

**Minutes of the
West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) Meeting
Thursday, April 6, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.
Zoom Video/Dial-In Meeting**

Commissioners Present: Stan Buchanan, Louie Okey, Chuck Hull, George Rohmeyer, Peter Kaz, Allen Krause, Joe Waichulis, Diane Morehouse, Steve Rasmussen, John Frank, Kyle Johnson, Dane Zook, Sharon Kelly, Terry Hauer, Denise L'Allier-Pray, Dan Hansen

Commissioners Absent: Gary Taxdahl, Joel Seidlitz, Tom Quinn, Mike Barcalow, Ryan Sicard

Staff Present: Lynn Nelson, Lisa Ruth

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Louie Okey.
2. **Review and Approve Minutes of March 10, 2023 Commission Meeting:** Ms. Morehouse moved to accept the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Rasmussen; motion carried.
3. **Approval of Candidates for Open WCWRPC Positions:** Chair Okey noted that the Executive Committee met twice and interviewed a total of four candidates for the Executive Director position. Scott Allen was offered the job and accepted. He is available to start on May 15, 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Kaz to approve hiring Scott Allen for the Executive Director position, seconded by Ms. Morehouse; motion carried.

Ms. Nelson explained that six applicants were interviewed for the open Planner position. Ross Pietrzak was chosen because of his familiarity with regional planning, grant writing, community development, funding sources, etc. He is available to start on April 28, 2023. Mr. Rasmussen moved to approve the hiring of Ross Pietrzak as Senior Planner, seconded by Ms. Kelly; motion carried.

Ms. Nelson stated that Erin Whyte has been offered the Office Manager position. She would be available to start on April 17, 2023. Three candidates were interviewed for the position. A motion was made by Mr. Waichulis to approve the hiring of Erin Whyte, seconded by Mr. Hansen; motion carried.

At this time, there are no candidates being presented for approval for the Lending Specialist position.

4. **Any Other Business or Updates:** No other business or updates.
5. **Next Commission Meeting Date:** The next Commission meeting is Thursday May 11, 2023 at Banbury Place-Eau Claire.
6. **Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** The next Executive Committee meeting is April 13, 2023 at Banbury Place-Eau Claire.
7. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

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