

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Meeting occurred virtually via Video and Telephone Conference

**Present:**

**Excused:**

Commissioners:

Charles L. Colman, Chairman  
Michael A. Crowley, Vice-Chairman  
Steve Bostrom  
Donna Brown-Martin  
Thomas H. Buestrin  
Jonathan Delagrave  
James Dwyer  
Brian Holt  
James A. Ladwig  
Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.  
Natalia Minkel-Dumit  
Robert W. Pitts  
Jeffrey D. Schleif  
Daniel S. Schmidt  
Peggy L. Shumway  
Adam Tindall-Schlicht  
David L. Stroik  
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

Mary Knipper  
Aloysius Nelson

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 274<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present. He noted for the record that Commissioners Knipper and Nelson were excused.

## **INTRODUCTION AND SEATING OF NEW COMMISSIONER (OZAUKEE COUNTY)**

Chairman Colman called on Mr. Wirth to introduce Natalia Minkel-Dumit. Mr. Wirth noted that Ms. Minkel-Dumit is an Ozaukee County Board Supervisor and serves on the County Natural Resources Committee and the Energy Action Commission. Ms. Minkel-Dumit also serves as the Chair of the Legal Redress Committee of the NAACP of Ozaukee County. Prior to her tenure on the Ozaukee County Board, Ms. Minkel-Dumit was an environmental and contract attorney for a Milwaukee law firm.

Mr. Wirth also noted that Ms. Minkel-Dumit has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated from Marquette University Law School. Ms. Minkel-Dumit replaces Ms. Jennifer Rothstein.

Mr. Wirth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, to formally seat Ms. Natalia Minkel-Dumit as a Commissioner representing Ozaukee County on the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

Ms. Minkel-Dumit stated that she is honored to join the Commission and work with the Commissioners and staff.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2020, QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

On a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the December 9, 2020, Quarterly Commission Meeting were approved as published.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chairman Colman called on Mr. Stroik to present the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Stroik noted that a copy of the Treasurer's Report had been provided to all Commissioners for review prior to the meeting and called attention to the following items:

1. Based upon disbursements through January 31, 2021, it is projected that total disbursements for the year will approximate \$7.53 million. Revenues are projected at about \$7.73 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 \$5.3 million. The various accounts are identified on the second page of the report.
3. As of January 31, 2021, the Commission had in investments and cash on hand approximately \$6.36 million. \$5.15 million are invested in the State of Wisconsin Local Government Pooled Investment Fund. As of January 31, 2021, that fund was yielding 0.09 percent interest. Other funds are held in savings, checking, and certificate of deposit accounts at several banks.

There being no discussion, on a motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Schleif, and carried unanimously, the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2021, was approved (copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to the Official Minutes).

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning and Research Committee**

Chairman Colman called on Mr. Schmidt to present the Planning and Research Committee report. Mr. Schmidt noted that the report had been provided to all Commissioners prior to the meeting. He also noted that the Planning and Research Committee had not met since the Commission's Quarterly meeting on December 9, 2020.

There being no discussion, on a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Wirth, and carried unanimously, the Planning and Research Committee Report was approved (copy of the Planning and Research Committee Report is attached to the Official Minutes).

### **Administrative Committee Report**

Chairman Colman called on Mr. Dwyer to present the Administrative Committee report. Mr. Dwyer noted that the report had been provided to all Commissioners prior to the meeting. He also noted that the Administrative Committee had met two times since the Quarterly Commission Meeting on December 9, 2020.

On Thursday, January 21, 2021, the Committee took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and approved disbursements for five financial periods: year 2020 Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, and year 2021 No. 1 for the period October 26, 2020, to January 3, 2021.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the financial reporting period ending January 3, 2021.

On Thursday, February 18, 2021, the Committee took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and approved disbursements for two financial periods: year 2021 Nos. 2 and 3, for the period January 4, 2021, to January 31, 2021.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the financial reporting period ending January 31, 2021.

There being no discussion, on a motion by Mr. Crowley, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, the Administrative Committee Report was approved (copy of the Administrative Committee Report is attached to the Official Minutes).

### **Executive Committee Report**

Commission Chairman Colman, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, provided the Executive Committee report. He stated that the Executive Committee had met two times since the Quarterly Commission Meeting on December 9, 2020. He reported on the January 21, 2021, and the February 18, 2021, Committee meetings as follows:

At both meetings, the Committee:

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1. Received and approved a report from the Administrative Committee relative to its meeting that day.
2. Reviewed and approved proposed contracts for planning work. Five contracts were approved in January and two contracts were approved in February. The details of those contracts were attached to the Executive Committee report.
3. Received a report outlining progress on key planning efforts being undertaken by the Commission in 2021. The most recent progress report was attached to the Executive Committee report.

In addition, at its January meeting the Committee took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and approved amendments to the 2021-2024 Regional TIP. These amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP were necessary to advance five existing projects and four new projects, which were approved by the Commission's Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee and Racine Urbanized Areas.

At the February meeting the Committee discussed the placement of a portrait memorializing Kurt W. Bauer in the lobby of the Commission offices.

There being no discussion, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, the Executive Committee Report was approved (copy of the Executive Committee Report is attached to the Official Minutes).

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) (Resolution No. 2021-02)**

Chairman Colman asked the Commission to consider Resolution No. 2021-02, amending the 2021-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He noted that these materials were provided prior to this meeting. Mr. Muhs presented Resolution 2021-02, amending the 2021-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He indicated there were three existing projects and 34 new projects to be amended into the TIP. He stated that the addition of these projects to the TIP was approved by the Commission's Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming in the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, and West Bend Urbanized Areas.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried by a vote of 18 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution No. 2021-02 was approved (copy of Resolution No. 2021-02 is attached to the Official Minutes).

**CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE**

Mr. Muhs explained that there are four vacancies on the Commission's Environmental Justice Task Force and stated that there are two candidates to consider for appointment at today's meeting. He indicated he would announce each candidate and ask for a motion for appointment after each introduction.

Mr. Muhs recommended that the vacant Milwaukee County position be filled by Mr. Bradley Holz.

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Mr. Muhs provided a brief overview of Mr. Holz's background as it relates to the Environmental Justice Task Force.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Holt, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, and passed unanimously, Mr. Bradley Holz was appointed to the Environmental Justice Task Force.

Mr. Muhs then recommended that the vacant City of Racine position be filled by Pastor Ernest Ni'A. Mr. Muhs also provided an overview of Rev. Ni'A's background as it relates to the Environmental Justice Task Force.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Delagrave, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and passed unanimously, Rev. Ernest Ni'A was appointed to the Environmental Justice Task Force.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Muhs stated that as there are no pressing items to discuss, the March Administrative and Executive Committee meetings will be cancelled.

Mr. Crowley then asked for a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner José Delgado.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Muhs  
Deputy Secretary

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**David Stroik, Treasurer**  
**June 16, 2021**

This report is for the financial period ending April 25, 2021. As such, it represents the financial status of the Commission through 2021 Reporting Period No. 9.

1. Based upon disbursements through April 25, 2021, it is projected that total disbursements for the year will approximate \$7.73 million. Revenues are projected at about \$7.75 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 \$5.3 million. The various accounts are identified on the second page of the report.
3. As of April 25, 2021, the Commission had in investments and cash on hand approximately \$6.12 million. \$4.75 million are invested in the State of Wisconsin Local Government Pooled Investment Fund. As of April 25, 2021, that fund was yielding 0.05 percent interest. Other funds are held in savings, checking, and certificate of deposit accounts at several banks.

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