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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 Meeting –
East Central Offices (400 Ahnaip Street, Suite 100, Menasha)
Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Time: 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Palmeri called the meeting to order at: 10:00 a.m. Roundtable introductions were provided.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Lori Palmeri, Chair	Winnebago County
Merlin Gentz,	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

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. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call was called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Approval of the Minutes of the July 21, 2021 Regional Comprehensive Planning Committee Summary of Proceedings

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

9. Announcements and Updates

A. Staff Reports

Ms. Kraemer Badtke provided updates regarding the Administrative Coordinator and Associate Transportation/Safe Routes to School Planner Positions.

Ms. Nau provided a staff update regarding local comprehensive plans and the progress that has been made.

Ms. Kraemer Badtke thanked Ms. Nau for working towards completion of the local comprehensive plans.

Mr. Zuege provided a GIS update regarding: updating county data through automation by developing coding language, 2020 U.S. Census Bureau released the population and housing data, GIS staff will be creating additional applications for the 2020 U.S. Census data.

10. Business / Action Items

A. New Business

1. Regional Plan Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Nau provided an overview of the progress and outreach efforts of the regional plan. She mentioned the regional survey that has been out to gather

input from the public and our constituents. Ms. Palmeri inquired about the Core Planning Team and asked if this was an external focus group. Ms. Nau clarified that this was East Central Staff meeting to go over process steps for the plan.

Ms. Nau provided the results from County Staff interviews that have gone through the visioning exercise. The Committee discussed the following issues and opportunities that County Staff thought were important:

- Affordable housing
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Childcare
- Workforce Development
- Stormwater Control
- Water Quality

Ms. Palmeri and Mr. Thomas also stressed the importance of climate change impacts along with funding of the ARPA funds when it comes to development and sewer service / utility expansion as well as transportation infrastructure. The deforestation and cutting down of trees with emerald ash borer could affect the region's climate. This should be evaluated on a regional level.

Discussion continued on how the Tribes were being contacted and included within the process. Ms. Kraemer Badtke relayed that Kevin Englebert has been working with the Menominee Tribe on economic related items and has established a good relationship to gain feedback. Matt Halada also has contacts within the tribes of Stockbridge Munsee and Oneida from the transportation advisory committees.

11. 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. Outagamie County is having some challenges in getting businesses to apply for the funds. Ms. Miller has worked with non-profit groups and has results from a recent survey that she can share.

12. Establish Time and Place for Next Commission Meeting

- A. ***Commission Meeting:*** *The next Commission meeting will be held **virtually** on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. 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, January 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Further details will be forthcoming.*

13. Adjourn

Mr. Thomas motioned to adjourn, Mr. Gentz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.