

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

ECWRPC Offices

January 10, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present:

Ernie Bellin Winnebago County
Tim Hanna Outagamie County
Tom Kautza Shawano County
Jim Lowey Menominee County
Chuck Hornung Fond du Lac County

Committee Members Excused:

Brenda Schneider Fond du Lac County

Staff Present:

Eric Fowle..... Executive Director, ECWRPC
Kathy Thunes ECWRPC, Staff
Joe Huffman ECWRPC Staff

1. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Bellin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Everyone was welcomed and introductions were made.

2. Statement of Compliance/Wis. Stats. Ch. 19, Subchapter V, Sec. 19.84

The open meeting law was recognized.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Approval of Agenda / Motion to Deviate

There being no motions to deviate Mr. Kautza moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Lowey made the second. Motion carried.

5. Approval of September 13, 2017 Summary of Proceedings

A motion was called to approve the summary of proceedings from the September 13, 2017 Community Facilities Committee meeting. Mr. Hanna moved to approve the summary of proceedings. Mr. Hornung made the second. Motion carried.

6. Public/Guest Comment

None

7. Announcements

Mr. Fowle reminded committee members of the January 26, 2018 Quarterly Commission meeting to be held in the City of Oshkosh with a venue to be determined. There will be no mini-conference scheduled

Mr. Fowle recognized Tom Barron and his recent promotion to Principal Planner within the East Central organization.

Mr. Huffman provided committee members with a brief summary regarding sewer service area review fee charges as discussed in September, 2017. There were only four of the eight state-wide RPC's that dealt with sewer service type activities that include BLRPC, CARPC, SEWRPC and East Central RPC. The BLRPC and CARPC commissions were the only entities to post a fee schedule and these were detailed to committee members. Additional information is being sought from SEWRPC. State agencies such as Plumbing Review and WDNR fees for services were also discussed. Mr. Huffman indicated there would be a more in-depth review presented at the next meeting depending on the amount of data collected. Mr. Fowle reiterated the need to generate additional revenue to help meet future budget estimates. A brief discussion was had related to any other services provided that are charged through East Central. Mr. Fowle explained that the Mining Program headed by Scott Konkell had fee based review activities and administration.

8. Action Items

a) Approval of the draft 1200 Program Element: Sustainable and Efficient Community Services & Facilities

Mr. Fowle mentioned that the budget for this work program was slightly lower or at about the same level as 2017. Most of this work program focuses on the sewer service area planning functions and related activities. The Technical Assistance element saw no new projects for 2018 due largely because no projects fit this committee's scope. The few projects listed for 2018 are, for the most part, carry-overs from 2017. The remaining elements, pertaining to sewer service area planning, were briefly overviewed by Mr. Fowle. In terms of plan updates, Mr. Fowle felt that the Fond du Lac update is scheduled for the first half of 2018 and that the Wautoma-Silver Lake and Fox Cities SSA Plans would be initiated. Mr. Fowle also mentioned the estimated figures in this work program are unlikely to change with the exception of perhaps a correction or minor edit. There being no further discussion Mr. Hanna moved to approve the draft 1200 Work Element as presented. Mr. Lowey made the second. Motion carried.

Contract & Technical Assistance Project Updates

Ms. Thunes informed the committee members that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Analysis for the City of Neenah has been completed. The impetus to act on the analysis remains with the City of Neenah. Mr. Fowle reiterated that the technical assistance carry-overs from 2017 are very few and are included in the 2018 work effort.

9. New Wisconsin Conservation Energy Forum (WISCEF)

Mr. Fowle announced the formation of a new group, the Wisconsin Conservation Energy Forum (WISCEF) at the state level. This new group looks at renewable energy sources and reviews the pros and cons of new forms of energy. Mr. Fowle provided a list of forum members and will provide additional information and status on this group when more

information becomes available. Mr. Hanna offered accomplishments the City of Appleton has made by following their sustainability plan. The long payback time for other sources of renewable energy makes it difficult to make major investments. Mr. Hanna was interested in how this new forum addresses cost issues. Mr. Lowey stated Menominee County works with the tribe on smaller wind energy projects where the return on investment seems reasonable; however, larger scale projects are still out of reach in terms of cost and payback.

10. Roundtable Discussion/Sharing on County/Local Issues & Activities

Mr. Hanna praised the opening of Appleton's new Exhibition Center scheduled for January 11, 2018. The speed in which this facility was constructed was remarkable. This new facility, in conjunction with Jones Park, marks it as a one of a kind facility within this market. Mr. Hanna envisioned a broad mixture of events for this facility, of which twenty have already been scheduled for 2018.

11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

12. Adjourn

Mr. Bellin called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lowey motioned to adjourn. Mr. Hornung made the second. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.