

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 23, 2015

2:00 p.m.

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

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

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

David L. Stroik, Chairman
Adelene Greene

Staff:

Michael G. Hahn
Elizabeth A. Larsen
Debra A. D'Amico

Deputy Director
Assistant Director-Administration
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2015

Vice-Chairman Colman asked if there were any changes or additions to the March 26, 2015, meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 26, 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. 7 and 8 extending over the period March 9, to April 5, 2015.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending April 5, 2015.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTS

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

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, 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. Hahn reviewed with the Committee 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 division's section of the report (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

Mr. Hahn called attention to projects listed under the Environmental Division, specifically the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) 2050 Facilities Plan Assistance project. He noted that staff will conduct 1) floodplain analyses to assess the potential flood hazard under planned land use conditions along selected watercourses that are under MMSD jurisdiction and 2) stormwater analyses to evaluate the MMSD stormwater rule which was enacted to maintain the integrity of MMSD flood mitigation facilities by avoiding increases in peak flood flows along watercourses where such facilities have been constructed.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Buestrin, Mr. Hahn stated that Menomonee River Parkway in the City of Wauwatosa is being reconstructed and stormwater utility work is now underway.

Ms. Russell noted that Commission staff member Ms. Nancy M. Anderson gave an excellent presentation on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy plan document to the Walworth County Board of Supervisors.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Crowley, Mr. Hahn stated that all Counties in the Region have been scheduled for a Commission presentation on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy plan for either their County economic development organization or County Board.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Hahn stated there are different lake plans Commission staff prepares. For example, staff prepare aquatic plant management plans which make recommendations for managing aquatic plants to preserve or improve the lake ecosystem and to facilitate navigation. Staff prepare lake protection plans, which provide recommendations related to specific issues identified by the lake community (e.g., water quality, fisheries, aquatic plant life, and shoreland protection). Staff also prepare lake management plans which serve as comprehensive, practical guides to achieving the sound management of fish, plant, and wildlife populations in conjunction with water based recreation experiences.

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Russell, Mr. Hahn stated that lake management districts or associations contact the Commission when they would like to have a lake plan conducted.

In response to Mr. Drew's inquiry on the Honey Creek Planning Study, Mr. Hahn stated the study will review the flood problems along the Creek and make recommendations to mitigate those problems. The study will also analyze the concrete lined portions of the Creek and develop approaches to restore the ecological functions of those sections, while maintaining flood protection.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT(S) TO THE 2015-2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) (Resolution No. 2015-06)

Mr. Hahn 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 costs of the Milwaukee (City) Lakefront Extension of the Milwaukee Downtown Connector Streetcar System, Mr. Hahn stated that 2015 funds are primarily for preliminary engineering. He added that the City of Milwaukee is also attempting to obtain a Federal TIGER Grant for the Lakefront Extension.

There being no further questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Dwyer to approve Resolution No. 2015-06, seconded by Mr. Drew, and carried unanimously by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution 2015-06 was approved (copy of Resolution 2015-06 attached to Official Minutes).

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hahn reported that there was no correspondence. He announced that the Commission's 2014 Root River Watershed Restoration Plan has been certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as meeting the nine elements of a watershed plan. This certification is an important designation that makes projects recommended under the Root River Plan eligible for nonpoint source funding and grant funding under Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Hahn noted that this certification should enhance funding opportunities to local governments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Hahn
Deputy Director

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