

Amended Public Meeting Notice

Executive Committee of the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 12, 2023

Banbury Place, 800 Wisconsin Street, Building D, 4th Floor, Suite 405 H Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703 (Down the Hall from the WCWRPC Offices)

Zoom option:

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Amended Agenda

- 1. Call to Order Chair Louie Okey
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes of August 10, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting – Okey
- **3. Approval of Candidate for Open Assistant Planner Position** Executive Director Allen/ Okey

<u>Background</u>: Assistant Planner Michael Mills' last day with WCWRPC was September 1, 2023. The vacancy was posted through numerous state and national outlets. Interviews were held on September 28 and 29, 2023. The top candidate for this recruitment is being presented for approval. <u>Potential Action</u>: Review and approve the presented employment candidate.

4. 2024 Changes to WCWRPC Staff Health Insurance Rates – Finance Manager Zimmerman/Allen/Okey

<u>Background</u>: The Commission adopted a policy change in October 2022 to cover "88% of the lowest cost plan" for 2023. The State of Wisconsin Group Health Insurance Program final costs for 2024 were released after the Commission's September 2023 meeting. The Commission's approved 2024 budget estimated a modest increase in health insurance expenditures. On average, this remains the case; however, using the Commission formula with the new 2024 State cost table has created a meaningful distortion between the two most used plan options. <u>Potential Action</u>: Review and potentially approve a modification to the current payment formula.

5. Update to WCWRPC Employee Handbook to Add a Remote Work Policy – Allen/Okey

<u>Background</u>: Since the conclusion of temporary work-from-home (remote work) arrangements during the Covid-19 pandemic, WCWRPC staff have been working remotely on the rare occasion and only with an unwritten, incidental, case-by-case approach. In order to promote a consistent and equitable, yet flexible, work environment, staff are seeking a more formal Remote Work Policy. <u>Potential Action</u>: Review and potentially approve a modification to the Employee Handbook to adopt a Remote Work Policy.

6. WEDC Policy Academy Update – Allen

<u>Background</u>: In March 2023, WCWRPC joined with several other RPCs in Wisconsin—plus WEDC, EDA, and others—to launch a 'Policy Academy' to identify and align policies and plans that will improve efficiency and collaboration in our shared efforts to promote rural economic prosperity. Strategic planning has occurred over several meetings and discussions this summer, with a workshop planned as part of the WEDC Annual Summit on October 22, 2023, in Appleton. <u>Potential Action</u>: Informational only.

7. Any Other Business or Updates – Allen/Okey

- 8. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date Thursday, December 7th, 2023 Location TBD
- 9. Next Commission Meeting Date Thursday, November 9th, 2023 –Dunn County Government Center, 2001 Highway 12 East, Room 54, Menomonie, WI
- 10. Adjournment