

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 21, 2022

1:55 p.m.

SEWRPC Office Building
Commissioners' Conference Room
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188

Meeting Occurred in Person and Virtually via Video and Telephone Conference

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Charles L. Colman, Chairman
Michael A. Crowley, Vice-Chairman
Donna Brown-Martin
Jonathan Delagrave
James T. Dwyer
Aloysius Nelson
Robert W. Pitts
David L. Stroik
Gustave W. Wirth, Jr.

Daniel S. Schmidt

Alternate: Thomas H. Buestrin

Staff:

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

ROLL CALL

Chairman Colman called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2022, MEETING

Chairman Colman asked if there were any changes or additions to the May 19, 2022, meeting minutes. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Crowley, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on May 19, 2022, were approved as published.

CONSIDERATION OF 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 2022 Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14: April 25, 2022, to July 3, 2022.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenue and Expenditures for the period ending July 3, 2022.
3. Selected the firm CliftonLarsonAllen to conduct the 2022 Calendar Year audit.
4. 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. Crowley, 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. Ms. Larsen noted that the report the Committee members received prior to the meeting listed six contracts.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Pitts, Ms. Larsen stated that the agreement with Marquette University for the conduct of legal research to address policy issues regarding chloride pollution of surface and groundwater, is for a total cost of \$18,420 to be paid over two years, or \$9,210 each year.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Muhs stated that the Marquette University law students will consider policy law and code that affects the use of chloride in water softeners and public areas including roads, parking lots, and sidewalks.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Nelson 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 asked Mr. Muhs to 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 Mr. Stroik regarding Ukrainian grain exports, Mr. McKay stated that while information regarding specific sources of imported food to the Region is not readily available, the Regional Food System Plan is documenting food production within the Region.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Nelson, Mr. Muhs stated that the shortage of baby formula was due to issues at one of the major production facilities and Mr. Dwyer responded that the milk availability issue may be due to a lack of truck drivers. Mr. McKay stated that the baby formula issue could potentially be acknowledged in the text of the Regional Food System Plan that discusses inspections and regulations. In addition, Mr. McKay stated that the plan has a supply chain section that focuses on labor force issues and transportation in the Region.

Mr. Colman commented on the challenges family farms are experiencing and their importance to the local food supply. Mr. McKay responded that family farms are one of the focus areas of the Regional Food System Plan.

**CONSIDERATION OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS
(Resolution No. 2022-11)**

Chairman Colman asked the Commission to consider adoption of Resolution No. 2022-11, which is an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2021-2024. Mr. Muhs presented Resolution 2022-11, amending the 2021-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He indicated there are four existing projects and 31 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 for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, and West Bend Urbanized Areas.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Dwyer to approve Resolution No. 2022-11, seconded by Mr. Nelson, and carried by a vote on 10 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution No. 2022-11 was approved (copy of Resolution 2022-11 attached to Official Minutes).

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Colman asked if there were any correspondence or announcements. Mr. Muhs stated that the FlexRide Milwaukee pilot study the Commission is assisting the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with is providing access to jobs in Menomonee Falls and Butler for workers living in Milwaukee who may not have access to an automobile. He stated that the funding for the pilot study will run through October 31, 2022. He then announced that Mobilize, a key project partner, received a Workforce Innovation Grant from the State of Wisconsin in the amount of \$4.2 million to continue and expand the program and further connect Milwaukee workers to jobs in additional suburbs.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Nelson, Mr. Muhs stated expansion of FlexRide into Racine and Kenosha Counties would not be funded under the current Workforce Innovation Grant; however, a similar program could potentially occur in Racine and Kenosha in the future.

Ms. Brown-Martin expressed her excitement for the grant and appreciation to all of the FlexRide partners.

Mr. Pitts commented on the potential development of a casino in Kenosha County and the potential economic benefits to the County if the project moves forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously.

Kevin J. Muhs
Deputy Secretary

Enclosures

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