



Public Meeting Notice

Executive Committee of the
West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC)
10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 8, 2024

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

Remote attendance option:

Zoom:

Meeting ID: 821 7426 4341

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Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Louie Okey
2. **Review and Approve Minutes of December 7, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting** – Okey
3. **Approval of Agreement with Polk County for the Provision of Annual Services for Calendar Year 2024** – Executive Director Allen/Okey
Background: New for 2024, Polk County has requested all external service providers who receive annual funding from Polk County, such as WCWRPC through the annual levy assessment, to formalize this arrangement through a more formal cooperative agreement or memorandum of understanding. State Statutes still dictate such a financial arrangement, and that is acknowledged in the proposed Polk County agreement. However, Polk County's agreement also requests annual updates, audit information, and certificate of insurance. These items have been annually provided, but the proposed agreement formalizes it for WCWRPC and the other external financial recipients.
Potential Action: Review and approve the agreement.
4. **Approval of Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for the Funding of an Updated Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan** – Allen/Okey
Background: The current SSA Plan was last fully updated in 2005-07, with only a partial policy update in 2017-18. Therefore a comprehensive update is needed. The Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO affirmed the designation of the Technical Advisory Committee at their meeting of January 31,

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2024. The TAC will guide the plan update process, WCWRPC will facilitate the plan update process, and WDNR will provide consultation and ultimate review and approval. WCWRPC staff provided a revised project proposal and scope of work to WDNR on January 24, 2024. WCWRPC proposes to commence the project on March 1, 2024. The agreement is for \$45,000 in WDNR funding through December 31, 2024, with a likely extension to mid-2025.

Potential Action: Review and approve the agreement.

5. Approval of Resolution Authorizing WCWRPC to Apply for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) for a Regional Outdoor Recreation Plan – Allen/Okey

Background: Four counties within the WCWRPC region (Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, and Eau Claire) comprise the 7-county Northwest Community Network (NCN), created through the USDA's Rural Partners Network (RPN) in 2022. A key priority area of the NCN is "Economic development, rural placemaking and recreational trails." Through its many partners, of which WCWRPC is one, the NCN has chosen to pursue the development of a regional outdoor recreation plan. As such, the NCN was recommended by RPN to apply for technical assistance funds through the RBDG program. The next round of applications is due February 28, 2024, and the NCN has requested WCWRPC serve as applicant. Additional NCN partners providing application assistance include Visit Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, the City of Altoona, and Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission.

Potential Action: Review and approve the resolution.

6. Any Other Business or Updates – Allen/Okey

7. Next Commission Meeting Date – WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2024 – St. Croix County, Bomaz Farms, Hammond, WI

8. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date – Thursday, April 11, 2024 – Location TBD

9. Adjournment