

Public Meeting Notice

West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024 Sid Harvey's Family Diner, 704 E. Grand Ave., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order Chair Louie Okey
- 2. Welcome and Introduction of Commissioners and Guests Okey
- 3. Review and Approve Minutes of November 9, 2023 Commission Meeting Okey
- 4. **Review and Approve Disbursements –** Okey

5. Discussion/Approval of 2024 Work Program and Budget – Executive Director Scott Allen/Okey

<u>Background:</u> A preliminary 2024 budget was approved by the Commission in September of 2023. A final 2024 Work Program and Budget is now being presented for review and approval. <u>Potential Action</u>: Review and approve 2024 Work Program and Budget.

6. Technology Enterprise Fund (TEF) Manual Revision – Tobi LeMahieu, Regional Business Fund, Inc. Manager

<u>Background</u>: TEF is one of the business revolving loan funds the Regional Business Fund, Inc. (RBF) administers. TEF was made possible through Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds awarded to WCWRPC provided by HUD in March 2005. The two financial assistance awards, identified as Grant Numbers B-05-SP-WI-0340 and B-04-SP-WI-0896, totaled \$397,000. A Management Agreement for EDI TEF and Sub-Grant Agreement were executed between WCWRPC and the RBF on March 9, 2006, and these agreements are renewed annually in March. TEF has historically been underutilized, so at their December 13, 2023, Board meeting, the RBF Board of Directors recommended an update to the Manual in an attempt to increase usage. The TEF Manual allows amendments to the Manual by the RBF Board of Directors subject to approval of the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. <u>Potential Action</u>: Review and potentially approve an amendment to the TEF Manual as recommended by the RBF Board of Directors.

7. **Main Street Bounceback Update** – Dylan Brown, Institute for Business & Entrepreneurship (Universities of Wisconsin)

<u>Background</u>: Dylan Brown will provide an update on the latest phase of the Main Street Bounce Back program: no-cost business training & technical assistance available to Main Street Bounceback recipients facilitated by Small Business Development Network (SBDC) of Wisconsin. <u>Potential Action</u>: Informational only. 8. Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update – Senior Planner/MPO Director Eric Anderson <u>Background</u>: MPO Director Anderson will present a report on MPO 2023 activities and 2024 plans. <u>Potential Action</u>: Informational only.

9. Director's Report – Allen

<u>Background</u>: Director Allen will provide an update on project, budget, and staffing activities. Included will be a discussion of 2024 meeting dates and locations. <u>Potential Action</u>: Informational only.

- **10.** Any Other Business or Updates Allen/Okey
- **11.** Next Proposed Commission Meeting Date MONDAY, March 18, 2024; 10:00 a.m. St. Croix County, Location TBD
- **12.** Next Tentative Executive Committee Meeting Date Thursday, February 8, 2024; 10:00 a.m.; Banbury Place, Building 2, Suite 405H, Eau Claire

13. Adjournment

ATTENTION COMMISSIONERS: If you are unable to attend, please contact Erin Whyte at 715-836-2918 or <u>ewhyte@wcwrpc.org</u> as counts are needed for quorum purposes.