

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the  
West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC)  
Thursday, July 13th, 2023; 10:00 a.m.  
Banbury Place, Building D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Eau Claire Room**

**Commissioners Present:** Louie Okey, George Rohmeyer, Joe Waichulis, Steve Rasmussen, John Frank, Ryan Sicard, Stan Buchanan, Gary Taxdahl, Chuck Hull, Peter Kaz, Allen Krause, Kyle Johnson, Dane Zook, Terry Hauer, Denise L'Allier-Pray

**Commissioners Absent:** Joel Seidlitz, Diane Morehouse, Tom Quinn, Sharon Kelly, Mike Barcalow, Dan Hansen

**Staff Present:** Scott Allen, Erin Whyte, Chris Straight

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. **Welcome and Introductions-** Okey
3. **Welcome and Introduction of New Staff Members - Executive Director Scott Allen and Lending Specialist Amanda Veith-** Okey and Allen (Veith was out sick)
4. **Review and Approve Minutes of May 11,2023, Commission Meeting-** A Motion was made by Mr. Buchanan to approve the May 11,2023, Commission Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Sicard; motion carried.
5. **Review and Approve Disbursements:** Called to order by Okey to approve the disbursements presented, motioned by Mr. Rasmussen, seconded by Mr. Johnson; motion carried.
6. **2024 Preliminary Budget Review:** Mr. Allen gave an overview of the budget handout, including highlighting the anticipated 2024 revenues.
7. **Approval of Agreement with the City of Colby for Completion of Comprehensive Plan Update:** Mr. Allen presented the agreement between the City of Colby and WCWRPC for a Comprehensive Plan Update. Proposed project cost of \$15,000 and point of contact/lead Senior Planner Susan Badtke. Approval of this agreement motioned by Mr. Krause, seconded by Mr. Sicard; motion carried.
8. **Director's Report:** Executive Director Scott Allen gave a report, summarizing organization updates and activities occurring since the last Commission meeting on May 11,2023. Some items mentioned but not limited to are as follows: WCWRPC is fully staffed; 2024 preliminary budget-EDA CARES grant; RBF updates; MPO staff activities; Town of Lake Holcombe Comprehensive Plan; Dunn County housing needs assessments; City of Barron Outdoor Recreation Plan; Polk County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan deferral to summer 2024; meeting and other events attended by staff members. A decision was made by the Commission that a Regional Business Fund presentation by Fund Manager Tobi LeMahieu would be beneficial at a future meeting.
9. **Presentation on the Downtown Building Renovation Workshops-** Senior Planner Chris Straight provided a summary of the successful downtown workshops, hosted by WCWRPC staff in Owen and Clear Lake in early June.
10. **Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** Potentially August 10<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.
11. **Next Commission Meeting Date:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 - Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI
12. **Adjournment:** 11:54 p.m.

Prepared by Erin Whyte