

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 26, 2017

2:37 p.m.

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

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Charles L. Colman, Chairman
Michael A. Crowley, Vice-Chair
Thomas H. Buestrin
Mike Dawson
William R. Drew
James T. Dwyer
Aloysius Nelson
Robert W. Pitts
Nancy Russell
Daniel S. Schmidt
David L. Stroik
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

Staff:

Kenneth R. Yunker	Executive Director
Michael G. Hahn	Deputy Director
Elizabeth A. Larsen	Assistant Director-Administration
Kevin J. Muhs	Assistant Director

ROLL CALL

Chairman Colman called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016, MEETING

Chairman Colman asked if there were any changes or additions to the November 17, 2016, meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 17, 2016, were approved as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Colman 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 five financial periods: Year 2016 Nos. 24, 25, 26, and 27; Year 2017 No. 1 extending over the period October 31, 2016 to January 8, 2017.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending January 8, 2017.
3. Selected CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, as Auditor for Calendar Year 2016.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTS

Chairman Colman asked Ms. Larsen to review the proposed contracts, noting that Committee members had received a 1 page report with a table listing 4 contracts prior to the meeting. Ms. Larsen then briefly reviewed the contracts with the Committee.

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

RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH INCOMING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Colman stated that an employment contract had been negotiated with Michael G. Hahn. This contract is structured in the same manner as the contract that was in place for Ken Yunker, with no changes to benefits and similar compensation.

There being no comments, on a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously, the employment contract for the new incoming Executive Director was approved.

WORK PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Yunker reviewed the "Work Program Progress Report." He noted that the report identifies key regional and selected community and county assistance efforts (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

Mr. Yunker noted that the VISION2050 summary document has been distributed to all Commissioners and to elected officials within the Region.

There being no questions, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously, the work program progress report was accepted and the report was placed on file (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED “PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR REGIONAL PLANNING IN SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN”

Chairman Colman called on Mr. Yunker to present to the Committee the preliminary draft of the updated “Public Participation Plan for Regional Planning in Southeastern Wisconsin”.

Mr. Yunker noted that the Public Participation Plan was approved in 2012. This current plan update has a few changes with respect to emphasizing public meeting interaction and the increased use of e-mail correspondence and social media.

Mr. Yunker also noted that the Plan update was done to insert specific language required by the Federal Transit Administration so that local transit operators could continue to rely on the Commission’s public involvement process associated with developing and amending the Region’s Transportation Improvement Program to fulfill the transit operators public participation obligations.

There being no questions, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Ms. Russell, and carried unanimously, the Public Participation Plan for Regional Planning in Southeastern Wisconsin was approved (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

UPDATE ON “CHLORIDE IMPACT STUDY FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGION”

Mr. Hahn stated that the Chloride study was first proposed by the Commissioners in March 2014, with the Summary Prospectus completed in December 2015. Staff also published a newsletter in September 2016 summarizing the proposed study.

Mr. Hahn then stated that this is anticipated to be a four-year study with funding to be provided by SEWRPC, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and tentatively the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Wirth, Mr. Hahn stated that the study will identify alternative approaches to addressing the chloride problem, and will qualify the relative contributions of various sources of chloride to surface water and groundwater resources.

Ms. Russell commented that the Environmental Protection Agency has been monitoring the salinity in Geneva Lake and has determined that not only is road salt contributing to this problem but also septic systems that receive discharge from water softeners.

Ms. Russell noted that staff should contact WalCoMet and other wastewater treatment utilities to determine their interest in this study.

Mr. Yunker stated that Marquette University has developed a water law-related curriculum and in October 2015 held a seminar titled “Policy Strategies for Chloride Management” (copy of presentation attached to the minutes).

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Yunker reported that there was no correspondence, and then announced that Washington County has adopted a priority based budget format and that the Commission’s tax levy payment will be secure for 2017,

the Commission staff is working with the County staff regarding the 2018 budget, and there is uncertainty beyond 2018.

Mr. Pitts then presented to Mr. Yunker plaque from Kenosha County congratulating him on his retirement and thanking him for his achievements during his tenure at the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Yunker
Executive Director

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