

Summary of Proceedings

STEERING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: *Martin Farrell (Chair), Jeff Nooyen (Vice-Chair), Jerry Erdmann, Dick Koeppen, David Albrecht (Perm. Alt. for Shiloh Ramos), Donna Kalata, Alice Connors, Jeremy Johnson*

Date: Monday, January 27, 2020

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region – Community Room
4455 W. Lawrence Street, Appleton, WI 54914

Committee Members Present:

Martin Farrell (Chair).....	Fond du Lac County
Jerry Erdmann.....	Shawano County
Jim Lowey (Alt. for Jeremy Johnson (Perm. Alt. for Laure Pecore))	Menominee County
Jeff Nooyen (Vice Chair)	Outagamie County
Todd Romenesko (Alt. for Alice Connors)	Calumet County
Donna Kalata	Waushara County
Dick Koeppen	Waupaca County
Dave Albrecht (Perm. Alt. for Shiloh Ramos).....	Winnebago County

Committee Members Absent (Excused):

Alice Connors	Calumet County
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Staff /Others Present:

Kevin Sturn, Commissioner.	Outagamie County
Lori Palmeri, Commissioner.....	Winnebago County
Bob Sivick, Administrator.....	Waushara County
Eric Fowle	Executive Director
Walt Raith	Assistant Director
Pam Scheibe-Johnson.....	Controller
Melissa Kraemer-Badtke	Principal Transportation Planner

1) Welcome & Introductions

Chair Farrell called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M. and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

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

Mr. Fowle noted that the agenda was posted/distributed as required and that a quorum of members was present.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Approval of Agenda

Mr. Erdmann motioned to approve the agenda, Ms. Kalata seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5) Public Comment

There was no public comment. Consensus of the Steering Committee was granted that non-Steering Committee Commissioners attending the meeting be able to speak to specific agenda items rather than under the Public Comment portion of the agenda as they are not considered members of the public.

6) Discussion and Potential Action on Future Levy Adjustments Related to Outagamie County Concerns.

Chair Farrell noted that the closed session was placed on the agenda as an item only to be used if needed to discuss personnel matters.

Chair Farrell facilitated the discussion related to Outagamie County concerns. Mr. Fowle reviewed the levy reduction scenarios, including a new scenario (labeled 'tipping point') which is similar to Scenario 2, but without Outagamie County as a member.

Mr. Nooyen explained Outagamie County's decision to formally withdraw from the Commission and provided a written statement of concerns (attached and included as part of the Summary of Proceedings) noting five key points that need to be addressed prior to the June 30th withdrawal deadline.

Mr. Sivick suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to address the levy scenarios, but was informed that the Steering Committee has and will be handling the issue.

Discussion ensued on the equalized value formula and state statute provisions regarding the levy and conditions for withdrawal. East Central's function as a regional planning commission (RPC), transportation management area (TMA), and metropolitan planning organization (MPO) was discussed and Mr. Raith provided an overview. Mr. Nooyen stressed that changes to the MPO structure would be critical moving forward, but acknowledged that this is not a condition that has to be met by June 30th.

The levy scenarios were reviewed and a discussion on agency services, particularly the local assistance program, and its value to the other member counties was emphasized. Mr. Nooyen expressed continued concern with Outagamie County levy dollars being spent outside its county.

There was agreement amongst the Steering Committee that options have been looked at and provided to Outagamie County with the request that Outagamie County discuss the content with county staff and supervisors.

Mr. Albrecht made a motion that Outagamie County consider the material presented at the January 27th, 2020 meeting of the ECWRPC Steering Committee and that the County provide a response when it is feasible for Outagamie County to do so for the purpose of continuing the discussion. Mr. Koeppen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

~~7) **CLOSED SESSION:** The Committee will convene, if needed, into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss personnel and staffing impact pertaining to potential future levy adjustments.~~

~~8) **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:** The Committee will reconvene into open session pursuant to section 19.85(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes to take action, if necessary, on the above matters.~~

The Closed Session was not convened at this meeting and will be placed on a future agenda as necessary.

9) Next Meeting Date & Agenda

- a) 9:00 a.m., January 31, 2020 at the Kaukauna Public Library (immediately preceding Quarterly Commission meeting).

10) Adjourn

Mr. Erdmann motioned to adjourn, Mr. Koeppen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.