

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 18, 2021

2:00 p.m.

Meeting Occurred Virtually via Video and Telephone Conference

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Charles L. Colman, Chairman
Donna Brown-Martin
Michael A. Crowley
James T. Dwyer
Aloysius Nelson
Robert Pitts
Daniel S. Schmidt
David L. Stroik
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

Jonathan Delagrave

Alternate:

Thomas H. Buestrin

Staff:

Kevin J. Muhs	Executive Director
Benjamin R. McKay	Deputy Director
Elizabeth A. Larsen	Director of Administration
Catherine Pozum	Human Resources Assistant/Bookkeeper

ROLL CALL

Chairman Colman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present. Mr. Muhs noted that for the record Messer's Buestrin and Delagrave had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2021, MEETING

Chairman Colman asked if there were any changes or additions to the January 21, 2021, meeting minutes. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on January 21, 2021, 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 financial periods: Year 2021 Nos. 2 and 3 – January 4, 2021, to January 31, 2021.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenue and Expenditures for the period ending January 31, 2021.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, 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 prior to the meeting, Committee members had received a report with a table listing two contracts. Ms. Larsen then briefly reviewed the contracts with the Committee.

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

WORK PROGRAM REPORTS

Chairman Colman requested that Mr. Muhs review the Work Program Progress Report. Mr. Muhs reviewed the report and noted that the report identifies key regional and selected community and county assistance efforts (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Brown-Martin, Mr. Muhs stated that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) will go to the County Executive or County Administrator, and the County Boards for their review and approval.

DISCUSSION OF KURT W. BAUER MEMORIAL PORTRAIT

Chairman Colman asked Mr. Muhs to initiate the discussion of a Kurt W. Bauer memorial portrait.

Mr. Muhs stated that at the January meeting that Mr. Pitts had suggested installing a portrait memorializing Mr. Bauer in the Commission building reception area.

Discussion ensued concerning the portrait. Mr. Dwyer suggested that staff put together a photo collage showing the history of the Commission during Mr. Bauer's tenure, from the 1960's through his retirement in 1996.

Mr. Muhs stated staff will research photos of Mr. Bauer and report back to this Committee with options.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Colman asked if there were any correspondence or announcements. Mr. Muhs stated there was no correspondence but announced that Governor Evers' budget proposal included language that removes the regional planning commission's from counting against the member counties tax levy limits. Mr. Muhs stated he will reach out to the Wisconsin Counties Association to get an idea of the perception of this idea by the member counties.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Muhs stated that Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on the amount of property taxes that Counties can raise for their budgets. The levy limits did not take into consideration items that Counties must fund but they do not have budgetary control over, such as regional library systems and regional planning commissions. If regional planning commissions no longer were considered part of a county's levy, the Commission's budget discussion with the counties may be easier as the Commission's tax levy amount would not count against their tax levy limit.

Mr. Dwyer commented that this is a positive move forward.

Mr. Muhs then stated that County Supervisor Natalia Mimo-Dumt has been jointly appointed as a new Commissioner from Ozaukee County. He then stated the remaining vacant seat on the Commission is Waukesha County, due to the passing of Mr. Jose Delgado.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Muhs
Deputy Secretary

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