

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Economic Development Committee East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

East Central WI RPC
400 Ahnaip Street, Suite #100
January 29, 2020

Committee Members Present:

| Member | County |
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| Allen Buechel, Chair | Fond du Lac County |
| Chuck Dallas, Vice-Chair | Shawano County |
| Alice Connors | Calumet County |
| Ruth Winter | Menominee County |
| Kara Homan | Outagamie County |
| Tim Hanna | Outagamie County |
| James Nygaard | Waupaca County |
| Mark Harris | Winnebago County |

Staff Present:

| Staff | Role |
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| Eric Fowle, AICP | Executive Director |
| Tom Baron, AICP | Principal Economic Development Planner |
| Adam Pfefferle | GIS Specialist II |

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Buechel called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

2. Statement of compliance with Wis. Stats. Ch. 19, Subchapter V, Sec. 19.84 regarding Open Meetings requirements

The meeting was found to be in compliance with Open Meetings requirements.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda / Motion to Deviate

A motion was made by Mr. Dallas and seconded by Mr. Nygaard. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

6. News & Announcements

a. January 31, 2020 Quarterly Commission Meeting, Kaukauna Library

Mr. Fowle provided a reminder about the upcoming full commission meeting. He also provided an update on WHEDA Housing tax credits.

b. Other

Mr. Baron provided updates about a recent IT ransomware threat for the City of Oshkosh. Mr. Baron also added that he became Chair for the Fox Cities Economic Development Professionals (FCEDP) organization.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Approval of October 2, 2019 Economic Development Committee Summary of Proceedings (**Attachment #1**)

A motion was made by Mr. Nygaard and seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of April 23, 2019 Joint Economic Development and Regional Comprehensive Plan Committees Summary of Proceedings (**Attachment #2**)

A motion was made by Ms. Connors and seconded by Mr. Dallas. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of the 2020 Work Program & Budget - 1500 Element (**Attachment #3**)

Mr. Fowle started the discussion with the desire to remove job code 1528 due to Berlin's location primarily outside of Waushara County. There was discussion about the work program aligning with the budget available. There was also discussion about financial commitments required from local communities for economic development technical assistance.

A motion to approve the work program with the removal of job code #1528 was made by Ms. Connors and seconded by Ms. Winter. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

10. Review & Discussion of Preliminary Draft ECWRPC 2020-2023 Strategic Plan (**Attachment #4**)

Mr. Fowle started the discussion with a summary of the draft 2020-2023 strategic plan. Mr. Fowle then distributed a Program Value Ranking Survey and summarized the rankings of different ECWRPC work areas. He asked commissioners to recommend what programs to cut based on information provided.

Discussion included prioritizing programs that promote business and job growth and what programs ECWRPC should lead versus having other organizations lead.

Commissioners noted they needed more information about programs in order to make decisions about what to keep versus what to cut. They also noted that project geographies greatly impact the importance of the projects provided. Mr. Hanna spoke about the need for regional approaches on natural resources as they do not follow political boundaries.

11. Regional Economic Development Planning Efforts

a. Initiative 41 Update

Mr. Fowle noted that there had been limited activities to report on.

b. WEDC Disaster Recovery Microloan Program Update

Mr. Baron noted that there was no activity to report.

c. Global New North/FDI Update

Mr. Baron provided an update of export activities in the ECWRPC region. This included the USMCA trade agreement, China trade deal, and export infrastructure updates.

d. EMSI Services - Emsi ECWRPC user stats for the year and quarterly Economy Overview Report.

Mr. Pfefferle distributed an EMSI Overview reports for review and provided an update on data requests. There was brief discussion about labor participation rates.

e. Recent and Potential EDA potential grant projects (**Attachment #5**)

Mr. Baron referenced an included staff report that provides a summary of EDA projects within the ECWRPC region.

f. Federal Disaster Notifications of Funding

Mr. Baron provided a reminder about two current disaster declarations in the region.

12. ECWRPC Steering Committee Report (**Attachment #6**)

Mr. Fowle referenced a handout included in the meeting packet.

13. County Roundtable Discussion/Updates

There was discussion about the new Waupaca County highway facility, Oshkosh Corporations new facility, Calumet County's new jail, and other county issues.

14. Next meeting

Mr. Baron noted the next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 1st, at ECWRPC offices (**Attachment #7 for 2020 meeting dates**)

15. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Connors, with a second by Mr. Dallas. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.

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