

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Annual Meeting
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
ECWRPC Offices
April 29, 2011

Chair Ken Capelle called the Annual Meeting of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to order at 11:25 A.M.

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

Roll call was taken showing the following attendance:

Commission Members Present

Merlin Gentz	Calumet County
Alice Connors	Calumet County
Jeremy Johnson (Alt. for Elizabeth Moses)	Menominee County
Ruth Winter	Menominee County
Bob Hermes	Menominee County
Robert "Toby" Paltzer	Outagamie County
Thomas Nelson	Outagamie County
Jim Van Dyke (Alt. for Tim Hanna).....	Outagamie County
Helen Nagler	Outagamie County
Paul Hirte	Outagamie County
Kathy Groat	Outagamie County
Bob Weyenberg	Outagamie County
Jerry Erdmann	Shawano County
Ken Capelle	Shawano County
M. Eugene Zeuske	Shawano County
Dick Koeppen	Waupaca County
Duane Brown	Waupaca County
DuWayne Federwitz	Waupaca County
Norman Weiss	Waushara County
Neal Strehlow	Waushara County
Larry Timm	Waushara County
Mark Harris	Winnebago County
Ernie Bellin.....	Winnebago County
David Albrecht	Winnebago County
Jim Erdman	Winnebago County
Ken Robl	Winnebago County
Mark Rohloff (Alt. for Paul Esslinger)	Winnebago County

Commission Members Excused

Bill Barribeau	Calumet County
Brian Smith	Waupaca County

Staff Members Present

Eric Fowle	Executive Director
Walt Raith	Assistant Director
Jason Kakatsch	Principal Planner
Kathy Thunes	Principal Planner
Kara Homan	Principal Planner
Dave Moesch	Associate Planner
Todd Verboomen	Associate Planner
Melissa Kraemer Badtke	Associate Planner (SRTS)
Mike Patza	Planner (SRTS)
David Kress	Planning Specialist (SRTS)
Tom Baron	Planner
Joe Huffman	Planner
Scott Konkle	Reclamation Planning Specialist II
Trish Nau	GIS Coordinator
Mike Zuege.....	GIS Specialist II
Adam Pfefferle	GIS Specialist I
Tim Badtke	IT Coordinator
Vicky Johnson	Administrative Coordinator
Angie Cottrell	Controller

A. Introduction of Commissioners, Staff and Special Guests

Mr. Fowle welcomed the new Outagamie County Executive, Thomas Nelson, to the Commission. He noted that the City of Oshkosh has a new mayor, Burk Tower, who has appointed Mark Rohloff as his permanent alternate on the Commission.

IV. Business

A. Report on April 28, 2011 RPC Day at the Capitol

Mr. Fowle said that the second annual RPC Day at the Capitol was April 28. The RPC directors and their chairman met with various legislators or their staff to discuss the role of regional planning commissions. He noted he had a very productive meeting with Senator Mike Ellis. A couple of the concerns that were expressed to the Senator were addressed almost immediately. One of the concerns was the cut in the Transportation Enhancement dollars, which Senator Ellis had voted on prior to their meeting and noted that \$5 million was tentatively to be restored to that program. The other concern was the role that RPCs will play in the new Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. When this concern was discussed with Senator Ellis, he implied that he would be writing a letter of support on behalf of the regional planning commissions to the Department of Commerce.

Chair Capelle said that the Day at the Capitol was a very informative day for him and a positive day for the Commission and all RPCs.

B. Presentation and Action of the 2010 Annual Report

Mr. Fowle said that all the Commissioners should have received a draft copy of the Annual Report prior to the meeting. He highlighted several of the 2010 accomplishments, such as acting as the MPO and guiding millions of state and federal transportation dollars to local and highway projects, the EDA activities, the global trade project, non-metallic mining program, the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway project, escarpment efforts, and many more. Mr. Fowle said that the Commissioners have helped to guide and direct the Commission to obtain these

accomplishments. He explained that the Commission is on the right track with the current budget which is about \$300,000 to \$400,000 more than it was in 2005 when he became Executive Director. This has been accomplished without increasing the levy over that period.

Ms. Homan said that the Commission serves as an official state data service affiliate. She noted that any counties or communities that are looking for census data and socio-economic data, should contact her or the staff at the Commission for this information as this is a free service to them. Ms. Homan began her slide presentation, explaining that the first slide showed percentage of population changes between the 2000 and 2010 census data and where the greatest changes have occurred. The greatest growth is happening in the towns that surrounding the urban areas. She explained the various reasons why a population within certain areas either increased or decreased.

Ms. Homan explained the second slide showing population by sex and age in a 5-year cohort and how the situation will change by the year 2030 as the baby boomers age. She noted that this change in population drives home the concepts and importance of planning for the future and the need to understand what the ramifications are on decisions that are made now.

The third slide presented by Ms. Homan showed where people lived and where they worked. She used examples of a urban and a rural community in the Commission's region and explained the percentages. Ms. Homan noted that the importance of transportation planning is showed by the percentages of people travelling to different locations for work.

A brief discussion followed regarding women's longevity versus men's.

Mr. Gentz motioned to approve the 2010-2011 Annual Report, seconded by Mr. Hermes. Motioned passed with 27 ayes and 0 nays.

C. Chairman's Announcement of Standing Committee Appointments

The announcements of the Standing Committee Appointments were addressed and approved at the previous Quarterly Meeting.

V. Special Order of Business

A. 2011-2015 ECWRPC Strategic Plan Report & Exercise

Mr. Fowle said strategies have been talked about at the Steering Committee, along with exercises performed by the Committee and staff about a year ago and these items need to be brought forward to the full Commission. There are statutory charges that will fill most of what will be in the strategic plan, but it is a critical aspect as to how these items are prioritized under the specific areas. Mr. Fowle said that future challenges fall into six categories, mission and goals, program strategies and alignment of programs, communication strategy, administrative strategy, financial strategy and service provisions. He explained the six categories and the work involved.

Mr. Fowle said that Mary Kohrell from Calumet County will facilitate various exercises at a meeting following the July Quarterly Meeting and requested that the Commissioners attend. He noted that he is also planning a retreat in the fall to work further on the Strategic Plan.

B. Presentation of Plaques to Outgoing Commissioners

Mr. Fowle presented a plaque of recognition of service to the Commission to Toby Paltzer, Outagamie County.

Mr. Paltzer expressed his thanks to Mr. Fowle, the Staff and the other Commissioners, noting that since he joined the Commission twelve years ago, his appreciation and understanding of the importance of regional planning has been greatly enhanced.

VI. Other Business

Chair Capelle stated that the next Quarterly Meeting will be July 29, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the New London City Hall.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Koeppen moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Bellin. Motion passed with 27 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 P.M.