

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 24, 2008

2:00 p.m.

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

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Thomas H. Buestrin, Chairman
William R. Drew
James T. Dwyer
Adelene Greene
Allen L. Morrison (Alternate)
Daniel S. Schmidt
David L. Stroik
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

Richard A. Hansen, Vice-Chairman
Michael J. Miklasevich

Staff:

Kenneth R. Yunker
Loretta Watson

Deputy Director
Executive Secretary

Guests:

Nancy Russell

Chair, Walworth County Board of Supervisors

ROLL CALL

Chairman Buestrin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present. Mr. Yunker noted for the record that Commissioners Hansen and Miklasevich had asked to be excused. Mr. Buestrin noted that he had asked Mr. Morrison to attend the meeting as an alternate member of the Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2008, MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on June 26, 2008, were approved as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, MR. STROIK REPORTING
(Meeting of July 24, 2008)

Mr. Stroik 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 2008 Nos. 13 and 14, extending over the period June 9, 2008, to July 6, 2008.
2. Reviewed the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the financial reporting period ending July 6, 2008. With slightly more than one-half of the year completed, the projections indicated a year end surplus of about \$177,000.
3. Approved the renewal of the Commission's business insurance program at a total premium cost of \$43,777, about six percent less than the premium cost this year. Most coverage is being underwritten by the West Bend Insurance Company, with employment practices liability insurance being underwritten by the Westchester Insurance Company.
4. Approved the purchase of replacement color copier equipment for use in the Commission's reproduction shop. The Commission will acquire two Konica-Minolta units at a total cost of about \$78,000. It is expected that reduced operating costs will result in recouping that capital investment over a period of 12 to 15 months.

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

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

Chairman Buestrin asked Mr. Yunker to review the proposed contracts and agreements, noting that the Committee members had received a table listing one contract prior to the meeting. Mr. Yunker then briefly reviewed the contract reported on the table, noting that it pertains to technical support to be provided by the Commission to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District in conjunction with the Kinnickinnic and Menomonee River watersheds restoration plans being sponsored by that agency. This work will be carried out over the next approximately 18 month period.

There being no discussion, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Stroik, 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 briefly reported on the progress of the regional water supply study. He noted that the Advisory Committee to that study had completed its review of the work pertaining to the testing and evaluation of four alternative regional water supply plans. These plans considered alternatives of greater use of shallow aquifer groundwater, greater use of Lake Michigan water, recharge of the deep aquifer with Lake Michigan water, recharge of groundwater with treated wastewater, and increased recharge of groundwater through greater stormwater infiltration. The Advisory Committee will next be considering a composite plan, which based upon the testing and evaluation, would include the best features of the four alternative plans. It is anticipated that the Advisory Committee will review the testing and evaluation of this composite plan in September and may be expected to have a preliminary recommended plan completed before the end of the year.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Yunker reported that he and Mr. Evenson had met recently with Milwaukee Common Council leadership relative to a resolution introduced which would encourage Milwaukee County to withdraw from the Commission. Mr. Yunker noted that he and Mr. Evenson are also meeting with Milwaukee County Board Supervisors, particularly those that were newly elected. Mr. Stroik suggested that the staff prepare a succinct statement about the mission, purpose, and work of the Commission. Mr. Yunker responded that the staff, working with Mueller Communications, has produced such briefing documents and that they would be shared with the Commissioners.

Mr. Yunker also reported that staff received a copy of a letter from Commissioner Lee Holloway indicating that he would like Milwaukee County Board Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., to serve as his designee on the Commission and attend Commission meetings until Mr. Weishan receives a formal communication from Governor Jim Doyle making his appointment. Mr. Yunker stated that Commission staff will be meeting with Milwaukee County Board Supervisor Weishan to brief him on the Commission and to provide him the schedule of Commission meetings so that he can begin to attend as Commissioner Holloway's designee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Yunker
Deputy Director

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