

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Reefpoint Marina & Brew House  
2 Christopher Columbus Causeway  
Racine, WI 53403

Meeting Occurred in Person and Via Video and Telephone Conference

**Present:**

Commissioners:

Michael Crowley, Chair  
Charles Colman  
Paul Decker  
John Holloway  
Brian Holt  
Adam Jaramillo  
Dewayne Johnson  
Trevor Jung  
Thomas Kramer  
Amy Maurer  
Joe Messinger  
Natalia Minkel-Dumit  
Robert Pitts  
Isaac Rowlett  
Jeffrey Schleif  
Eric Stelter  
Donald Trottier

**Excused:**

Priscilla Coggs-Jones  
Katrina Hanson

Staff:

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| Stephanie Hacker    | Executive Director         |
| Benjamin McKay      | Deputy Director            |
| Elizabeth Larsen    | Director of Administration |
| Christopher Hiebert | MPO Director               |
| Eric Lynde          | Special Projects Director  |

Guest:

Maquire Delagrave

## **WELCOME FROM RACINE COUNTY EXECUTIVE RALPH MALICKI**

Commission Chair Crowley introduced Mr. Ralph Malicki, Racine County Executive. Mr. Malicki provided an overview of Racine County, stating there would be a tour offered of Reefpoint after the meeting. He stated Racine County is working on multiple projects, including a \$32 million four-year project at the Marina, construction projects on CTH G and CTH B, and a campground study.

Mr. Malicki stated these projects are being done from a fiscally conservative vantage point and thanked the Commissioners for being present.

## **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Crowley called the 294<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present. Mr. Crowley noted for the record that Commissioners Coggs-Jones and Hanson had asked to be excused.

Mr. Crowley then stated the Commission would like to recognize former Commissioner Jonathon Delagrave, who represented Racine County. Mr. Crowley stated that Jonathon Delagrave's son, Maquire Delagrave, would be accepting a plaque on behalf of former Commissioner Delagrave. Mr. Crowley provided a brief biography, stating that Jonathon Delagrave was the former Racine County Executive. He stated that Jonathon Delagrave was very active with the Commission.

Mr. Crowley then presented the plaque to Maquire Delagrave, expressing deep appreciation of Jonathon Delagrave's service as a faithful member of the Administrative and Executive Committees, Planning and Research Committee, the Intergovernmental and Public Relations Committee, and for his tremendous impact on the Region.

## **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2025, QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

On a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Ms. Minkel-Dumit, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the December 3, 2025, Quarterly Commission Meeting were approved.

## **OFFICIAL SEATING OF GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT FROM MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

Mr. Crowley stated that Adam Tindall-Schlicht is to be formally seated as a new Commissioner representing Milwaukee County. Mr. Crowley asked Mr. Rowlett to read Mr. Tindall-Schlicht's biography.

Mr. Rowlett stated that Mr. Tindall-Schlicht is a globally recognized transportation executive and regional infrastructure leader. In his role as Sector Lead Ports, Transportation & Infrastructure for Ramboll, he advises clients across the United States and Canada, with a focus on regional system performance and long-term resilience. In addition, Mr. Tindall-Schlicht previously served as Director of Port Milwaukee where he advanced capital improvements and public-private partnerships. Mr. Tindall-Schlicht was then appointed by U.S. President Joe Biden as the Administrator of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Mr. Crowley stated that Mr. Tindall-Schlicht served on the Commission previously and is now being reappointed.

On a motion by Mr. Colman, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously, Mr. Tindall-Schlicht was formally seated as a Commissioner representing Milwaukee County on the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Crowley asked for any questions or comments regarding the reports on the Consent Agenda.

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

#### **CONSIDERATION OF SECRETARY PURSUANT TO COMMISSION BYLAWS ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 – VACANCIES**

Mr. Crowley stated that Mr. Johnson was unanimously designated to serve as Commission Secretary during the December Executive Committee meeting until this Quarterly meeting. Mr. Crowley then asked if there were any other Commissioners interested in being nominated for the vacancy. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Holloway, and carried unanimously, Mr. Johnson was elected Commission Secretary.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF TREASURER PURSUANT TO COMMISSION BYLAWS ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 – VACANCIES**

Mr. Crowley stated that Mr. Holt was unanimously designated to serve as Commission Treasurer during the February Executive Committee meeting until this Quarterly meeting. Mr. Crowley then asked if there were any other Commissioners interested in being nominated for the vacancy. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously, Mr. Holt was elected Commission Treasurer.

#### **OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY**

Mr. Crowley noted that Principal Communication Specialist Jim Zahner would have presented the social media activity; however, he is unable to attend the meeting and asked Ms. Hacker to give the presentation.

The following questions and comments were made after the presentation.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Messinger, Ms. Hacker indicated the website includes a contact form where users can submit requests for information

Mr. Crowley stated that communication is critical for any organization and explained the importance of social media as a medium for conveying the Commission's work to the public. He added that Mr. Zahner would be invited back to a future Commission meeting.

#### **REVIEW OF SCENARIOS FOR THE 2027 REGIONAL CHARGE TO COUNTIES**

Mr. Crowley asked Ms. Hacker to review scenarios for the 2027 regional charge to the Counties. Ms. Hacker noted this is a discussion item only. She explained the first item was a handout showing the regional charge annually since the year 2000.

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She explained the second item was a handout showing regional charge scenarios with no change, a 1 percent change, and a 2 percent change. She continued to explain that even if the regional charge did not change, there would still be a difference in charges between counties due to equalized valuation.

Ms. Hacker added that the conversation about the regional charge is beginning earlier than in past years at the request of the Commissioners.

The following questions and comments were made during the review.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Holloway, Ms. Hacker explained she is meeting with County Executives and Administrators about their priorities. She will then report back to the Executive Committee to inform budget discussions.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Messinger, Ms. Hacker explained Commission staff had conversations with County Executives and Administrators to re-evaluate the regional charge in 2025. She further explained the feedback was presented to the Executive Committee in March 2025.

In response to an additional inquiry by Mr. Messinger, Ms. Hacker stated that all feedback from the County meetings will be relayed to the Executive Committee and be taken into consideration for the 2027 Budget.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Holloway, Ms. Hacker explained that she determines who attends the County meetings based upon guidance from County officials.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Crowley stated that he has expressed a desire to be present during these meetings at the discretion of County officials. He then explained there are some meetings he will be attending with Ms. Hacker, and others that are scheduled to be one-on-one with the Executive Director, who will report back to himself and the Executive Committee. Mr. Crowley added they are being very transparent about the County charges.

Mr. Schleif commented that Washington County has been satisfied with some of the services provided by the Commission, but unsatisfied with other aspects of the Commission's work. Mr. Schleif advised the Commission to be aware of County priorities in the future.

Mr. Crowley asked if there were any further questions or comments. There were none.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF TREASURER'S REPORT WITH STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Mr. Crowley asked Mr. Holt 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 February 8, 2026, and represents the financial status of the Commission 2026 reporting period number two. Mr. Holt called attention to the following items:

1. Based upon disbursements through February 8, 2026, it is projected that total disbursements of the year will approximate \$9.57 million. Revenues are projected at about \$10.51 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.

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3. As of February 8, 2026, the Commission had in investments and cash on hand approximately \$8.59 million. Just over \$7.92 million were invested in the State of Wisconsin Local Government Pooled Investment Fund. As of February 8, 2026, that fund was yielding 3.70 percent interest. Other funds are held in savings, checking, and certificate of deposit accounts at several banks.

The following questions and comments were made.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Messinger, Ms. Larsen explained the projected revenues and expenses only go through February 8, so it is difficult to project what the revenue will look like towards the end of the year.

In response to an additional inquiry from Mr. Messinger, Ms. Larsen stated the reserve policy was adopted in 2022, and it is based on a formula that includes funding levels from the three previous years. She further explained the amount should be somewhere within the stated range and the current amount will change based on the 2025 audit.

On a motion by Mr. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Messinger, and carried unanimously, the Treasurer's Report was approved. (copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to the Official Minutes).

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Hacker distributed the 2026 Commission calendar and the 2025 annual report.

Ms. Hacker then asked Mr. McKay to share feedback on the Regional Chloride Impact Study received from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) staff. Mr. McKay explained WDNR Water Quality Bureau staff complimented Commission staff on the Chloride Study. WDNR staff stated the Chloride Study is perhaps the most comprehensive analysis of surface and groundwater chloride levels in the nation, setting a benchmark for both its depth and scientific integrity. WDNR staff also stated the timing of the study aligns perfectly with the increased focus on chlorides within both the surface and groundwater systems.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Messinger, Mr. McKay stated he would relay the Commission's compliments to Chief Environmental Engineer Laura Herrick and her staff.

With no additional correspondence or announcements, Mr. Crowley stated that Ms. Larsen has announced her retirement after 34 years with the Commission. He reflected on her time with the Commission and stated the Commission would be awarding Ms. Larsen with a plaque to acknowledge her time and dedication.

Ms. Larsen thanked the Commissioners.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Maurer, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 3.55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Hacker  
Deputy Secretary