

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 20, 2026

1:30 p.m.

Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
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:

Michael Crowley, Chair
Brian Holt
Dewayne Johnson
Trevor Jung
Natalia Minkel-Dumit
Robert Pitts

Issac Rowlett

Staff:

Stephanie Hacker
Benjamin McKay
Christopher Hiebert
Eric Lynde
Bob Becker

Executive Director
Deputy Director
MPO Director
Special Projects Director
Controller

Guests:

Loni Hagerup
Mike Neuwohner

Chief of Staff for Washington County
Chief of Staff to the Washington County Board of Supervisors

ROLL CALL

Chair Crowley called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present. Mr. Crowley announced that Mr. Rowlett was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2026

Mr. Crowley asked if there were any changes or additions to the July 16, 2026, Executive Committee meeting minutes. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Jung, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 16, 2026, were approved as published.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF 2026 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP) AMENDMENT (COPY OF EXHIBIT AND RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13)

Mr. Crowley introduced Mr. Hiebert to present the amendment. Mr. Heibert stated it is an amendment to the 2026 overall work program to add a planning project for the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) Forward study. He stated that this is a \$900,000 project that utilizes \$720,000 of Federal Transit Administration 5307 funding, and focuses on redesigning the MCTS network to optimize the system.

Mr. Hiebert added that this project is not adding any money to the Commission's 2026 budget and Commission staff recommend approval.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hiebert stated that Commission staff would confirm the geographic and agency coordination scope of the study.

There being no further questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Holt to approve Resolution No. 2026-13, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried by a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution No. 2026-13 was approved (copy of Resolution 2026-13 attached to Official Minutes).

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS (COPY OF EXHIBIT AND RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12)

Ms. Hacker stated the Washington County Board of Supervisors voted on November 12, 2025, to adopt a biennial budget that did not include support for the Commission in 2026 or the following year. Ms. Hacker stated the payment would have provided the local contribution to federal transportation planning funding. She stated that counties within the Regional Planning Commission remain under the expectation their contribution will not be funding federal transportation planning services for Washington County.

Mr. Crowley stated that a copy of the resolution and corresponding memo was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting. Mr. Crowley stated that Commissioners had received a letter from the Washington County Executive objecting to the Resolution. Mr. Crowley stated that his recommendation is to postpone this item for further review.

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Ms. Minkel-Dumit, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Resolution 2026-12 was postponed by a roll call vote of Commissioners Crowley, Holt, Johnson, Jung, Minkel-Dumit, and Pitts voting aye.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL REVISIONS TO COMMISSION BYLAWS

Mr. Crowley asked Mr. McKay to present the item. Mr. McKay stated that Commissioners received two memos prior to the meeting. One memo is a summary of the discussion that occurred at the July 28, 2026, Intergovernmental and Public Relations Committee. The other is a memo on the subject that was distributed at the Annual Meeting in June. Mr. McKay then provided a brief overview of the memos.

The following questions and comments were made during the overview.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Ms. Hacker stated she could consult with legal counsel if it were possible for a non-voting member to serve as a Commissioner or on the Executive Committee.

In response to an inquiry made by Mr. Jung, Mr. Crowley concurred that proper representation in relation to the Commission's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designation is necessary. Mr. Holt commented that the IPR Committee concluded that the Commission composition should ensure proper representation for the MPO designation and the Areawide Water Quality Planning Agency designation.

Mr. Crowley stated that this discussion will continue with the full Commission at the September Quarterly Meeting.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTS

Mr. Crowley asked Mr. McKay to review the proposed contracts. Mr. McKay noted the contract and agreement report the Committee members received prior to the meeting lists four contracts.

Ms. Minkel-Dumit suggested including more detail about completion date in the Time Period of Agreement and Completion Date column.

There being no further questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Minkel-Dumit, and carried unanimously, the review and consideration of contracts was approved (copy attached to Official Minutes).

STAFF REPORT ON WORK PROGRAMS

Mr. Crowley asked Mr. McKay to review the Work Program Progress Report. Mr. McKay 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. Johnson, Mr. McKay stated that a Lake Michigan diversion is an option that would be analyzed under a potential Regional Water Supply Plan amendment for the City of Pewaukee and the Village of Pewaukee.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD NO. 7

Copies of the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures as of July 26, 2026, were distributed for Committee review.

Ms. Hacker introduced Robert Becker, the Commission's new Controller, to review the Statement. Mr. Becker then provided a review of the Statement.

Mr. Crowley invited Mr. Becker to introduce himself to the Committee.

There being no further questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Minkel-Dumit, and carried unanimously, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures through July 26, 2026, was approved unanimously (copy attached to Official Minutes).

CONSIDERATION OF DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Holt and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Commission disbursements for the July 17, 2026, and July 31, 2026, Check Registers for signature by Chair Crowley, Mr. Holt, and Ms. Hacker.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Crowley, Ms. Hacker stated that staff will return to highlighting unique items in the registers.

There being no further questions or comments, the motion was approved unanimously (copy attached to Official Minutes).

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Hacker stated the upcoming Quarterly Commission Meeting would be held on September 16 at 3:00 p.m. in Ozaukee County. An update about the specific location will be provided.

Mr. Crowley again acknowledged the letter received by Commissioners from the Washington County Executive.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Hacker
Deputy Secretary