

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

QUARTERLY MEETING

September 9, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Auditorium
Racine County Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue (STH 20 and IH 94)
Town of Yorkville, Wisconsin

Present:

Excused:

Commissioners:

David L. Stroik, Chairman
Thomas H. Buestrin
Brian R. Dranzik
William R. Drew
James T. Dwyer
Anita M. Faraone
Adelene Greene
Susan S. Greenfield
William E. Johnson
John M. Jung
Mary A. Kacmarcik
Robert W. Pitts
Nancy Russell
Daniel S. Schmidt
Paul G. Vrakas
John F. Weishan, Jr.
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

Richard A. Hansen
Gregory L. Holden
Michael J. Miklasevich
Anselmo Villarreal

Staff:

Kenneth R. Yunker	Executive Director
Elizabeth Larsen	Business Manager
Debra D'Amico	Executive Secretary

Guest:

William McReynolds	Racine County Executive
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ROLL CALL AND SEATING OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Stroik called the 226th meeting of the Commission to order at 3:03 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present. Chairman Stroik indicated for the record that Commissioners Hansen, Holden, Miklasevich, and Villarreal had asked to be excused.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Chairman Stroik recognized Mr. William McReynolds, the Racine County Executive. Mr. McReynolds welcomed the Commissioners to Racine County, and noted the value of the Commission's regional planning to Racine County. He also noted the assistance the Commission has recently provided to Racine County in County and local comprehensive planning, and in public transit planning. He indicated that Racine County may in the near future be calling on the Commission to assist the County with stormwater management planning in western Racine County. Lastly, he noted the difficult economic conditions in Racine County and southeastern Wisconsin, and the pressures these conditions are placing on County and local government. He stated that Racine County appreciated the Commission maintaining a no increase, flat tax levy budget for 2010.

Chairman Stroik thanked Mr. McReynolds for his remarks, and warm welcome.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2009 MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 17, 2009, were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Stroik asked Mr. Drew to present the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Drew noted that a copy of the Treasurer's report had been provided to all Commissioners for review prior to the meeting. In commenting on the report, he called attention to the following items:

1. Based upon disbursements through August 16, 2009, it is projected that total disbursements for the year will approximate nearly \$6.8 million. Revenues are projected at about \$7.0 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 \$2.9 million. The various accounts are identified on the second page of the report.
3. As of August 16, 2009, the Commission had in investments and cash on hand of nearly \$3.3 million. About \$2.5 million are invested in the State of Wisconsin Local Government Pooled Investment Fund. As of August 16, 2009, that fund was yielding 0.34 percent interest. Other funds are held in savings and checking accounts and in certificates of deposits at several banks.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Yunker stated that all of the revenue shown in the Treasurer's Report was secure, the only exception being \$55,000 of a total \$180,000 of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources funds. He stated that it was standard for the Department to not fully approve these revenues until late in the year.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Vrakas, Mr. Yunker indicated the surplus in the Community Assistance program may be expected to decrease toward year-end.

In response to a second inquiry by Mr. Vrakas, Mr. Yunker stated all the Water Supply planning program revenues were received, and the projected deficit is due to expenditures exceeding revenues.

On a motion by Ms. Faraone, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously, the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 16, 2009, was approved (copy of the Treasurer's Report attached to Official Minutes).

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Research Committee

Noting that the Planning and Research Committee met once since the Commission Annual meeting on June 17, 2009, Committee Chairman Schmidt reported the following items:

On August 18, 2009, 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 Village of Genoa City. That amendment, scheduled for action later in this meeting, would include within the planned Genoa City sewer service area certain lands located immediately adjacent to, but outside, the currently adopted sewer service area. The proposed amendment involves the addition of a 21-acre parcel located immediately south of the Village of Genoa City in the Town of Richmond, Illinois. The parcel includes the John Sterling Corporation, a manufacturer of household hardware products. The parcel includes a three-acre portion of an isolated natural resource area that is located to the east of the Sterling Corporation plant. The plant currently relies on an onsite wastewater treatment system for treatment of its domestic wastewater. The Sterling Corporation would discharge domestic-type wastewater—not industrial process wastewater—to the Genoa City sewage treatment plant. There had been no opposition to the proposed amendment at a public hearing held on August 13, 2009, for the proposed sewer service area amendment and it was approved by the Genoa City Village Board. The Town of Richmond has been notified of this amendment and the Commission staff is not aware of any opposition from the Town. It was noted that the abandonment of the existing onsite sewage disposal system could be expected to eliminate the pollutant loadings from the onsite system to groundwater. The proposed amendment was determined to be consistent with the adopted regional land use plan.
2. Reviewed and approved for publication an initial section of Chapter 10 of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 52, "A Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin." This chapter documents the public comments received on the plan and the responses to the comments by the staff and study Advisory Committee.
3. Reviewed Appendix L, "Responses to Preliminary Regional Water Supply Plan Review Letters Received which Warranted Specific Responses" and "Record of Public Comment-Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin." These sections provide detailed support material for the initial section of Chapter 10 of the "Regional Water Supply Plan."

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

Administrative Committee

Noting that the Administrative Committee had met one time since the Commission Annual meeting on June 17, 2009, Committee Chair Greene reported the following items:

On June 25, 2009, the Committee took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and approved the Commission disbursements for financial reporting periods: Year 2009 Nos. 11 and 12, extending over the period May 11, 2009 to June 7, 2009.
2. Reviewed the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the financial reporting period ending June 7, 2009. With about 50 percent of the year completed, the projections indicated a year end surplus of about \$250,000.
3. Reviewed and approved a report from an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Commissioners Buestrin, Drew, Russell, Schmidt, and Stroik relative to a salary freeze for Commission staff with the exception of 12 staff being promoted and reclassified. These promotions reflect an overall 0.8 percent increase in salaries.

On a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Drew, 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 17, 2009, Chairman Stroik reported the following items:

On June 25, 2009, 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 eight contracts for planning work. The details of these contracts are set forth in a table attached to this report.
3. Received a work program report outlining current status of key planning efforts.
4. Approved 98 amendments to the 2009-2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The amendments were necessary largely to advance projects to be funded with Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act U.S. Department of Transportation funds. The amendments involved modifying 33 projects in the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program and adding 65 new projects to the Transportation Improvement Program.

On July 23, 2009, the Committee took the following action:

1. Approved two amendments to the 2009-2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The amendments provide for implementation of the long deferred \$91.5 million of Federal U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Interstate cost estimate funds in the Milwaukee area east-west corridor, according to a Federal appropriations act approved in early 2009 by Congress and the President. One amendment is for the City of Milwaukee for a downtown streetcar/light rail line, and the other is for Milwaukee County for buses for a bus express transit line.

On August 18, 2009, the Committee took the following action:

1. Approved a series of eight amendments to the 2009-2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. These amendments include public transit capital and street reconstruction projects in Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Waukesha Counties.

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

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Village of Genoa City Sewer Service Area (Resolution No. 2009-09)

Chairman Stroik asked the Commission to consider Resolution No. 2009-09, noting that the Resolution would revise the Village of Genoa City sewer service area. He asked Mr. Schmidt to present the resolution.

Mr. Schmidt noted that all Commissioners had received for review prior to the meeting a copy of Resolution No. 2009-09, together with a copy of a SEWRPC staff memorandum dated September 2009. He recalled that the proposed amendment had been reviewed by the Planning and Research Committee at a meeting held on August 18, 2009, and was recommended for adoption by the Commission.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Pitts and carried by a vote of 17 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution No. 2009-09 was approved unanimously (copy of Resolution No. 2009-09 attached to Official Minutes).

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2009-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN (Resolution No. 2009-10)

Chairman Stroik asked the Commission to consider Resolution No. 2009-10, noting that the proposed amendments to the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for Southeastern Wisconsin includes changes to 7 existing projects and 31 new projects to be added. He asked Mr. Yunker to present the resolution.

Mr. Yunker noted that all Commissioners had received for review prior to the meeting a copy of Resolution No. 2009-10, together with a copy of Exhibit A dated August 2009 listing the proposed changes and additions to the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for Southeastern Wisconsin.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried by a vote of 17 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution No. 2009-10 was approved unanimously, (copy of Resolution No. 2009-10 attached to Official Minutes).

STAFF REPORT ON COMMISSION PLANNING EFFORTS UNDERWAY IN 2009

Chairman Stroik called upon Mr. Yunker to give a staff report on Commission planning efforts that are currently in progress. An overview was given by Mr. Yunker aided by a handout presentation titled, "Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Planning Activity Report." (presentation copy attached to Official Minutes).

During and following Mr. Yunker's presentation, the following questions and comments were made and addressed relative to the material presented.

1. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Jung, Mr. Yunker stated that the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) does utilize the Commission's Floodplain Studies and mapping data. FEMA incorporates the studies and maps into digital maps for insurance purposes.

[Secretary's Note: The Commission prepares submittals to FEMA in response to requests from local units of government. The Commission does not make submittals without such a request.]

2. In response to an inquiry by Ms. Russell, Mr. Yunker stated that lakes may be considered to have a floodplain, but they have not always been identified.
3. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Yunker stated that Walworth County has asked the Commission to assist the County in preparing a redistricting plan for the County following the 2010 census.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Yunker noted that the Governor announced on September 8 a proposed framework for a Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority.

Mr. Yunker also announced the Association of Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions (AWRPC) is holding a "Day at the Capitol" event that will take place on November 5, 2009, at the State Capitol in Madison. He noted that regional planning commission displays will be set up in the Capitol Rotunda and a room will be available for State Legislators and their staff to meet with Commission Directors and Commissioners. He stated he will be attending and invited members of the Commission to attend.

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

Chairman Stroik indicated that the next meeting of the Commission will be scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, in Milwaukee County. The location of this meeting is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on a motion by Commissioner Buestrin, seconded by Commissioner Drew, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Yunker
Deputy Secretary

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Attachments