



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
 Wednesday, January 10, 2024 - Virtual

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: David DeTroye (Perm. Alt for Tom Reinl), Brenda Schneider, Jeremy Johnson (Perm. Alt. for Elizabeth Moses), Jeff Nooyen, Kevin Englebert (Perm. Alt. for Thomas Nelson), Ken Capelle, Aaron Jenson (Perm. Alt for Brian Smith), David Albrecht (Perm. Alt. for Tom Egan), Bob Schmeichel

1. Welcome and Introductions - The meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin Englebert with the time noted at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

David DeTroye (perm alt. for Tom Reinl)	Calumet County
Jeremy Johnson (perm alt. for Elizabeth Moses)	Menominee County
Kevin Englebert-Chair (perm alt. for Thomas Nelson)	Outagamie County
Jeff Nooyen	Outagamie County
Ken Capelle	Shawano County
Bob Schmeichel	Winnebago County
Brenda Schneider-Vice Chair	Fond du Lac County
Aaron Jenson (perm alt. for Brian Smith)	Waupaca County
David Albrecht (perm alt. for Tom Egan)	Winnebago County

Committee Members Excused:

ECWRPC Staff Present:

Melissa Kraemer-Badtke	Executive Director
Craig Moser	Deputy Director
Colin Kafka	Associate Planner
Scott Konkle	Senior Planner
Mike Zuege	GIS Manager
Rachel Roth	GIS Analyst I
Leann Buboltz	Administrative Coordinator

3. Approval of Agenda / Motion to Deviate Mr. Nooyen motioned to approve the agenda Mr. Capelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Review of Staff Report from September 13, 2023** (Cancelled) meeting – Staff Report was acknowledged and no further discussion took place.

5. **Announcements and Discussion Items**

A. 2024 Environmental Management Committee Schedule – Chair Englebert noted a correction of the Committee title from Economic Development to show Environmental Management Committee. Upon those changed, the Meeting schedule was accepted and placed on file.

B. Water Quality Management Program Update – Craig Moser, Deputy Director.

Potential Additional Funding in 2024 - Ms. Craig Moser shared with the members that staff have participated in several calls with WDNR staff regarding additional federal funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) they have available to support the Water Quality Management programming in the state. He noted that the WDNR is planning a statewide

workshop in early 2024 for agencies administering this program on behalf of WDNR to learn more.

Staffing Update - Mr. Moser shared that Joe Stephenson will be joining East Central's team as a Senior Planner, leading the Water Quality Management program area. He noted that Mr. Stephenson recently served as the Director of Planning and Community Development for the City of Kaukauna and previously worked as a Principal Planner for the City of Menasha and Treasurer for the Village of Combined Locks. Joe is scheduled to begin his work with the Commission on Tuesday, January 16th.

- C. NR135 Program Update – Scott Konkle, Senior Planner gave a brief overview of the Program update noting that the member counties approved the increase of the operator annual fees from \$35 per acre to \$38 dollars per acre. East Central's portion of the operator annual fees increased from \$30 per acre to \$33 per acre. The WDNR's portion of the collected fees remains the same at \$5 per acre. Fees are calculated based on the un-reclaimed (Active) acres of a nonmetallic mining site. Mr. Konkle shared the activity by County(ies) with the Committee. He mentioned that it was an ambitious inspection schedule that was conducted over the year. The Report Update was accepted and placed on file.

Chair Englebert stated that the photos from the drone-fly are a great asset and a good part of this Program.

6. New Business/Action Items

A. Review & Action on 2024 Work Program & Budget Elements

- i. 1600 NR-135 Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Program. Mr. Moser gave a brief overview of the NR-135. He stated that the NR-135 Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation portion of the work program is identified by the number 1600. He noted that staff will continue to track quarterly budget items, review new mine site applications/plan modifications, conduct site inspections, certify reclaimed acreage, and update financial assurance documents. Annual operator reporting activities and collection of associated fees will be conducted. Annual WDNR reporting will be submitted along with the WDNR portion of fees collected. GIS data creation and mapping will continue as part of program administration along with the continuation of the recently launched drone program. Operator assistance with permitting issues is on-going. Mr. Moser pointed out that the total Revenue should be shown as \$518,156. A motion was made by Mr. DeTroye and a second by Mr. Schmeichel to approve of the NR-135 Work Program as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
- ii. 1200 Water Quality Management Program – Mr. Moser shared that major components of the 2024 work program include the completion of plans for the Sherwood Sewer Service Area and the Stockbridge Sewer Service Area in 2024. The anticipated adoption of those two SSA Plans is late 2024. He noted that in 2024, staff plans to continue conducting Section 208 water quality conformance reviews and SSA Plan amendments, as necessary. During the meeting with the DNR, there was also discussion of additional federal funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) that may be available to support the Water Quality Management programming in the state. He noted that the emphasis of the additional funding will be on climate resiliency and environmental justice efforts. The DNR is planning a statewide workshop in early 2024 for agencies administering this program on behalf of DNR to learn more. A motion was made by m. Schneider and a second by Mr. Albrecht to approve of the work program and budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Informational/Discussion Items

A. County Roundtable Discussion (*as time permits*)

Mr. Johnson – Menominee County shared that he has been attending meeting with the Menominee Tribe regarding their Land Use Plan update. He noted that they are happy to be a part of the conversations.

Mr. Albrecht – Winnebago County shared that he will be stepping down from his work on behalf of Winnebago County/Tom Egan due to health issues. Chair Englebert went on record commending his service on the Commission and thanking him for his dedication.

8. **Establish Time and Place for Next Meeting**

- A. The next Environmental Management Committee meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at the ECWRPC Office (400 Ahnaip Street, Suite 100; Menasha).
- B. The next Quarterly Commission Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday – January 24, 2024 – (TBD). Additional meeting details will be forthcoming.

9. **Adjourn** A motion was made by Mr. Schmeichel and a second by Mr. Nooyen to adjourn with the time noted at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Leann S Buboltz – Administrative Coordinator
East Central WI Regional Planning Commission

** Note Meeting was not recorded.