

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**Steering Committee**

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission  
ECWRPC Offices  
December 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Dick Koeppen, Chair.

Committee Members Present:

Dick Koeppen, Chair ..... Waupaca County  
Bill Barribeau ..... Calumet County  
Bob Hermes ..... Menominee County  
Clifford Sanderfoot ..... Outagamie County  
Marshal Giese ..... Shawano County  
Norm Weiss ..... Waushara County  
David Albrecht ..... Winnebago County

Staff / Guests Present

Eric Fowle, Exec. Dir. .... ECWRPC Staff  
Walt Raith, Assist. Dir ..... ECWRPC Staff  
Angie Cottrell, Controller ..... ECWRPC Staff

1. Welcome / Introductions of Members and Guest

Mr. Koeppen welcomed the Committee members

2. Statement of Compliance with Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.84 Regarding Open Meetings Requirements

Mr. Fowle stated that the agenda was mailed and properly posted in accordance with State statutes.

3. Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Mr. Fowle noted that the Winnebago County Board will be addressing the Commission's request for bonding at their January 19, 2010 Board meeting.

Mr. Fowle requested the Committee members who have not returned their direct deposit authorization forms to do so. He reminded the group that the Commission is changing banks and asked that outstanding checks be cash promptly so that the account can be closed.

Mr. Fowle informed the Committee members that Wally Peterson representing Waushara County has resigned and Robert Maloney has been appointed. Mr. Maloney is a County Board Supervisor and vary active in community service including a role with the library.

Mr. Fowle stated that the HOVMSD made a decision on the Darboy S.D. appeal. The annexation of the Darboy property was approved for sewer service. He said that a newspaper article and a copy of the decision will be provided to the Commissioners. It is possible that the City of Kaukauna could appeal based on the conditions detailed in the decision. He noted that he will be contacting the Water Division Administrator at DNR to discuss a similar amendment issue in Dane County. Mr. Fowle explained the situation in Dane County to the Committee and the DNR's response.

4. Approval of the November 30, 2009 Steering Committee Summary of Proceedings

Mr. Koeppen requested the approval of the Summary of Proceedings from the November 30, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Mr. Giese. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposed Resolution No. 32-09: **Amending Resolution No. 30-09 Amending the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh Urbanized Areas – 2009 (ARRA projects)**

Mr. Raith said through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Oshkosh Transit was awarded \$2.1 million to purchase hi-bred buses. Oshkosh Transit submitted an application for an additional bus as part of ARRA Stage I, but was not selected for funding. Due to some rural transit providers being unable to utilize the money awarded them, an additional \$29,000 became available. The second application for ARRA funds for bus purchases was awarded to the Oshkosh Transit. The 2009 TIP needs to be amended to include these additional funds.

Mr. Sanderfoot motioned to approve Proposed Resolution No. 32-09, seconded by Mr. Hermes. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Proposed Resolution No. 33-09: **Amending Resolution No. 24-09 Adopting the 2010 Unified Transportation Work Program and Annual MPO Certification for the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**

Mr. Raith explained that WisDOT budget cuts reduced the amount of state match available for authorized federal funds. Typically federal planning funds (PL) are 80/20 or 80 percent federal funds and 20 percent state and local funds. Historically the Commission provided a 10 percent local match in addition to the 10 percent state match. To receive all of the federal funds available the Commission will need to increase the local match to recover the reduction in the state match.

Mr. Raith described the formula use to prepare the previous funding table and said it was based on the 2010 WisDOT authorization letters assuming a reduction in state funds and no increase in the local match. The Committee reviewed the updated budget table that will allow the Commission to increase the local share and leverage all of the authorized federal funds for the Fox Cities, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac Urbanized Areas.

Mr. Giese motioned to approve Proposed Resolution No. 33-09, seconded by Mr. Sanderfoot. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Proposed Resolution 34-09: **Amending the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh Urbanized Areas – 2010 (ARRA projects)**

Mr. Raith stated that Proposed Resolution No. 34-09 amends the 2010 TIP to include the Grenier Road Bridge project in Outagamie County. This project will receive 100% federal funding in the amount of \$292,000 as a result of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Mr. Weiss motioned to approve Proposed Resolution No. 34-09, seconded by Mr. Hermes. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Update on Commission Strategic Planning Efforts

Mr. Fowle presented the SWOT results to the Committee. A brief discussion followed regarding the results.

9. Update on AWRPC Efforts for RPC Exemption from State Levy Limits

Mr. Fowle stated that he received favorable responses from some of the legislators on RPC exemption from state levy limits. He noted that there are two items in process right now. Larry Ward from South West RPC is preparing a white paper on the financial contributions of RPCs to the State. Each individual RPC will supply him with information and data, particularly on state and federal revenues that are leverage using Commission levy dollars. The numbers will enable the legislators to see the statewide impact of the revenues that are brought in using essentially county dollars.

Mr. Fowle said he has been having discussions with the Wisconsin County Association about these efforts and that they are onboard conceptually. Since the WCA is better connected with the legislation and have professional lobbying staff, AWRPC feels that it would be beneficial to arrange a contractual agreement with them to help led the charge. The AWRPC budget does have a line item for lobbying expenditures.

10. Next Meeting and Agenda

Mr. Fowle suggested January 22, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. for the next Committee meeting.

11. Adjourn

Mr. Giese motioned for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Hermes. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.