

CHIPPEWA-EAU CLAIRE

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Minutes of the Public Hearing held by the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding the application from the City of Eau Claire titled "Type I Sewer Service Area Plan Amendment- Orchard Hills" to amend the Chippewa-Eau Claire Urban Sewer Service Area dated August 4, 2022, and modified January 20, 2023

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Held at: Chippewa Valley Technical College, Casper Room, 620 W. Clairemont Ave. Eau Claire, WI

MPO Policy Council Members Present (13): Gary Spilde - Village of Lake Hallie (Chair), Jim Dunning – Eau Claire County (Vice-chair), Dean Mueller – Chippewa County, Matt Biren – City of Altoona, Greg Hoffman – City of Chippewa Falls, Emily Berge – City of Eau Claire, Wes Vleck – Town of Brunswick, Mark Brennan – Town of Lafayette, Dan Hanson – Town of Pleasant Valley, Jessica Janssen – Town of Seymour, Jennifer Meyer – Town of Union, Robert Solberg – Town of Washington, Steve Harmon – Town of Wheaton

Members without representation present (4): Town of Anson, Town of Eagle Point, Town of Hallie, Town of Tilden

Staff Present: Eric Anderson, Edwin Rothrock - Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO; Michael Mills, Hallie Bushman, Landon Profaizer, Ross Pietrzak, Chris Straight (via Zoom) - WCWRPC

Minutes

1. Chairman Spilde called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 5:33 p.m. There were approximately 25 people in the audience, including Mr. Dave Solberg, City of Eau Claire Director of Engineering, Mr. Paul Holzinger, of CDPG Developers, and members of the public. The Public Hearing was agenda item #1 during a regular MPO Policy Council Meeting which started at 5:32 p.m.
2. Mr. Straight presented the modified WCWRPC Staff Report on the modified "donor" area in proposed Amendment. The report recommended that the MPO Policy Council recommend that the WDNR approve of the modified proposed Amendment request with several conditions. Mr. Straight answered a few questions from the Members regarding the presentation.
3. The City of Eau Claire and the Towns of Brunswick and Washington each received five minutes to present their views on the proposed Amendment.

Mr. Dave Solberg, PE, Director of Engineering for the City of Eau Claire, presented the City's position in support of the proposed Amendment.

Mr. Wes Vleck, Chair of the Town of Brunswick Town Board, presented the Town's position in opposition to the proposed Amendment.

Mr. Robert Solberg, Chair for the Town of Washington, presented the Town's position in opposition to the proposed Amendment.
4. Mr. Anderson presented a summary of written comments received during the open comments period. Of the seventeen pieces of correspondence received, fifteen were opposed to the proposed Amendment, two were in favor of the Amendment. The public was invited to submit written comments, via email or postal mail, in the published Official Notice of the Public Meeting. Submissions received prior to the deadline listed in the Notice were included in the Policy Council meeting packet for Members.
5. Each member of the public who wished to speak would have two minutes to address the MPO Policy Council on the subject of the modified proposed Amendment. At the entry door to the meeting area, attendees were offered the chance to fill out a Speaker Card. Those wishing to speak were required to fill out the card. The Speaker Card asked for: name, address, whether the person wanted to speak at the meeting, their position on the modified

proposed Amendment, and organizational affiliation (if any). Those not wishing to speak could also fill out the Card indicating if they were in favor, opposed, or neutral to the modified proposed Amendment.

Of the seven public speakers, three were opposed to the proposed Amendment, three were in favor of the proposed Amendment; one speaker was neutral on the Amendment and had comments regarding potential policy changes to be made in the SSA Plan. The order of the speakers was based on the order in which the Speaker Cards were received.

Of the five attendees who did not choose to speak but filled out a card expressing their opinion, four were opposed to the proposed Amendment and one was neutral.

6. Chairman Spilde closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:15 p.m. and returned to the regular Policy Council meeting.