

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 26, 2015

2:00 p.m.

SEWRPC Office Building
Commissioners' Conference Room
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53187-1607

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

David L. Stroik, Chairman
Charles L. Colman, Vice-Chairman
Thomas H. Buestrin
Michael A. Crowley
James T. Dwyer
Nancy L. Russell
Daniel S. Schmidt
Peggy L. Shumway
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

William R. Drew
Adelene Greene

Staff:

Kenneth R. Yunker
Michael G. Hahn
Elizabeth A. Larsen

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Assistant Director-Administration

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2015

Chairman Stroik asked if there were any changes or additions to the January 22, 2015, meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Crowley, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on January 22, 2015, were approved as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Dwyer reported that the Administrative Committee, at its meeting held just before this Executive Committee meeting, had taken the following actions:

1. Reviewed and approved disbursements for two financial periods: Year 2015 Nos. 5, and 6 extending over the period February 9, to March 8, 2015.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending March 8, 2015.
3. Reviewed and approved a proposal to replace one Commission vehicle which met the criteria for vehicle replacement and purchase.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTS

Chairman Stroik asked Ms. Larsen to review the proposed contracts, noting that Committee members had received a report with a table listing 18 contracts prior to the meeting. Ms. Larsen then briefly reviewed the contracts with the Committee.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Yunker stated that Quantum Spatial is a geospatial services engineering firm that collects orthophotography and LiDAR data.

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Russell, Mr. Yunker stated the Commission conducts the orthophotography data collection program every five years. He then noted that some Counties may collect orthophotography data at more frequent intervals.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Yunker stated with regard to the Regional Orthophotography contracts, Federal funds are being used to partially fund the 6-inch pixel standard orthophotography project. These funds are not reflected on this table. The attendant contract amounts shown for each County on the table represent the local share necessary to meet the matching requirements for the Federal funds. The LiDAR and Elevation Data Project is fully funded by the Counties.

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Russell, Mr. Yunker stated the orthophotos are taken at the point in spring when trees do not yet have leaves, the ground is free of snow, and ice is largely off lakes.

Mr. Yunker then noted that Milwaukee and Kenosha Counties have chosen to work with Pictometry International in order to obtain oblique aerial photography as part of the project. The Commission was able to accommodate this work and cost arrangement between both the Counties and Pictometry International.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Yunker stated that a subdivision control ordinance will specify the process to be followed in obtaining approval of a land subdivision, the improvements required, and the standards to be followed for those improvements.

There being no further questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Crowley, and carried unanimously, the contract report was accepted and the report placed on file (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

WORK PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Yunker reviewed a table entitled, "Work Program Progress Report." He noted that the report shows the progress of key regional and selected community and county assistance efforts under each Commission staff division's section of the report (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

Mr. Yunker called attention to the County Jurisdictional Highway System Plans, and specifically the Ozaukee County plan where the Advisory Committee has approved a preliminary plan, and staff is preparing a summary newsletter to assist in review of the plan by the County Board Public Works Committee.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Yunker stated that the project completion schedules shown on the "Work Program Progress Report" table may be adjusted from time to time. Chairman Stroik stated that comparison of the previous month's report to the current report would identify when a project schedule change has occurred.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT(S) TO THE 2015-2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) (Resolution No. 2015-05)

Mr. Yunker presented Resolution 2015-05, which provides for Commission approval and adoption of an amendment to the 2015-2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. He explained that the TIP is a Federally required listing of all arterial highway, public transit, and other related transportation projects proposed by State and local governments to be implemented over the next four years in the seven-county Southeastern Wisconsin Region. He emphasized that all the projects included in this TIP amendment are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan and that both the Plan and TIP amendment must be determined to conform to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources State Implementation Plan for Air Quality Management. He stated that this 2015-2018 TIP amendment was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Commission's Advisory Committee on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee urbanized area.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Wirth regarding the Milwaukee streetcar project amendment, Mr. Yunker stated that the Regional Transportation Plan recommends the substantial improvement and expansion of public transit. The plan further recommends local government transit operators consider in detailed corridor studies alternative transit technologies, with the decision on the technology to implement to be made by the local government at the conclusion of the detailed corridor study.

There being no further questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Wirth to approve Resolution No. 2015-05, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution 2015-05 was approved (copy of Resolution 2015-05 attached to Official Minutes).

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Yunker reported that there was no correspondence and announced that a notice was placed in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel informing the public of the consideration of an amendment to the Year 2035 Regional Transportation Plan requested by the City of Milwaukee. The amendment is the extension of the Milwaukee Streetcar route for 0.4 miles to the new Northwestern Mutual Life building and the proposed Couture building. This amendment will be considered by the Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation Planning in April.

In order for the City of Milwaukee to be eligible for a Federal TIGER grant for this project, there may be a need to hold a special Full Commission meeting to amend the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan prior to the June meeting. Staff would propose to hold this special meeting if needed immediately following the April or May Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Yunker noted that the Commission staff had recently been of assistance to Walworth County in preparing a requested exemption from the need to prepare a municipal separate storm sewer permit (MS4). This permit was required as the Round Lake Beach urbanized area extended into a small portion of southeastern Walworth County under the 2010 U.S. Census. Walworth County, however, has very limited

storm water drainage facilities in this area, all associated with two county trunk highways. Commission staff led by Deputy Director Michael Hahn conducted analyses to demonstrate the limited contribution of Walworth County storm water drainage facilities, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources did grant an exemption for Walworth County, saving Walworth County the time, effort, and funding necessary to prepare and maintain the permit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Crowley, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Yunker
Executive Director

KRY/EAL/dd
ExecMar15Min (224389)