



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of LAPC Meeting, July 15, 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at the La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220, 400 4th St N, La Crosse.

Members Present: Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen; Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem; Mike Giese, City of Onalaska; Scott Johnson, Town of Campbell; Dave Paudler, Town of Onalaska; Mike Poellinger, City of La Crescent; Linda Seidel, Town of Medary; Steve Doyle, La Crosse County. **Members Excused:** Lynnetta Kopp, Town of Shelby; Matt Harter, City of La Crosse. **Others Present:** Jennifer Schilling, John Boland, Jason Gilman, Jennifer Kuderer, Tom Faella, and Jackie Eastwood.

Call to Order: Mike Poellinger called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the May 20, 2009 LAPC Meeting:

Dennis Manthei motioned to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting. Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.

2) Public Comment:

None.

3) Invitation to Wisconsin and Minnesota State Legislators:

At the request of Chairman Kopp, Tom Faella invited LAPC area Minnesota and Wisconsin legislators to meet the members of the policy board and to discuss issues of regional importance. Representative Jennifer Schilling was the only invitee in attendance.

Tom Faella began by discussing the projects funded by stimulus funds during the last two rounds of funding. Representative Schilling informed the group of a Web site, www.recovery.wi.gov, that lists all of the projects funded by stimulus monies.

Representative Schilling provided a brief history of Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) legislation enacted in the 2009 – 2011 Wisconsin state budget. Ms. Shilling stated that RTA enabling statutes are now in place for the Chippewa Valley (Eau Claire and Chippewa), Chequamegon Bay (Ashland and Bayfield), Southeast Wisconsin, and Dane County. Jennifer Kuderer voiced LADCO's concern about the legislation allowing the Chippewa Valley area to form an RTA. Ms. Kuderer stated that Eau Claire may use the promise of RTA dedicated funds as leverage in the discussion of the location of the proposed high speed rail line between the Twin Cities and Chicago. Mr. Faella provided a copy of a joint Minnesota/Wisconsin grant application for a study to determine the preferred alternative for the high speed rail alignment.

Representative Schilling stated that she wanted to get local buy in before taking legislative action on an RTA for the La Crosse area. The policy board members in turn voiced their view of the benefits of transit and how an RTA would affect service in the area. Most voiced support for an RTA or are seeking more information. Scott Johnson voiced his apprehension about supporting another taxing authority.

4) Discussion of Municipal Program Grant Applications:

This item was deferred to the September meeting.

5) Resolution 5 – 2009 Amendment to the 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program:

Steve Doyle motioned to approve Resolution 5 – 2009 Amendment to the 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program. Dave Paudler seconded. All were in favor.

6) Project List for the 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program:

Nancy Proctor motioned to approve the project list for the 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program. Dave Paudler seconded. All were in favor.

7) Amendment of Article IV – “Officers” of the Bylaws of LAPC:

Steve Doyle motioned to approve an amendment to the LAPC bylaws stating that “the Chairman shall not serve successive terms in that office.” Dennis Manthei seconded. All were in favor.

8) Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement:

Dave Paudler motioned to approve the Title VI non-discrimination agreement required by FHWA. Mike Giese seconded. All were in favor.

9) 2010 – 2011 Planning Work Program Budget and Main Work Activities:

Tom Faella provided an overview of the 2010 budget and plans to purchase new aerial photography (\$80,000) and a traffic counter (\$4,000) for municipal use. He also summarized the major staff work activities for 2010 and 2011. The formal work program document will be available for the September meeting.

Nancy Proctor motioned to approve the 2010 – 2011 planning work program budget and main work activities. Dave Paudler seconded. All were in favor.

10) Other business; Adjourn, Next meeting to be announced:

Mike Giese motioned to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Scott Johnson seconded. Mike Poellinger excused. All were in favor.