

# DRAFT SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

## REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

### East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: *Merlin Gentz - Calumet Co.(Chair), David DeTroye (Perm. Alt. for Tom Rienl) – Calumet County, Vacant – Waushara Co., Nadine Miller – Outagamie Co., Michael Thomas – Outagamie Co.(Vice Chair), Lori Palmeri – Winnebago Co.*

**Place:** Virtual or In-Person Meeting –  
East Central Offices (400 Ahnaip Street, Suite 100, Menasha)  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

### AGENDA

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Kraemer Badtke called the meeting to order at: 10:04 a.m. Roundtable introductions were provided.

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Committee Members Present:

Merlin Gentz, Chair .....	Calumet County
Mike Thomas, Vice Chair .....	Outagamie County
David DeTroye .....	Calumet County
Nadine Miller .....	Outagamie County
Lori Palmeri .....	Winnebago County

##### ECWRPC Staff and Guests Present:

Melissa Kraemer-Badtke .....	Executive Director
Trish Nau .....	Principal Park and Recreation Planner
Mike Zuege .....	GIS Manager
Erin Bonnin .....	Administrative Coordinator

#### A. Introduction of Alternates, Staff and Guests

#### 3. Statement of Compliance with Wis. Stats. §19.84 Regarding Open Meeting Requirements

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that the meeting had been posted in compliance with Wis. Stats. Ch. 19, Subchapter V, § 19.84 and open meetings requirements.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

**5. Moment of Silent Meditation**

**6. Approval of Agenda / Motion to Deviate**

Mr. Gentz motioned to approve the agenda as distributed, Ms. Palmeri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**8. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Mr. Gentz nominated Ms. Palmeri for the position of Chair. The vote was unanimous with none opposed. The motion carried.

Leadership of the Chair position transitioned to Ms. Palmeri.

Mr. Gentz nominated Mr. Thomas for the position of Vice Chair. Ms. Miller motioned to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Thomas as the Vice Chair. Ms. Palmeri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted that due to Mr. Thomas being a gubernatorial appointment, that the Vice Chair position would be reevaluated at the appropriate time.

**9. Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2021 Regional Comprehensive Planning Committee Summary of Proceedings**

Mr. Gentz motioned to approve the summary of proceedings, Ms. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken to approve the summary of proceedings: Mr. Gentz, Mr. DeTroye, Ms. Miller, Mr. Thomas (absent), and Ms. Palmeri. The roll call vote passed unanimously and the motion carried.

**10. Announcements and Updates**

**A. Staff Reports**

Ms. Nau provided a staff update regarding local comprehensive plans and the City of Shawano Comprehensive Plan and bicycle and pedestrian plan status.

Ms. Kraemer Badtke briefly commented regarding the timelines of the comprehensive plans and staff efforts in working toward plan completion.

Mr. Zuege provided a GIS update regarding: new document templates for the regional comprehensive plan, regional orthophotography data layers, and updating land use automation.

## **11. Business / Action Items**

### **A. New Business**

#### **1. Regional Plan 2045 Visioning Exercise and Discussion**

Ms. Nau led the visioning exercise and discussion. Ms. Nau provided an overview of the materials, process, and outreach efforts of the regional plan. The committee discussed the following items in the visioning exercise: internal process and upcoming meetings for the regional comprehensive plan, county issues, county opportunities, and East Central's regional role working with the issues and opportunities.

Mr. Thomas joined the meeting at 10:33 a.m. and Ms. Kraemer Badtke provided a summary of the meeting proceedings.

The visioning exercise continued with discussion of the following: county and regional priorities, regional opportunities, the role of East Central working with communities, East Central's role in strategic master planning, the need for collaborative regional and municipal planning, national climate change impacts, county issues and opportunities, private sector involvement, future regional vision, county collaboration with communities, change drivers in counties, youth involvement and ownership, multi-generational demographic retention, and role of ECWRPC in the region. Affordable housing and access as well as transportation infrastructure, childcare and workforce development were major focus areas.

There was discussion regarding the East Central agency leadership role and its involvement in regional strategic planning as well as the direction that would be taken as a result of the visioning discussions. There was also discussion on relationship building in the region as well as development of the regional plan to focus on metrics to measure success and progress within the region.

## **12. Informational/Discussion Items**

### **A. County Roundtable Discussion (*As Time Permits*)**

Items included in the roundtable discussion were as follows: media sharing for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and resources collaboration, ARPA funding and reporting, processes and protocols for funding allocations, and League of Wisconsin Municipalities ARPA updates.

### **13. Establish Time and Place for Next Commission Meeting**

- A. **Commission Meeting:** *The next Commission meeting will be held in-person on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the City of New London City Hall. An agenda and meeting materials will be forthcoming.*
- B. **Regional Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting:** *The next Regional Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Further details will be forthcoming.*

### **14. Adjourn**

Ms. Palmeri motioned to adjourn, Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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