

MINUTES
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

2:30 p.m.

Yerkes Observatory
373 W Geneva St
Williams Bay, WI 53191

Ann M. Drake Library

Meeting Occurred in Person and Virtually via Video and Telephone Conference

Present:

Excused:

Commissioners:

Charles L. Colman, Chairman
Donna Brown-Martin
Michael A. Crowley
Brian Holt
Dewayne Johnson
Mary Knipper
Natalia Minkel-Dumit
Aloysius Nelson
John O'Day
Robert W. Pitts
Jeffrey D. Schleif
Peggy L. Shumway
David L. Stroik

Daniel S. Schmidt, Committee Chairman
Jonathan Delagrave
James Ladwig
Marcelia Nicholson
Adam Tindall-Schlicht

Staff:

Kevin J. Muhs
Benjamin R. McKay
Elizabeth A. Larsen
Catherine Pozum

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Director of Administration
Accounting/Human Resources Specialist

ROLL CALL

Commission Chairman Colman called the Planning and Research Committee meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present. Chairman Colman indicated for the record that Planning and Research Chairman Schmidt and Commissioners Delagrave, Ladwig, Nicholson, and Tindall-Schlicht had asked to be excused.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2022, MEETING

Chairman Colman asked if there were any changes or additions to the August 9, 2022, meeting minutes. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Crowley, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the August 9, 2022, Planning and Research Committee Meeting were approved.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN: AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF MEQUON SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREA

Chairman Colman asked Mr. McKay to review the proposed amendment to the adopted regional water quality management plan pertaining to the City of Mequon sanitary sewer service area. A copy of the preliminary draft of the SEWRPC Staff Memorandum dated August 29, 2022, concerning this matter was provided to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. McKay indicated that by letter dated May 16, 2022, the City of Mequon requested that the Commission amend the sanitary sewer service area plan. He stated that a sewer service area plan was prepared in 1992 for the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville. He then stated that the purpose of the amendment would be to include within the planned sewer service area certain lands located immediately adjacent to, but outside, the currently adopted sewer service area.

Mr. McKay directed the attention of the Committee members to Map 1, which identifies the proposed changes to the Mequon sanitary sewer service area. He stated that the area proposed to be added is tributary to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) sewerage system. He stated that it is an increase of about 93 acres. He then noted that future development in the proposed addition to the service area would consist primarily of low-density residential uses under the City comprehensive plan. He further noted that the area proposed to be added could accommodate 85 housing units and a population of 235 people.

Mr. McKay then directed the attention of the Committee members to Map 2 and stated that the proposed addition to the sanitary sewer service area would include about seven acres of environmentally significant lands consisting of primary environmental corridor (including about four acres of wetland within the environmental corridor), and two small, isolated wetlands outside of the primary environmental corridor (that combined, encompass about one-quarter of an acre).

Mr. McKay stated that the size and capacity of the MMSD sewage conveyance and treatment facilities are set forth in the District's facility plan completed in 2021. The area proposed to be added to the planned sewer service area would be tributary to Sewershed ME 3009. He explained that Sewershed ME 3009 combines with Sewershed ME 3013 at the District's Metropolitan Interceptor Sewer (MIS), and together have a combined peak hourly flow allocation of 3.66 mgd. This would be sufficient available capacity to address the proposed additional development. Based on the data above, MMSD staff have verified that there is planned capacity available for the area proposed to be added to the sewer service area.

He then said that a public hearing was held on August 29, 2022. No objections to the proposed amendment were expressed at the hearing and the Mequon Common Council approved the sewer service area amendment following the public hearing. The amendment is consistent with the land use component of the VISION 2050, the regional water quality management plan, and Chapter NR 121 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code governing the preparation of areawide water quality management plans.

Mr. McKay stated that it is the staff recommendation that the Committee recommend that the Commission amend the City of Mequon sanitary sewer service area. Upon adoption by the Commission, the amendment

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will be provided to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for approval and the WDNR will then provide the amendment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for certification.

In response to an inquiry by Chairman Colman, Mr. McKay stated that the land to the east of the proposed amendment does not include urban density development and a portion of it is home to the Mequon Nature Preserve.

There being no further questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Holt, seconded by Ms. Minkel-Dumit, the Amendment to the City of Mequon sanitary sewer service area was unanimously recommended by the Committee for adoption by the Commission.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning and Research Committee will be held on November 1, 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Colman asked Mr. Muhs if there were any correspondence or announcements. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin R. McKay
Interim Executive Director

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