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Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Meeting
 February 25, 2020
 Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2019 in the conference room at the Stonefield Apartments in Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting of the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) was called to order by Vice Chair Keeney at 9:30 AM.

Grant	Bob Keeney	X
	Jerry Wehrle	X
	Eileen Nickels (Adam Ruechel as proxy)	X
Green	Art Carter	Excused
	Nathan Klassy	Excused
	John Waelti	Excused
Iowa	Carol Anderson	X
	John Meyers (Ron Benish as proxy)	X
	Todd Novak	X
Lafayette	Kriss Marion	X
	Tim McGettigan	X
	Raymond Spellman	X
Richland	Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Chair	Excused
	Raymond Schmitz	Excused
	Melissa Luck	X
Others present for meeting:		
	Troy Maggied, SWWRPC	Matt Honer, SWWRPC
	Sonya Silvers, SWWRPC	Kate Koziol, SWWRPC
	Jaclyn Essandoh, SWWRPC	Craig Beytien, UWP

2. Confirmation of Notice of Meeting

A copy of the press release was sent to the county clerks and media. Per SWWRPC By-Laws, a copy of the press release was sent to County Resource Agents at UW Extension as well as the offices of all legislators covering the five-county region. A copy was also provided to the Commissioners in the meeting packet.

3. Approval/Amendment of Agenda

The agenda was distributed. There were no amendments to the posted agenda.

- *Motion to approve agenda as presented – McGettigan/Marion, Passed Unanimously.*

4. Acceptance of Minutes of November 26, 2019

The minutes of the November 26, 2019 full Commission meeting were distributed.

- *Motion to approve minutes of November 26, 2019 as presented – Anderson/Wehrle, Passed Unanimously.*

5. Financial Report

a. Approval of Bills and Vouchers

Maggied presented the Treasurer's Report with checks paid and received since November 26, 2019. Marion inquired about the RLF on the treasurer's report. Koziol added that the RLF has money that is ready to be loaned out. There has been some interest for a loan but nothing solid as of now. Potosi Brewing made their final RLF payment, and a small celebration was held and a success story was created. The brewery currently employs 60 people and the museum is the #1 in the world right now.

- *Motion to approve the Bills – Marion/Wehrle, Passed Unanimously*

b. Presentation of Preliminary 2019 final financial report

Maggied presented the preliminary final financial position for 2019, which shows a loss of \$1,332.31. This follows two years of large net surpluses in 2017 and 2018. The numbers are only preliminary and the audit will be finalized in April and ready for approval in May.

6. Program Reports

a. Programs, Projects, and Operational overview

The program report was presented for the period covering November thru February. Troy and staff provided short project updates, also noting that SWWRPC is currently looking to hire a summer GIS intern. A \$400,000 EDA grant for flood recovery and economic resiliency is pending, and will allow some staff time for Kate to transition her work of the past two years to the new county Economic Development Director.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution committing SWWRPC to serve as co-applicant with UW Platteville on EDA i6 Innovation Grant

Maggied introduced Craig Beytien the Executive Director of Corporate Relations at University of Wisconsin- Platteville. Beytien introduced the EDA i6 Innovation Grant to the board. This 3-year grant is meant to build and support new businesses and then scale them up. The budget is being developed with a \$600,000 ceiling for the grant and a total \$1.2 million project. SWWRPC's role as co-applicant would be to assist with the marketing and outreach portion of the grant. There is no resolution for approval today, however Troy would like a motion made to support SWWRPC being a co-applicant so the project can move ahead. A formal resolution would be needed at the May meeting.

- *Motion to support SWWRPC serving as co-applicant with UW Platteville on the EDA Build to Scale grant – Novak/Marion, Passed Unanimously*

7. Outreach and Marketing

a. Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary Celebrations updates

Maggied updated the Commission on photography sessions and provided examples to the Commission. He is currently working on the annual report.

8. Policies and Practices

a. Discussion on future committee meetings and county-based meetings

Maggied presented thoughts on a strategy for long-range positioning of SWWRPC for maximum service to SW WI and therefor relevance and fiscal stability. This will focus on issues in the region and where SWWRPC is currently and where we need to be. Special focus is targeted at intergovernmental collaboration and coordination, and climate change adaptation.

9. General Commission Business

a. Action to approve the Chair's Appointment of a Nomination Committee for Officer Elections in May
Chair Kirkpatrick made her appointment of nominations through email. The nominees are Ray Spellman for Lafayette County, Eileen Nickels for Grant County, Carol Anderson for Iowa County, Ray Schmitz for Richland County, and Nate Klassy for Green County.

- *Motion to approve the Chair's Appointment of a Nomination Committee for Officer Elections in May – Marion/McGettigan, Passed Unanimously.*

b. Discussion and review of the draft staff and Commissioner binder
Maggied presented the draft staff and commissioner binder. The intent of the binder is to be used as a general reference but also to be used in onboarding of new staff and commissioners. This will be available in hard copy as well as an electronic version.

c. Update on proposed 2020 AWRPC Summit
Maggied stated the AWRPC Summit that was rescheduled for June has been cancelled and they are looking to reschedule.

12. Adjourn

- *Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. – Marion/Wehrle, Passed Unanimously.*