

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Annual Meeting
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
La Sure's Banquet Hall & Catering
April 27, 2007

Chair Merlin Gentz called the Annual Meeting of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to order at 3:10 P.M.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. **MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION**
- III. **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken showing the following attendance:

Commission Members Present

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| Merlin Gentz | Calumet County |
| Patrick Laughrin | Calumet County |
| Robert "Toby" Paltzer | Outagamie County |
| Clifford Sanderfoot | Outagamie County |
| Helen Nagler | Outagamie County |
| Marshal Giese | Shawano County |
| Ken Capelle | Shawano County |
| M. Eugene Zeuske | Shawano County |
| James Laughrin (Alt. for Dick Koeppen) | Waupaca County |
| Paul Mayou (Alt. for Brian Smith) | Waupaca County |
| Robert Danielson | Waupaca County |
| Norman Weiss | Waushara County |
| Yvonne Feavel | Waushara County |
| Neal Strehlow | Waushara County |
| Mark Harris | Winnebago County |
| Dave Albrecht | Winnebago County |
| Richard Wollangk (Alt. for Frank Tower) | Winnebago County |
| Ernie Bellin | Winnebago County |
| Arden Schroeder | Winnebago County |
| Ken Robl | Winnebago County |

Commission Members Absent

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| Clarence Wolf | Calumet County |
| Ruth Winter | Menominee County |
| Brian Kowalkowski | Menominee County |
| Timothy Hanna | Outagamie County |
| Don Grissman | Outagamie County |
| Bob Lamers | Outagamie County |
| Duane Brown | Waupaca County |

Staff Members Present

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| Eric Fowle | Executive Director |
| Walt Raith | Assistant Planner |

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| Ed Kleckner | Associate Planner |
| Kathy Thunes | Associate Planner |
| Jason Kakatsch | Associate Planner |
| Dave Moesch | Associate Planner |
| Melinda Barlow | Associate Planner |
| Christine Kaup | Associate Planner |
| Joe Huffman | Planner |
| Todd Verboomen | Planner |
| Scott Konkle | Reclamation Planning Specialist |
| Rick Stadtmueller | GIS Coordinator |
| Adam Pfefferle | GIS/Planning Assistant |
| Melissa Kraemer Badtke | Planning Specialist I |
| Mike Patza | GIS/Planning Assistant |
| Andrew Jennings | Planning Specialist II |
| Tim Badtke | IT Coordinator |
| Vicky Johnson | Administrative Coordinator |
| Angie Cottrell | Financial Specialist |
| Edalia Haney | Administrative Assistant |

Staff Absent

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| Trish Nau | GIS/Planning Specialist II |
| Mike Zuege..... | GIS/Planning Assistant |

A. Introduction of Staff and Guests

Mr. Fowle introduced the staff.

IV. **BUSINESS**

A. Presentation by Jerry Murphy, Executive Director, The New North

Mr. Murphy stated the mission of New North is to harness and promote the region’s resources, talents and creativity for the purpose of sustaining and growing our regional economy. The New North consists of 18 counties in Northeast Wisconsin. The New North brand unites the region both internally and externally, signifying the collective economic power behind the 18 counties. He noted that New North is a consortium of business, economic development, chambers of commerce, workforce development, civic, non-profit, and education leaders who work to be recognized as competitive for job growth while maintaining their superior quality of life.

B. Presentation of the 2006 Annual Report – Eric Fowle, Executive Director

Mr. Fowle stated that the 2006 Annual Report shows the activities on the local and regional level. Activities such as providing progressive leadership in the examination as to how to fund a transit system; or how the Commission has fostered awareness in areas such as the Niagara Escarpment which is not only a natural resource for the area but also a social and economic opportunity; or activities involving the identification mapping of the region’s primary and secondary timber industry. He encouraged the Commissioners to ask questions or contact the staff on projects that are not familiar to them and would like more information.

Mr. Fowle stated one point that he wishes to impress upon to the county officials and the Commissioners is that a lot of what the Commission does, is not tangible, not easy to put numbers to, but these activities have long term impacts, benefits real people, businesses and tourism in the area.

Mr. Fowle noted that Senator Carol Roessler expressed her appreciation for the Commission involvement and dedication in the preservation of the Picnic Point property stating that regional cooperation and consensus on such matters has a big impact on these types of issues.

Mr. Fowle requested that the Commissioners take the Annual Report back to the county board or their constituents and emphasize the activities that the Commission has been involved in and accomplishments for this past year.

C. Chairman's Announcement of Standing Committee Appointments

Chair Gentz indicated that a copy of the 2007-08 Standing Committee appointments had been distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Steering Committee

Merlin Gentz, Chair, Brian Kowalkowski, Vice-Chair, Clifford Sanderfoot, Marshall Giese, Dick Koeppen, Norm Weiss, David Albrecht

Open Space and Environmental Management Committee

Toby Paltzer, Chair, Yvonne Feavel, Vice-Chair, Don Grissman, Robert Danielson, (Vacant)

Economic Development Committee

Brian Kowalkowski, Chair, Duane Brown, Vice-Chair, Merlin Gentz, Helen Nagler, M. Eugene Zeuske, Mark Harris

Transportation Committee

Marshall Giese, Chair, Clarence Wolf, Dick Koeppen, Neal Strehlow, David Albrecht, Ken Robl

Regional Comprehensive Planning Committee

Norm Weiss, Chair, Tim Hanna, Vice-Chair, Ruth Winter, (Vacant), Robert Lamers, Brian Smith

Community Facilities Committee

Clifford Sanderfoot, Chair, Richard Wollangk, Vice-Chair, Ernie Bellin, Pat Laughrin, Ken Capelle

Ms. Nagler moved for approval of the new standing committee assignments, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Retiring Commissioners

Chair Gentz presented Arden Schroeder from Winnebago County with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service to the Commission.

V. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Fowle stated that Rick Stadtmueller, GIS Coordinator, after 32 years of dedicated service will be retiring at the end of June.

Chair Gentz stated that the Quarterly Meeting will be July 27, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. in Wautoma.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wollangk moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Bellin. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.