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Public Meeting Notice

West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC)
10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 12, 2026
County Board Room
St. Croix County Government Center
1101 Carmichael Road
Hudson, WI, 54016

Agenda

1. **Call to Order –** Chair John Frank

2. **Welcome and Introduction of Commissioners and Guests –** Frank

3. **Review and Approve Minutes of September 10, 2026, Commission Meeting –** Frank

4. **Review and Approve Disbursements –** Frank

5. **Resolution 2026-06, Approval of Update to the WCWRPC Title VI and Language Assistance Plan –** Executive Director Badtke/Frank
   Background: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. There is a federal mandate that Title VI requirements apply to all programs and activities of federal-aid recipients. Taken together, these laws require recipients and subrecipients of federal funds to ensure all programs and services are delivered to the public without discrimination. The WCWRPC is required to update its Title VI and Language Assistance Plan every three years. The plans will be used as a reference for the WCWRPC and an informational resource for the public. The plan will continue to be updated every three years to reflect changes in Title VI compliance operations.
   Potential Action: Review and approve Resolution.

6. **Resolution 2026-07, Adopting the 2026 Economic Development District Annual Performance Progress Report –** Badtke/Frank
   Background: As a requirement of WCWRPC as an Economic Development District (EDD) receiving planning grant funds from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), submittal of an Annual Performance Progress Report, previously called the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Report, is required. The report is a summary of 2026 completed EDD activities.
   Potential Action: Review and approve the resolution.

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7. **Resolution 2026-08, Authorizing Submission of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Planning Grant Application** – Badtke/Frank

Background: Since 2021, WCWRPC has been exploring opportunities to assist lake/river groups and serve as an initial "one-stop" clearinghouse for related materials and guidance in the region. While this is a priority of the Commission, there has not been designated funding for the project. This Resolution authorizes staff to pursue a WDNR Surface Water Planning Grant for funding to create an easy-to-navigate, "one-stop" online ArcGIS Hub Site archiving surface water quality-related plans, studies, key resources, and partner weblinks for the WCWRPC region. The maximum grant award is $10,000 with a 33% local match requirement. For this project, we would pursue the full $9,900 grant and provide $5,100 in in-kind local cost-share.

Potential Action: Review and approve Resolution

8. **Approval of Agreement between the School District of Somerset, Village of Somerset, and WCWRPC for Development of a Somerset Safe Routes to School Plan** – Badtke/Frank

Background: The Somerset School District and Village of Somerset are requesting WCWRPC assistance to develop a Safe Routes to School Plan. Total project cost is not to exceed $12,000 – 80% of the total project costs ($9,600) will be covered by funding secured by the Commission through a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant with the 20% local match (not to exceed $2,400) to be provided by the School District and Village.

Potential Action: Review and approve the agreement.

9. **Approval of Administrative Services Agreement between the City of River Falls and WCWRPC to Administer the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant for the St. Croix Valley Business Innovation Center Expansion Project** – Badtke/Frank

Background: The City of River Falls has requested WCWPRC's assistance with administration of the EDA grant for the St. Croix Valley Business Innovation Center Expansion project. As identified in the agreement, the cost of these services is not to exceed $45,000.

Potential Action: Review and approve the agreement.

10. **Approval of Agreement for Rain to Rivers of Western Wisconsin, Inc. Outreach Coordinator** - Badtke/Frank

Background: Rain to Rivers of Western Wisconsin, Inc. is seeking to contract with WCWRPC for 2027 staffing to fill the Storm Water Outreach Coordinator position. The position will assist with public education and outreach activities related to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits required under the Clean Water Act. Members of Rain to Rivers include: Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties; Cities of Altoona, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Hudson, Menomonie, Rice Lake, and River Falls; Towns of Eagle Point, Lafayette, and Washington; Village of Lake Hallie; UW-Stout and UW-River Falls. Similar staffing was provided to Rain to Rivers from 2016-2026.

Potential Action: Review and approve the agreement.

11. **Approval of Agreement with the City of Chippewa Falls for Shared Ride Taxi Administration** – Badtke/Frank

Background: The City of Chippewa Falls is requesting WCWRPC assistance with administering the 2027 state and federal funding and reporting requirements, and operational support tied to the community's shared ride taxi program. Similar administration has been provided to Chippewa Falls for the years 2018-2026.

Potential Action: Review and approve the agreement.

12. **Approval of Agreement Between the City of Menomonie of WCWRPC for the Update of the City of Menomonie Comprehensive Plan and Outdoor Recreation Plan** – Badtke/Frank
Background: The City of Menomonie is seeking WCWRPC assistance in updating the City's Comprehensive Plan and Outdoor Recreation Plan. Approximately two-thirds of the cost of this work is expected to be funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grant. WCWRPC will assist the City with the preparation and submission of the grant application.
Potential Action: Review and approve the agreement.

13. **Update/Recap on September 29, 2026, Data Center Educational Event** – Badtke/Frank
Background: WCWRPC, in partnership with other organizations, hosted "Exploring Data Centers: Impacts & Planning Considerations" educational event on September 29, 2026. The event featured five educational sessions and attracted nearly 140 attendees. Following the event, participants were invited to complete a survey to provide feedback on the program. As of the end of October, 18 responses have been received. Staff will provide an overview of the survey results and key feedback received during the Commission meeting.
Potential Action: ***Informational / discussion only.***

14. **Director's Report –** Badtke
Background: Badtke will provide an update on project, budget, and staffing activities.
Potential Action: Informational only.

15. **Any Other Business or Updates –** Badtke/Frank

16. **Next Commission Meeting Date –** Thursday, January 14, 2027 **–** Banbury Place, Eau Claire

17. **Next Executive Committee Tentative Meeting Date –** Thursday, December 10, 2026 – Banbury Place, Eau Claire

18. **Adjournment**

ATTENTION COMMISSIONERS: If you are unable to attend, please contact Erin Whyte at 715-836-2918 or ewhyte@wcwrpc.org as counts are needed for quorum and lunch purposes.