

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the
West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC)
Thursday, September 9, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Cindy's, Thorp, WI**

Commissioners Present: Louie Okey, Joe Waichulis, Steve Rasmussen, John Frank, Sharon Kelly

Commissioners Absent: George Rohmeyer, Ryan Sicard

Staff Present: Lynn Nelson, Lisa Ruth, Susan Badtke

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Louie Okey called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.
2. **Review and Approve Executive Committee Minutes of August 11, 2022:** A motion was made by Mr. Rasmussen to approve the August 11, 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Waichulis; motion carried.
3. **Motion to go into Closed Session:** Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 19.85(1) (e) and (g) of Wisconsin Statutes to "review loan applications, negotiate the terms for investment of public funds, and confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved". Motion by Mr. Rasmussen to go into closed session, seconded by Mr. Waichulis; motion carried.
4. **Roll Call Vote to be Taken:** All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.

Closed Session

5. **Review of Main Street Bounceback Applications:** Applications were reviewed by the Executive Committee.
6. **Return to Open Session:** Mr. Waichulis moved to return the meeting to open session, seconded by Mr. Rasmussen; motion carried.

Open Session

7. **Any Appropriate Motion/Action:** The Main Street Bounceback Program has received another 22 applications which were brought before the Executive Committee for review and approval. Senior Planner Susan Badtke noted that with these 22 applications, a total of 637 will have been reviewed for approval. Questions raised by Commissioners regarding the applications and processes were answered by staff.

Prior to the meeting, applications were reviewed by two staff members and when necessary, addresses were physically inspected by staff members for compliance. The completed applications met all program requirements and guidelines, all businesses applying are eligible according to Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation standards, applications displayed a proper use of funds, and are being recommended by staff for approval. They were additionally reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to the meeting and in closed session. Mr. Frank moved to approve the 22 applications, seconded by Mr. Waichulis; motion carried.

8. **Any Other Business or Updates:** There was no other business.
9. **Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** The next Executive Committee meeting will be on Thursday, October 13, 2022. Ms. Nelson said a brief Zoom meeting before that may be needed to approve new staff members (Loan Process and Planner).
10. **Next Commission Meeting Date:** The next Commission meeting will be on Thursday, November 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. It is scheduled to be in River Falls.

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Prepared by Lisa Ruth