues are projected at nearly \$7.7 million, exclusive of interest income and miscellaneous revenues.
2. The total amount of funds held by the Commission in the various operating, liability, and reserve accounts approximates \$2.6 million. The various accounts are identified on the second page of the report.

3. As of August 5, 2007, the Commission had in investments and cash on hand about \$3.4 million. About \$2.5 million are invested in the State of Wisconsin Local Government Pooled Investment Fund. As of August 5, 2007, that fund was yielding 5.21 percent interest. Other funds are held in savings and checking accounts and in certificates of deposits at several banks.

There being no discussion, on a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Faraone, and carried unanimously, the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 5, 2007, was approved (copy attached to Official Minutes).

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Research Committee

Noting that Commissioner Schmidt was unable to attend the meeting, Chairman Buestrin asked Commissioner Brady, the Vice Chair of the Planning and Research Committee, to present the Planning and Research Committee report. Noting that the Planning and Research Committee had met once since the Commission Annual meeting on June 20, 2007, Ms. Brady reported the following items:

On August 30, 2007, the Committee took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and acted to recommend to the Commission for adoption an amendment to the regional water quality management plan pertaining to the sanitary sewer service area for the City of Burlington. That amendment, scheduled for action later in this meeting, involves the addition of nearly one square mile of land to the planned sewer service area, of which about one-half consists of lands suitable for urban development. The developable lands are expected to be used for urban residential purposes, potentially accommodating about 1,300 residents. The proposed amendment was found to be consistent with the adopted regional land use plan.
2. Reviewed and acted to recommend to the Commission for adoption an amendment to the regional water quality management plan pertaining to the sanitary sewer service area for the City of Oak Creek. That amendment, scheduled for action later in this meeting, involves updating the determination of the areal extent of the environmental corridor in two locations in the City. The updating effort takes into account new floodplain determinations along the Oak Creek. The proposed amendment was found to be consistent with the adopted regional land use and Oak Creek watershed plans.
3. Reviewed and acted to recommend to the Commission for adoption an amendment to the regional water quality management plan pertaining to the sanitary sewer service area for the Village of Sussex. That amendment, scheduled for action later in this meeting, involves the addition of a small, 14-acre area to the planned sewer service area. The lands concerned are to be developed for a new Town of Lisbon fire station. The proposed amendment was found to be consistent with the adopted regional land use plan.
4. Reviewed and acted to send back to the Commission staff for further study, a proposal by the City of Cedarburg to amend its sanitary sewer service area plan. The additional work required involves responding to several points made by the Administrator of the Town of Cedarburg, including the need for a cost-effectiveness analysis that would compare serving the areas concerned with onsite wastewater disposal systems to the City's proposal that would serve the areas with a connection to the City's wastewater treatment facility. The City and Town of Cedarburg are at odds over development densities and jurisdiction concerning certain lands presently located in the Town of Cedarburg.

5. Received a progress report relative to a potential amendment to the sanitary sewer service areas attendant to either the Village of Genoa City or the Pell Lake Sanitary District wastewater treatment facilities. This situation reflects another case where an incorporated municipality and an unincorporated municipality are at odds over jurisdiction of land suitable for urban development. The Committee acted to recommend that this matter be placed on the agenda of the Commission's meeting today, subject to receiving a report from the Executive Director relative to recent intergovernmental meetings between the parties concerned.
6. Reviewed and approved for publication Chapters 3 and 4 of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 50, **A Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update for the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds**. These chapters set forth information relative to existing and historic surface water and groundwater conditions and sources of water pollution.
7. Reviewed and approved for publication Chapters 4 and 7 of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 52, **A Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin**. These chapters set forth information relative to anticipated growth and change affecting water supply in the Region and water supply problems and issues.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Vrakas, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously, the Planning and Research Committee report was approved.

Administrative Committee

Noting that the Administrative Committee had met three times since the Commission Annual meeting on June 20, 2007, Committee Chairman Stroik reported the following items:

On June 28, 2007, the Committee took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and approved the Commission disbursements for two financial reporting periods: Year 2007 Nos. 11, and 12, extending over the period May 14 to June 10, 2007.
2. Reviewed the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the financial reporting period ending June 10, 2007. With nearly 40 percent of the year completed, the projections indicated a year end surplus of about \$236,000, although much of that surplus represents Federal and State transportation planning funds that, if not expended, would need to be returned to the Federal and State agencies concerned.
3. Received and approved a report that an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Commissioners Buestrin, Schmidt, Drew, Stroik, and the Executive Director, had proposed annual salary adjustments in the amount of about 3.5 percent of base salaries. Such adjustments, including a few promotions, were made on the basis of merit.
4. Continued to review the Commission Personnel Regulations, focusing on the initial results of a comparison of major employee benefits, including holidays, personal days, annual leave, sick leave, and insurance.
5. Authorized the Commission staff to replace the existing automatic door opener at the Commission's front entry door with a heavy-duty model in order to address door opening and closure problems during periods of high winds.

On July 26, 2007, the Committee took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and approved the Commission disbursements for two financial reporting periods: Year 2007 Nos. 13, and 14, extending over the period June 11 to July 8, 2007.
2. Reviewed the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the financial reporting period ending July 8, 2007. With about one-half of the year completed, the projections continued to indicate a year end surplus of about \$235,000.
3. Accepted proposals by the West Bend Mutual Insurance Company and the Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company to provide comprehensive business insurance coverage to the Commission for the year beginning July 28, 2007. The combined quotations of \$46,257 represented a decline of about \$8,000 from the current set of premiums, that decline due in part to more favorable experience in the workers compensation claim area. The Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company will underwrite liabilities attendant to the actions of public officials and employment practices, with the West Bend Mutual Insurance Company underwriting all other areas.
4. Continued to review the Commission Personnel Regulations, focusing on major employee benefits, which included holidays, annual leave, sick leave, and health, disability and life insurance. Based upon that review, the Committee determined that the package of major employee benefits currently provided by the Commission is in line with other employers in both the public and private sectors. Accordingly, no significant changes are being proposed. Relatively modest changes to clarify the language of these sections of the Regulations pertaining to these benefits were approved. The Committee will spend the remainder of 2007 reviewing all other aspects of the Commission's Personnel Regulations.

On August 23, 2007, the Committee took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and approved the Commission disbursements for two financial reporting periods: Year 2007 Nos. 15, and 16, extending over the period July 9 to August 5, 2007.
2. Reviewed the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the financial reporting period ending August 5, 2007. With about 60 percent of the year completed, the projections indicated a year end surplus of about \$202,000.
3. Continued to review the Commission Personnel Regulations, focusing on those sections of the Regulations dealing with performance criteria, working hours, social security benefits, and State retirement benefits. The Committee approved a series of relatively minor changes to these sections in order to conform with current practices and to provide updated references to the Wisconsin retirement program.

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

Executive Committee

Noting that the Executive Committee had met three times since the Commission Annual meeting on June 20, 2007, Chairman Buestrin reported the following items:

On June 28, 2007, the Committee took the following actions:

1. Received and approved a report from the Administrative Committee relative to its meeting that day.
2. Reviewed and approved six contracts for planning and related work. The details pertaining to these contracts are set forth in a table included with the agenda for this meeting.
3. Recommended approval of 22 applications for Federal grants or loans as being in conformance or not in conflict with the regional plans prepared by the Commission. The details pertaining to those applications are set forth in a table also included with the agenda for this meeting.
4. Received a report that the Commission staff had been called to attend a meeting of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee of the Milwaukee Common Council. The appearance was precipitated by a concern on the part of the Council members that the Commission has not yet been able to begin preparation of an update to the regional housing plan. The Commission has authorized the staff to begin work on such an effort just as soon as time and financial resources permit. Given the press of ongoing work projects and the need to complete certain major work already in progress, it is unlikely that the Commission will begin work on a housing plan update until early 2008.
5. Received a communication from the City and Town of Whitewater seeking Commission staff assistance in facilitating discussions later this year intended to lead to a cooperative boundary agreement. The Commission's Executive Director will personally assist in that effort.

On July 26, 2007, the Committee took the following actions:

1. Received and approved a report from the Administrative Committee relative to its meeting that day.
2. Reviewed and approved two contracts for planning and related work. The details pertaining to these contracts are set forth in a table included with the agenda for this meeting.
3. Received a report that the Doyle Administration has formally notified the United States Office of Management and Budget that Wisconsin no longer desires to review Federal grants and loans under a longstanding Federal Executive Order. This means that the Commission's responsibility to serve as a clearinghouse for the intergovernmental review process has been terminated. Each County has been notified of this decision by the State of Wisconsin.
4. Approved a series of amendments to the 2007-2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The amendments were sought by Ozaukee and Washington Counties and relate to transit projects in those two Counties.
5. Received a report that the Commission staff had presented to the Walworth County Board of Supervisors a proposed redistricting plan that would create 11 supervisory districts. This would downsize the Walworth County Board from its current size of 25 supervisors beginning with the spring 2008 elections. Staff work in the preparation of this redistricting plan was greatly aided by software and mapping tools that reside in the Commission's Geographic Information Systems Division.
6. Received a report that the work on the regional water supply planning program continues to steadily move along. However, the scope and breadth of the work and the need to coordinate the schedules of consulting team members makes it likely that the new plan will not be completed until later next year. The Commission will receive a thorough briefing on this work effort later in the meeting.

7. Received a report that Governor Doyle has ordered the creation of a new Capital Area Regional Planning Commission. Like the former Dane County Regional Planning Commission, the new Commission has been structured to cover just Dane County. At least initially, the new Commission will not have the important transportation planning function, that function having been assumed by a separate intergovernmental committee when the Dane County Regional Planning Commission was dissolved several years ago.

On August 23, 2007, the Committee took the following actions:

1. Received and approved a report from the Administrative Committee relative to its meeting that day.
2. Reviewed and approved three contracts for planning and related work. The details pertaining to these contracts are also set forth in a table included with the agenda for this meeting.
3. Approved a roster for a reconstituted Technical Advisory Committee for the Protection and Management of Natural Areas in Southeastern Wisconsin. That Committee will review Commission staff work now underway to update the regional natural areas management plan adopted over 10 years ago.
4. Received a report that the staff met recently with State Representative Scott Gunderson, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and representatives of the Wisconsin Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association, relative to Commission plan recommendations that large onsite sewage disposal systems serving multiple properties be overseen and managed by a public entity. The Commission staff agreed that an alternative form of governance whereby a private utility district with public oversight would be created, could possibly achieve the same objectives that lie behind the Commission's plan recommendation. The Onsite Wastewater Association agreed to forward to the Commission for review and comment such a proposal.
5. Received a report that on behalf of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority, the Commission recently filed an application with the Federal Transit Administration for nearly \$7 million in Federal funds earmarked for continued implementation work attendant to the proposed Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee commuter rail service. This action was taken to avoid lapsing of already approved Federal funds for this project. The RTA is presently seeking legislation that would allow it to become the sponsor of the proposed commuter rail service.
6. Received a report that the Commission notified Waukesha County of the availability of additional Federal transit funds granted to the Milwaukee Urbanized Area. The Commission determined that those funds, which are being made available under a Fixed Guideway Modernization Program, rightfully are to be directed to Waukesha County since the County is the responsible transit agency that operates bus services over reserved lanes on Bluemound Road east of Goerke's Corners, the single Fixed Guideway in the Milwaukee area.
7. Received a report that the Commission, acting on behalf of Kenosha County, had returned nearly \$300,000 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency owing to the inability to expend those funds for floodplain home removal along the Fox River in a timely way. Ironically, this activity coincided with the recent Fox River flooding in Kenosha County that was featured in national media stories.
8. Received a report that the Kenosha County Board and County Executive had authorized Kenosha County staff to enter into a contract with the Commission to provide telecommunications engineering services beginning this fall. The proposed project would demonstrate the viability of establishing

reliable wireless telecommunications networks between base stations and public safety vehicles. Such a network would carry high-speed transmissions of data and video to emergency vehicles and hand-held devices, and ultimately could replace older voice technology.

9. Received a report that the Commission staff had been invited by Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker to attend meetings of chief elected officials in the Region relative to discussions aimed at addressing transit service problems, including funding issues.
10. Received a report from Commissioner Greene that the Environmental Justice Task Force that she chairs had recently held its first meeting. The major objectives of this Task Force are to establish better lines of communication between the Commission and low-income and minority populations in the Region and to enhance the participation of those populations in the Commission's work program.

A discussion then ensued. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Vrakas, Mr. Evenson indicated that at the time the original Federal program to provide for intergovernmental review of Federal grant and loan applications was put in place, there were many more categorical Federal grants being made to counties and local governments, particularly for infrastructure. At that time, the Commission's role in reviewing applications was more significant than it is now. In response to another inquiry by Mr. Vrakas, Mr. Evenson indicated that the concerns of the Wisconsin Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association go primarily to the Commission's position, taken in the adopted regional water quality management plan, that large onsite wastewater treatment systems permitted under State law that are intended to serve multiple adjoining landowners should be overseen by a public body, such as a town utility district, and be subject to open meetings and open records requirements. That position, Mr. Evenson continued, derived from historic experience in the Region, citing in particular the difficulties encountered by the former Town of Pleasant Prairie to secure the proper operation of a privately owned wastewater treatment facility near the Illinois State Line. Those difficulties ultimately led the Town to condemn the facility and bring it into the public sector where it was then dealt with properly. Ms. Greenfield concurred with that Commission position, noting that in the former Town of Caledonia, Town government had to react with dispatch to extend – prematurely – municipal sewer lines to a development served by a private onsite system that had malfunctioned and was spilling raw sewage into the Root River. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Hansen, Mr. Evenson indicated that the Commission's position in such matters is in no way intended to impede private firms from treating their own wastewater and recycling its use, thereby exhibiting what is becoming to be called “green behavior”. Mr. Evenson noted that Commission policy would not recommend public oversight of onsite wastewater disposal systems designed to serve individual landowners, such as a church or scout camp.

At the conclusion of that discussion, on a motion by Mr. Vrakas seconded by Ms. Greene, and carried unanimously, the Executive Committee report was approved.

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

City of Burlington Sewer Service Area (Resolution No. 2007-14)

Chairman Buestrin asked the Commission to consider Resolution No. 2007-14, noting that the Resolution would revise the City of Burlington sewer service area. He asked Ms. Brady to present the resolution.

Ms. Brady noted that all Commissioners had received for review prior to the meeting a copy of Resolution No. 2007-14, together with a copy of a SEWRPC staff memorandum dated September 2007. She recalled that the proposed amendment had been reviewed by the Planning and Research Committee at a meeting held on August 30, 2007, and was recommended for adoption by the Commission.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Ms. Brady, seconded by Mr. Vrakas, and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 2007-14 was approved (copy of Resolution No. 2007-14) attached to Official Minutes).

City of Oak Creek Sewer Service Area Plan (Resolution No. 2007-15)

Chairman Buestrin asked the Commission to consider Resolution No. 2007-15, noting that the Resolution would revise the City of Oak Creek sewer service area plan. He asked Ms. Brady to present the resolution.

Ms. Brady noted that all Commissioners had received for review prior to the meeting a copy of Resolution No. 2007-15, together with a copy of a SEWRPC staff memorandum dated September 2007 documenting the proposed amendment. She recalled that the proposed amendment had been reviewed by the Planning and Research Committee at its meeting held on August 30, 2007, and was recommended for adoption by the Committee.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Ms. Brady, seconded by Ms. Greene, and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 2007-15 was approved (copy of Resolution No. 2007-15 attached to Official Minutes).

Village of Sussex Sewer Service Area Plan (Resolution No. 2007-16)

Chairman Buestrin asked the Commission to consider Resolution No. 2007-16, noting that the Resolution would revise the Village of Sussex sewer service area plan. He asked Ms. Brady to present the resolution.

Ms. Brady noted that all Commissioners had received for review prior to the meeting a copy of Resolution No. 2007-16, together with a copy of a SEWRPC staff memorandum dated September 2007 documenting the proposed amendment. She recalled that the proposed amendment had been reviewed by the Planning and Research Committee at its meeting held on August 30, 2007, and was recommended for adoption by the Committee.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Ms. Brady, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 2007-16 was approved (copy of Resolution No. 2007-16 attached to Official Minutes).

Village of Genoa City or Pell Lake Sanitary District Sewer Service Area Plan

(Resolution No. 2007-17)

Noting that the Commission had received alternate Resolutions No. 2007-17, Chairman Buestrin asked Mr. Evenson to comment on the purpose of the alternate resolutions and to report on the status of this unusual situation.

Mr. Evenson recalled that the Commission has had on its work agenda for the last several years, proposals by both the Village of Genoa City and the Pell Lake Sanitary District to serve certain lands that lie in the Town of Bloomfield just north of the Village of Genoa City limits. In such situations, it is the Commission's responsibility to determine the most cost-effective way to serve development on the lands concerned. In this case, the Commission's cost-effectiveness analysis favored serving the lands through a connection through the Genoa City sanitary sewerage system. Owing to the fact that there is in place a boundary agreement between the Town of Bloomfield and the Village of Genoa City that effectively precludes annexation of the land concerned from the Town to the Village for some period of time, the Commission staff had set forth a course of action whereby the Commission would proceed to amend the Genoa City sewer service area plan to include the subject lands provided that the Village would negotiate to provide service without annexation. Should the Village determine not to provide such service by contract, then -- owing to the fact that this matter has effectively delayed a land sale and development

opportunity for the landowners concerned for several years -- the Commission would make a finding that an overriding consideration exists, and in fairness to the landowners, attach the lands concerned to the Pell Lake Sanitary District sewer service area so that development could proceed in the relatively near future.

Mr. Evenson indicated that at the Planning and Research Committee meeting on August 30th, he had reported that negotiations were underway between the concerned parties and that, depending upon the results of such negotiations, the subject plan amendment could affect either the Genoa City or the Pell Lake service area plans. That is why alternate resolutions were prepared and distributed for Commission consideration.

Since the August 30th Planning and Research Committee meeting, Mr. Evenson indicated, the landowners have withdrawn all requests to be provided with sanitary sewer service at this time, with such action effectively terminating negotiations between the Village of Genoa City, Town of Bloomfield, and the Pell Lake Sanitary District, and rendering moot any need for the Commission to act at this meeting. Mr. Evenson indicated that he had formally notified all of the parties that the Commission would consider this matter closed at this time without any action, but that should in the future these same lands be brought forward for sewer service area plan amendment purposes, the Commission would rely on the findings of its cost-effectiveness analysis and attach the lands to the Genoa City sewer service area.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Vrakas, and carried unanimously to remove Resolution No. 2007-17 from the agenda.

STAFF REPORT ON THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY STUDY

Chairman Buestrin noted that the next item of business was a staff report on the regional water supply study. Mr. Evenson indicated that he had asked Mr. Robert P. Biebel of the Commission staff to deliver that report. From his perspective, Mr. Evenson continued, the water supply study was moving along quite well, although the scale and complexity of the work have contributed to delays in bringing the study to a conclusion. He indicated that the water supply study is being followed very closely in many quarters, and that it is important that the work be done in a technically sound and complete manner. It is also important, he said, to ensure that the resultant regional water supply plan is subject to adequate public scrutiny and this, too, could contribute to a lengthened study completion schedule.

With the aid of a slide presentation (copy attached to Official Minutes), Mr. Biebel then briefed the Commission on the status of the regional water supply planning program, focusing on background information, a summary of the findings of the study to date, and an outline of the major steps required to bring the study to a successful conclusion.

There were a number of questions and comments raised as Mr. Biebel proceeded through his presentation. The discussion topics focused on the significant drawdown in the supply of water from the deep aquifer underlying the Region, with the cone of depression having moved westward in recent years to a center approximately beneath the Village of Elm Grove; on the historic deep aquifer drawdown caused by extensive pumping in Milwaukee County during the 19th and 20th centuries before the widespread use of Lake Michigan water supply in that County; on the location of the recharge area for the deep aquifer which extends beyond the western regional boundary; on the potential impacts on the regional land use plan that may emanate from any findings in the regional water supply planning effort that would indicate sustainability problems with respect to water supply; on the conclusions reached by the Commission's Advisory Committee relative to reasonable levels of expected water conservation efforts in the Region; on the provisions of the proposed Great Lakes Water Compact, including the extent to which those provisions might constrain the use of Lake Michigan for water supply in areas west of the subcontinental

divide; and on the alternative regional water supply plans now being formulated and evaluated by the Advisory Committee, including one alternative having a significant emphasis on water conservation measures, groundwater infiltration, and recharge measures.

At the conclusion of the presentation and discussion, Chairman Buestrin thanked Mr. Biebel for his informative presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Evenson reported that he had placed on each Commissioner's desk today four items that reflect well on the Commission staff efforts in carrying out the Commission's overall work program (copies attached to Official Minutes).

CONFIRMATION OF DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF DECEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING

Chairman Buestrin reminded everyone that the next meeting of the Commission has been scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, in Milwaukee County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Miklasevich, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip C. Evenson
Deputy Secretary

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