

**BY-LAWS**  
**of the**  
**EAST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**PREAMBLE**

These By-laws, consistent with the statutes of the State of Wisconsin, and the Articles of Organization of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, further define, regulate, and provide rules of procedure for the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and those Committees and officers established by and responsible to it, and have been adopted by the Commission for that purpose. Where the word "Commission" appears hereinafter, it shall be construed to mean the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. It is the express intent of the Commission and the purpose of these By-laws to advance the regional function of the Commission as provided for by applicable law and to carry on the business of regional metropolitan and non-metropolitan planning and development in all of its ramifications and branches and to render professional and technical services in conjunction therewith.

**ARTICLE I - OFFICES**

**Section 1.** The Commission shall establish its offices at such location as it may from time to time, except that such location will be within the East Central Wisconsin Region, which is comprised of the Counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Menominee, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago.

**ARTICLE II -POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Section 1. PURPOSE:** The purposes for which the Commission is created are to engage in any lawful activity within the purposes for which regional planning commissions may be created under Section 66.0309 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended.

**Section 2. POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** In general, the Commission shall have all of the powers necessary to enable it to perform its functions and promote regional planning.

The functions of the Commission shall be solely advisory to the local governments and local governmental officials comprising the area and shall include but not be limited to the following because of enumeration.

- A. The Commission may conduct all types of research studies, collect and analyze data, prepare maps, charts and tables and conduct all necessary studies for the accomplishment of its other duties.

- B. The Commission may make plans for the physical, social and economic development of the region and may adopt by resolution any plan or the portion of any plan so prepared as its official recommendation for the development of the region.
- C. The Commission may publicize and advertise its purposes, objectives and findings and may distribute reports thereon.
- D. The Commission may provide advisory services on regional planning problems to the local government units within the region and to other public and private agencies in matters relative to its functions and objectives.
- E. The Commission may act as a coordinating agency for programs and activities of such local units and agencies as they relate to its objectives.
- F. The Commission may accept aid in any form for the purpose of accomplishing regional planning for all governmental agencies whether local, state or federal if the conditions under which such aid is furnished is not incompatible with the provisions of Section 66.0309 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended.
- G. The Commission may accept gifts and grants from public or private individuals, entities or agencies if the conditions under which such grants are made in accordance with the accomplishment of its objectives.
- H. The Commission shall make an annual report of its activities to the legislative bodies of the local governmental units within the region, and shall submit two copies of such report to the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau per Wisconsin State Statutes § 66.0309(8)(b), as amended.
- I. The Commission shall prepare a comprehensive planning program for the physical development of the region and adopt a regional comprehensive plan consistent with Wisconsin State Statutes §66.1001(9) as outlined in the Wisconsin State Statutes §66.0309(9) and §66.0309(10), as amended. The Commission may amend, extend or add to the comprehensive planning program or carry any part of such matter into greater detail.
- J. The Commission shall annually on or before July 31 of each year prepare and approve a preliminary budget reflecting the cost of its operation and services to the participating governmental units within the region. The Commission's final budget shall be approved at the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting the year following.

### ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

**Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING:** There shall be an annual meeting of the Commission in conjunction with, and following, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting for the appointment of standing committee membership, a presentation of the Commission's Annual Report of its activities, approval of the regular Board and Committee schedule for the subsequent year, and any other business as may properly come before it.

**Section 2. QUARTERLY MEETINGS:** In addition to the annual meeting, quarterly meetings of

the Commission shall be held in each calendar quarter. When the agenda of any meeting does not include resolutions for deliberation by the Commission or consideration of said resolutions may be delayed to the next meeting without adversely impacting the work flow of the Commission, the Chairperson may cancel and then reschedule any meeting at their discretion, but may not cancel two consecutive meetings. The election of officers shall be conducted by the Commission at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting. The levy and draft annual budget shall be adopted by the Commission at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting. The annual budget and work program (not levy) shall be re-affirmed at the subsequent 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting.

**Section 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS:** Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairperson of the Commission. Special meetings shall also be called by the Chairperson upon written request by three or more members of the Commission.

**Section 4. NOTICE OF MEETINGS:** The Secretary of the Commission shall send to each and every member of the Commission notice of all meetings quarterly and the annual meeting, not less than five (5) days prior to said meetings and such notice shall state the day, time, place and general purpose of such meeting. Notices for special meetings, as described in Section 3 shall be e-mailed, mailed, or posted not less than three (3) business days prior to said meeting. In no case, shall an agenda, or amended agenda, be e-mailed or posted less than 24 hours in advance of said meeting.

**Section 5. QUORUM:** The presence at any meetings (including Standing Committees, unless otherwise noted) of a majority (defined as  $\geq 50\%$ ) of the current Commission members, which majority shall also include representation from a majority (defined as  $\geq 50\%$ ) of the member Counties assigned to the Committee, shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business and the election of officers. All matters relating to business shall require an affirmative vote of a simple majority of those members attending a legal meeting (when a quorum is present), unless otherwise noted as a 2/3 vote requirement.

**Section 6. PUBLIC MEETINGS:** Member County Planning/Zoning Directors and State Legislative Representatives from the region (unless already a member of the Commission), and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, the Department of Natural Resources and other agencies, as may be determined from time to time, shall be notified of all meetings pursuant to Article III, Section 4. Meeting notices shall be e-mailed or mailed to local media, posted on ECWRPC premises, and posted to the Commission's website, [www.ecwrpc.org](http://www.ecwrpc.org) for public viewing.

## ARTICLE IV - COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION

**Section 1. GENERAL:** Adhering to the principle of representation based on population, the membership of the Commission shall be created pursuant to the provisions of § 66.0309 (3) (b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, determined and allocated among participating counties as follows:

- A. The Chairperson and the County Executive from each member county within the Commission. If a member county is organized without a County Executive, the County Chairperson shall appoint a member of the County Board to serve as the second elected official from that county.
- B. One elected official from the largest city, if the member County has a population of 50,000 or more as defined by the U.S. Decennial Census. If the member County

does not have a population of 50,000 or more per the U.S. Decennial Census, the member County may appoint a County Supervisor to the Commission Board.

- C. In addition to the representation specified in subsections A. and B., above, Counties with a population greater than 50,000 based on the U.S. Decennial Census are entitled to one additional member to the Commission Board for each full unit of 50,000 population that exceeds the 50,000 base number described in subsection B., above. (For purposes of illustration only, a County with a population of 180,000 would be entitled to 2 additional members to the Commission Board under this subsection C.)
- D. One ex-officio representative of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) may participate on transportation issues, subjects of concern and interest to their geographic areas, or due to noted/recognized expertise. This member must be appointed by WisDOT.
- E. One ex-officio representative of a public agency that administers or operates major modes of transportation in the Fox Valley metropolitan planning organization area, including representation by providers of public transportation. *[Note: This position will be held by the Transit Manager for Valley Transit].*

**Section 2. TERM OF OFFICE:** Commissioners shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or until they cease to hold their public office, whichever comes first. Voting, ex-officio members shall serve continuously at the pleasure of the appointing body.

**Section 3. COMMISSION ALTERNATES:** Any member of the Commission selected pursuant to Section 1, of this Article may designate, in writing and with the concurrence of the Commission, a designee.

**Section 4. RESIGNATION:** Any Commissioner who resigns his or her Commission membership or his or her elective office shall submit his or her resignation effective as of the last day in office, and thereafter the vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term by the County Board Chairperson (if a county) or the city council.

## ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

**Section 1. NUMBER:** The officers of the Commission shall be comprised of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary-Treasurer, subject to the express condition that the offices of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall never be concurrently held by Commissioners from the same County.

**Section 2. ELECTION:** The offices of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission shall be selected by ballot as the last order of business at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting of the Commission, to take office effective as of said date, and they shall hold their terms of office for a period of two years or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. The Chairperson shall appoint a Nominating Committee for the purpose of nominating Commission members for election as officers, and the Chairperson shall advise the Commission of his or her selection of such a Nominating Committee at the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting.

**Section 3. REMOVAL:** Any of the officers may be removed for cause and may be removed if

incapacitated or unable to attend meetings and perform the duties of his office. Removal from office shall require a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Commissioners present, voting at a legal meeting.

**Section 4. VACANCIES:** Should any office become vacant for any cause, the Commission shall select a successor from among the Commission members who will serve until the next 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting of the Commission when the regular elections are held.

**Section 5. CHAIRPERSON:** The Chairperson of the Commission shall preside, and may vote, at all meetings of the Commission. He or she may present to the Commission such matters as, in his or her judgment, require attention, and he or she shall perform such other duties as are entrusted to the Chairperson by statute or by these By-laws. Subject to any contrary requirements in these By-laws, the Chairperson shall be guided by Robert's Rules of Order in the conduct of meetings. In no event shall any one member serve as Chairperson for more than three consecutive terms. The Chairperson may also act on behalf of the Executive Committee and/or full Commission in the rare instances that a timely commitment of County levy funds is required in order to take advantage of state or federal grant funding opportunities. In such cases, the Chairperson's may approve such commitments for an amount equal to or less than \$50,000. In all cases, when such action is used, the item shall be placed on the next available Executive Committee agenda for review and follow up action by the Executive Committee as a whole. The Commission Chairperson will be compensated an additional annual net stipend of \$1,000 beginning in 2020, with the first payment to be made in March, 2021 and then annually thereafter.

**Section 6. VICE-CHAIRPERSON:** The Vice-Chairperson shall preside in the absence of the Chairperson or in the event that the Chairperson is incapacitated or unable to serve, and in the absence or disability of the Chairperson, his or her duties shall be performed by the Vice-Chairperson.

**Section 7. SECRETARY-TREASURER:** The Executive Director of the Commission shall be designated as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission and shall keep and distribute minutes of all meetings of the Commission and shall counter-sign all documents as required to be executed, and shall keep and preserve all resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations of the Commission. In the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Chairperson may name a Deputy Secretary-Treasurer who shall perform the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer at that meeting, or until the office shall have been filled as heretofore provided. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission shall keep all the funds of the Commission except those funds held by governmental agencies in trust for the Commission, and shall deposit them in a depository authorized by the Commission, and shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements. He or she shall be required to supply a bond in the amount of Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), the premium for which shall be paid out of the Commission's funds, and he or she shall make all the disbursements under the direction of the Commission.

**Section 8. ADDITIONAL OFFICERS:** The Commission, at an annual, special or quarterly meeting, may create such additional officers as it may deem in its judgment advisable and prescribe their duties.

## ARTICLE VI - MANAGEMENT

**Section 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the entire Commission membership as set forth in Article IV.

**Section 2. STANDING COMMITTEES:** Appointments to Standing Committees shall be made by the Chairperson at its Annual Meeting based on recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Such appointments shall not include designation of the committee chairperson and vice-chairperson as such positions are nominated and elected by the Committees themselves.

There shall be Standing Committees and sub-committees including but not limited to the following:

- A. **Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee shall be composed of at least seven (7) members who serve as their respective county board chair or their designee. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions for the Committee can, but is not required to be, the same as the current Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission shall be the secretary of the Executive Committee and shall attend all meetings of the Committee, keep a record of the proceedings and perform such other duties as may be designated to him or her by the Committee. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of this Committee without voting privileges. The duties of the Committee shall include:
1. Ensure proper coordination and cooperation among the planning committees of the Commission and their respective citizens' or technical advisory committees.
  2. Act in emergency situations with the full power and authority of the Commission taking appropriate action until action is taken at the next Commission meeting, subject only to the limitation of \$50,000 for any expenditure resulting from such action. Refer also to Article V, Section 5 regarding additional Chairperson authorities for the timely approval of County levy commitments for state and federal funding opportunities, and the Commission's Financial Procedures Manual for authorities of the Executive Director.
  3. Keep the Commission advised of pending legislation affecting the Commission, its policies and its programs.
  4. Prepare and submit at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting a preliminary budget and work program for the purposes of establishing the levy.
  5. Recommend entering into contracts with member governmental units for the provision of staff planning services.
  6. Recommend the employment of auditors to audit the financials of the Commission.
  7. Direct the payment of any bills, claims or expenses incurred on behalf of and approved by the Commission.



8. Recommend the appointment of employees necessary to administer and carry out the functions of the Commission.
9. Recommend the salaries and wages of all employees of the Commission.
10. Recommend a per diem compensation, mileage and other expenses to be paid members of the Commission.
11. Direct and monitor the current planning, information system and administration, and overhead program elements.

**B. Planning Committees:** The composition of the various planning committees shall be determined by the Executive Committee. The general functions of the committees include:

1. Elect a Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson as their first order of business at the first regular Committee meeting following the Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall generally be the same as the current Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, but it is not required.
2. Provide orientation information for new Planning Committee members at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting.
3. Prepare the annual work program statement of activities for their respective program element(s).
4. Review detailed study designs for major work elements.
5. Monitor progress on work activities, review staff drafts of analytical reports and alternative plan and program proposals.
6. Report, advise and recommend on activities for their respective program element(s) including their responsibilities for elements of the regional comprehensive plan to the full Commission for action.
7. Review specific project proposals for conformance with adopted plans and policies.
8. Coordinate activities with those of other committees when necessary and desirable.
9. Maintain liaison with appropriate citizen and technical advisory committees.

The specific duties of the Planning Committees are as follows:

- a) **Economic Development Committee:** This Committee directs and monitors the economic development and housing work program elements and maintains liaison with respective technical advisory committees, including the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee. The CEDS Committee composition and operational structure is managed through the guidelines adopted by the Commission in Resolution No. 29-09.

- b) **Environmental Management Committee:** This committee oversees the Water Quality Management Program (also known as the sewer service area program), the NR-135 Non-metallic Mining Program, and environmental planning programs as outlined within the Annual Work Program.
- c) **Transportation Committee:** This committee directs and monitors the transportation work program element in accordance with state and federal regulations. In addition, this Committee maintains liaisons with the Transportation Policy Advisory Committees and the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee.

**Section 3. SPECIAL PROJECT COMMITTEES:** The Commission may from time to time create special project committees from the Commission membership to perform under delegated authority of the Commission.

**Section 4. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:** The Commission shall seek the advice and cooperation of interested citizens, public officials and agency administrators. Citizen and Technical Advisory Committees shall be established as the Commission shall deem necessary to effectively carry out the purposes of the organization. The membership of the Citizen and Technical Advisory Committees shall be established in such manner as determined by the Commission.

**Section 5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Nominating Committee shall consist of one Commissioner from each County appointed by the Chairperson and approved by the Commission at their 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting, provided that no officer may serve on the Committee. The nominating Committee shall review the results of an internal survey of Commissioners (developed and sent out by staff) as part of their deliberations on Committee assignments. The Committee may, at its discretion, develop and institute a standard rotation schedule of Committee assignments based on agreed upon criteria.

**Section 6. STAFF:** The Commission may conduct its operations through a permanent staff hired in a manner that the Executive Committee may determine, or through retention of part-time professional, technical and clerical employees, through consultants or through other personnel that it may deem qualified to assist in its business. The Commission may delegate to the staff and to those persons hired by it those functions that the Commission may determine, but the said Commission will remain solely responsible in all matters.

**Section 7. DEPOSITORY:** The Commission shall determine a depository for the funds of the Commission and direct the Secretary-Treasurer therein to deposit the funds in such designated depository in such manner so the deposits will not be made inconsistent with Wisconsin Law and which may be subject to review by the Commission as a body. The terms and conditions of the agreements between the depository and the Commission shall be incorporated as a part of the By-laws of the Commission.

**Section 8. MEETING PAYMENTS AND EXPENSES:** A payment for meetings, mileage, and other expenses shall be paid to Commissioners by the Commission. All members shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred as members of the Commission in attending meetings and in carrying out the work of the Commission.

## **ARTICLE VII - CONTRACTS AND EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS, CHECKS AND DRAFTS**

**Section 1. CONTRACTS:** The Commission may enter into such contracts which are necessary to carry out the purposes and duties of the Commission and which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Wisconsin law. The Commission may apply, contract for, receive, and expend for its purposes, any funds, grants, gifts or donations from any local governmental unit, the State of Wisconsin, the Federal Government or any other source.

**Section 2. EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS:** When the execution of any contract, conveyance or other instrument has been authorized without specification of the executing officers, the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, and the Secretary-Treasurer may execute the same in the name and behalf of the Commission per the limits expressed in the Financial Procedures Manual. The Commission shall have the power to designate the officers and agents who shall have authority to execute any instrument in behalf of the Commission.

**Section 3. CHECKS AND DRAFTS:** The Commission may authorize and direct the Secretary-Treasurer to issue such checks, drafts and vouchers as it may deem necessary for the payment of bills and expenses incurred for and on behalf of the Commission. All disbursements made by check drawn on the Commission's depository bank shall be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer. In the Secretary-Treasurer's absence, the Deputy Director may sign checks, drafts, and vouchers. To facilitate prompt payment of small bills and expenses, there is established a petty cash fund of \$100. This petty cash fund is authorized to be placed in the custody of the Secretary-Treasurer, or their designee, who may make payment of claims up to \$100.

## **ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR**

**Section 1.** The fiscal year of the Commission shall be the calendar year.

## **ARTICLE IX - SEAL**

**Section 1.** The Commission shall procure an official seal which shall contain the following legend: "EAST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION."

## **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** Except as described in Section 2, below, these By-laws may be amended at any quarterly meeting of the Commission. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be sent out to each member of the Commission a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments to the By-laws. This shall be done not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting at which they will be considered. Amendment of these By-laws shall require a majority vote of the Commissioners present, voting at a legal meeting (when a quorum is present).

**Section 2.** Article IV, Section 1 hereof shall be amended only in accordance with resolutions approved by the governing bodies of a majority of local units within the Commission, and these units shall have in the aggregate at least half of the population of the region.

## ARTICLE XI - COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE OF WISCONSIN LAW

**Section 1. INCONSISTENCIES:** In the event that these By-laws, or any provisions herein contained, should in any manner be contrary to or violate of the provisions of Federal or State of Wisconsin Law, the provisions of the Federal or State of Wisconsin Law shall prevail.

## ARTICLE XII – METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FUNCTION & RESPONSIBILITIES

**Section 1. PURPOSE:** To implement Federal and State level transportation planning requirements as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Areas (MPAs).

**Section 2. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** The East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (Commission) through cooperative partnership agreements with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Transportation Management Area (TMA) and the Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

**Section 3. URBANIZED AREA BOUNDARY & METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA:** Per the 2010 Decennial Census, the Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh Urbanized Areas and Metropolitan Planning Areas (MPAs) includes portions of Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties.

**Section 4. MPO POLICY BOARD:** The Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are governed by a single MPO Policy Board containing the same representation of elected and appointed representatives as those of the Commission. All functions, responsibilities, and authorities conveyed in these Bylaws, as they pertain to the Commission, are conferred to the MPO Policy Board when exercising such authority on transportation related policy matters or decisions.

**Section 5. MPO STAFF:** MPO staff is responsible for carrying out the federal transportation planning process in conjunction with its partners. The Commission is the hosting body for the MPO staff. As such, MPO staff are Commission employees.

**Section 6. RESPONSIBILITIES MPO POLICY BOARD:** In addition, all other Bylaw responsibilities afforded to the Commission, the MPO Policy Board is the body that reviews and approves all transportation related activities of the MPO. This includes being a forum for cooperative decision-making with the following responsibilities:

- A. Approve goals and objectives of the transportation planning process;
- B. Review and approval the Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) and its updates or revisions;
- C. Review and adopt changes in transportation planning concepts;
- D. Review and approve the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP);
- E. Review and adopt the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) including project priorities and approve any changes in the priority schedule;
- F. Ensure the efficient and effective use of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Section 112 and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 planning funds;

- G. Serve as liaison representatives between various governmental units in the study area to obtain optimum cooperation of all governmental units in implementing various elements of the plan;
- H. Ensure citizen participation and transparency within the transportation planning process through proactive policies and procedures.

**Section 7. MPO SUBCOMMITTEES & INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS:** The MPO Policy Board shall have the authority to form temporary (or permanent) subcommittees to conduct the following activities in order to carry out MPO Policy Board functions:

- A. To negotiate the terms of possible funding agreements with member agencies;
- B. To investigate how MPO functions might be improved;
- C. To evaluate the MPO Director's performance and make recommendations;
- D. To conduct research and/or fact-finding regarding MPO plans, policies or operations.

All findings, recommendations and/or proposals submitted by MPO subcommittees shall not be binding, but are subject to review and final approval of the MPO Policy Board.