

MINUTES
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

3:00 p.m.

Pritzker Military Museum & Library
10475 12th Street
Kenosha, WI 53144

Meeting Occurred in Person and Via Video and Telephone Conference

Present:

Commissioners:

Charles Colman, Chairperson
Michael Crowley, Secretary
Priscilla Coggs-Jones
Paul Decker
John Holloway
Brian Holt
Dewayne Johnson
Trevor Jung
Mary Knipper
Thomas Kramer
Amy Maurer
Natalia Minkel-Dumit
Robert Pitts
Jeffrey Schleif
David Stroik
Donald Trottier

Excused:

Katrina Hanson
Michael Maistelman
Joe Messinger
Eric Stelter

Staff:

Stephanie Hacker	Executive Director
Benjamin McKay	Deputy Director
Elizabeth Larsen	Director of Administration
Christopher Hiebert	MPO Director
Nakeisha Payne	Chief Community Engagement Specialist
Alina Panasiuk	Accounting/HR Specialist

Guests:

Samantha Kerkman	Kenosha County Executive
Eden Juron Perlman	Interim President, Pritzker Military Museum and Library
Sam Schultz	von Briesen & Roper
Brian Brejcha	Attorney, Cramer Multhauf, LLP
Deborah Tomczyk	Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c.
Claud Lois	Kapur and Associates

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ROLL CALL

Commission Chairperson Colman called the 292nd meeting of the Commission to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present. Chairperson Colman asked that Secretary Crowley serve as the Chair for the Commission's Quarterly Meeting. Secretary Crowley noted for the record that Commissioners Hanson, Maistelman, Messinger, and Stelter had asked to be excused.

CHAIRPERSON COLMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETIREMENT AS OFFICER

Chairperson Colman stated he is stepping down from the position as Commission Chairperson. He will remain as the Chairperson through September 30th and as an active Commissioner thereafter.

Mr. Pitts thanked Chairperson Colman for his leadership during his tenure as Chair.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Stroik, Mr. Crowley outlined the procedure for the election of the Interim Chairperson and Interim Vice Chairperson to occur at the September 18, 2025, Executive Committee meeting.

WELCOME FROM SAMANTHA KERKMAN

Mr. Crowley introduced Ms. Kerkman, Kenosha County Executive. Ms. Kerkman welcomed the Commissioners to Kenosha County and the Pritzker Military Museum and Library. Ms. Kerkman then introduced Ms. Eden Juron Perlman, who recounted the history of the museum, beginning with the land purchase by Colonel Jennifer Pritzker, the use of the land, and the architect of the building.

Ms. Kerkman added that Kenosha County is the Gateway to Wisconsin, noted the recreational opportunities within the County and called attention to approved and proposed building of two power plants on Highway 195 and the Paris Somers growth area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2025 ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the June 18, 2025, Annual Commission Meeting were approved as published.

CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Crowley asked for any comments with regard to the two reports on the Consent Agenda.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Trottier, and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF TREASURER'S REPORT WITH STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

Mr. Crowley asked Mr. Stroik to present the Treasurer's Report. He then noted that a copy of the disbursements and the Treasurer's Report had been provided to all Commissioners for review prior to the meeting. The Report was for financial period ending July 27, 2025, and represents the financial status of the Commission through 2025 reporting period number seven. Mr. Stroik called attention to the following items:

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1. Based upon disbursements through July 27, 2025, it is projected that total disbursements for the year will approximate \$10 million. Revenues are projected at about \$10.16 million, exclusive of interest income and miscellaneous revenues.
2. The Commission's Reserves Policy indicates a minimum reserve amount of \$4,985,434, with a maximum reserve amount of \$10,870,868. The audited cash and cash equivalents at end of year 2024 are \$4,163,621.
3. As of July 27, 2025, the Commission had in investments and cash on hand approximately \$6.31 million. Just over \$5.53 million were invested in the State of Wisconsin Local Government Pooled Investment Fund. As of July 27, 2025, that fund was yielding 4.36 percent interest. Other funds are held in savings, checking, and certificate of deposit accounts at several banks.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Stroik stated there were no budget risks through the end of the calendar year.

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Holt, and carried unanimously, the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 27, 2025, was approved (copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to the Official Minutes).

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Amendment to the City of Port Washington sanitary sewer service area (Resolution No. 2025-11)

Mr. Crowley asked the Commission to consider Resolution No. 2025-11, noting that the Resolution would revise the City of Port Washington sanitary sewer service area. He asked Mr. McKay to present this Resolution.

Mr. McKay noted that the proposed amendment was reviewed in detail at the August 5, 2025, Planning and Research Committee meeting. He stated the Planning and Research Committee recommended adoption of the amendment by the full Commission. He then provided a brief overview. During the overview Mr. McKay explained that one area is proposed to be added to the existing sewer service area. He noted that the subject area to be added is 674 acres in size and proposed to be developed for industrial use, which would be a data center. He also noted that there are no primary environmental corridors or lowland portions of secondary environmental corridors or isolated natural resource areas where extension of sewers to serve new development in the subject area would not be permitted.

There being no discussion, on a motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Minkel-Dumit, Resolution No. 2025-11 was adopted by a vote of 16 ayes and 0 nays (Copy of Resolution No. 2025-11 is attached to the Official Minutes).

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Amendment to the Village of Germantown sanitary sewer service area (Resolution No. 2025-12)

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Mr. McKay noted that the proposed amendment was reviewed in detail at the August 5, 2025, Planning and Research Committee meeting. He stated the Planning and Research Committee recommended adoption of the amendment by the full Commission. He then provided a brief overview. During the overview Mr. McKay explained that this is a full update of the Germantown Sewer Service Area Plan. He noted that the full update was prepared because of the age of the plan and the number of amendments made to the plan since it was originally adopted. He stated that seven areas are proposed to be added to the sewer service area and two areas are proposed to be removed. He then explained that a full update of the plan allows for environmental corridor information to be updated for the entire sewer service area, not just the areas proposed to be added.

During the presentation, the following comments and questions were addressed.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Mr. McKay stated that the August flood has not changed the scope of this amendment.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Pitts, Mr. McKay stated that one of the comments received during the public hearing for this amendment was about the timing of the amendment related to detailed neighborhood planning the Village is likely to undertake. Mr. McKay then commented that the Village comprehensive plan includes the level of detail needed for Commission staff to prepare the sewer service area plan amendment.

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Mr. Jung and seconded by Mr. Holloway, Resolution No. 2025-12 was adopted by a vote of 16 ayes and 0 nays (Copy of Resolution No. 2025-12 is attached to the Official Minutes).

CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW OF AN AMENDMENT TO VISION 2050: *A REGIONAL LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN*

Reconstruction and Widening from Two to Four Lanes of the Segment of CTH K between CTH JK and Brookfield Road (Resolution No. 2025-13).

Mr. Crowley asked the Commission to consider adoption of Resolution No. 2025-13, which is an amendment to VISION 2050: A Regional Land Use and Transportation Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin. The amendment is for reconstruction and widening from two to four lanes of the segment of CTH K between CTH JK and Brookfield Road. Mr. Hiebert presented Resolution 2025-13, amending VISION 2050.

Mr. Kramer commented that this segment of CTH K carries a large amount of truck traffic and has high crash occurrences. He noted that some residents may find making left-hand turns inconvenient because of potentially reduced direct access to driveways from the proposed medians; however, the segment of roadway will be safer.

There being no further questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Schleif, to approve Resolution No. 2025-13, seconded by Mr. Decker, and carried by a vote of 16 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution No. 2025-13 was approved (copy of Resolution 2025-13 attached to Official Minutes).

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS (COPY OF EXHIBIT AND RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10)

Mr. Crowley asked the Commission to consider adoption of Resolution No. 2025-10, which is an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2025-2028. Mr. Hiebert presented Resolution 2025-10, amending the 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He noted the projects included in the amendment are summarized in Table 1 attached to the resolution, and they are in conformance with the regional transportation plan. He also stated the projects have been endorsed by the Advisory Committees on Transportation System planning and programming for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine urbanized areas. He further noted there are four new projects, and changes to 14 existing projects to be amended into the TIP.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Colman to approve Resolution No. 2025-10, seconded by Ms. Minkel-Dumit and carried by a vote of 16 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution No. 2025-10 was approved (copy of Resolution 2025-10 attached to Official Minutes).

REVIEW OF OPEN MEETINGS AND PUBLIC RECORDS COMPLIANCE BY CRAMER MULTHAUFLLP

Mr. Crowley asked Ms. Hacker to introduce Attorney Brian Brejcha, Partner, Cramer Multhauf, LLP.

Ms. Hacker introduced Mr. Brejcha by providing a brief summary of the Commission's relationship with Cramer Multhauf, noting that Attorney Dan Habeck also of Cramer Multhauf, LLP has been representing the Commission for many years. Mr. Brejcha stated he has been practicing law for 23 years at the law firm of Cramer Multhauf, LLP.

Mr. Brejcha stated that he has recently been providing the Commission with guidance on the areas of public records compliance and, to some extent, open meetings. He explained that the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice has published a public records law compliance guide and an open meetings law compliance guide. He then briefly reviewed both documents and provided general guidance on these topics.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Ms. Hacker stated she will send both documents to Commissioners.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Hacker asked that questions be forwarded to herself and she will reach out to Mr. Brejcha as needed.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Brejcha for his time and information.

REVIEW OF COMMISSIONER E-MAIL ACCOUNT TRANSITION

Mr. Crowley asked Ms. Hacker to review the Commission e-mail account transition procedures.

Ms. Hacker stated that in accordance with best practices, Commission staff is looking to transition Commissioner electronic correspondence to @sewrpc.org e-mail addresses as of January 1, 2026.

Mr. Justin Kendall, Principal Systems Analyst, reviewed the steps needed to add a Commission e-mail account to their electronic devices.

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CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Hacker announced that the September 18, 2025, Executive Committee meeting will be held due to the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson vacancies. She stated the period to express interest in the Vice Chairperson position has closed, and that the Chairperson vacancy request for interest is active and concludes end of day, September 11th.

Mr. Crowley then stated that Mary Knipper is leaving the Commission as her term has ended and thanked her for her service. Ms. Knipper reflected on her time with the Commission and thanked the Commissioners for their work for the Region.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on a motion by Mr. Stroik., seconded by Ms. Minkel-Dumit, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Hacker
Deputy Secretary