

MINUTES
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

1:30 p.m.

SEWRPC Office Building
Commissioners Conference Room
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, WI 53187

Meeting Occurred in Person and Virtually via Video and Telephone Conference

Present:

Excused:

Commissioners:

Michael A. Crowley, Chairman
Donna Brown-Martin
John Holloway
Brian Holt
Dewayne Johnson
Mary Knipper
Michael Maistelman
Amy Maurer
Natalia Minkel-Dumit
Robert W. Pitts
Jeffrey D. Schleif
Eric Stelter
David L. Stroik

Priscilla Coggs-Jones
Charles Colman
Jonathan Delagrave
Katrina Hanson
Peggy L. Shumway

Staff:

Stephanie R. Hacker	Executive Director
Benjamin R. McKay	Deputy Director
Elizabeth A. Larsen	Director of Administration
Alina Panasiuk	Accounting Specialist
Christopher T. Hiebert	Chief Transportation Engineer
Eric D. Lynde	Chief Special Projects Planner
Thomas L. Slawski	Chief Biologist

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Crowley called the Planning and Research Committee meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present. Chairperson Crowley indicated for the record that Commissioners Coggs-Jones, Colman, Delagrave, Hanson, and Shumway had asked to be excused.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023, MEETING

Chairperson Crowley asked if there were any changes or additions to the November 7, 2023, meeting minutes. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the November 7, 2023, Planning and Research Committee Meeting were approved.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN: AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF KEWASKUM SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREA

Chairperson Crowley asked Mr. McKay to review the proposed amendment to the adopted regional water quality management plan pertaining to the Village of Kewaskum sanitary sewer service area. A copy of the preliminary draft of the SEWRPC Staff Memorandum dated January 11, 2024, concerning this matter was provided to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. McKay indicated that in a letter dated July 25, 2023, the Village of Kewaskum requested that the Commission amend the Kewaskum sanitary sewer service area, tributary to the Village of Kewaskum sewage treatment facility. He stated that the purpose of the amendment is to include certain lands located immediately adjacent to, but outside of, the currently adopted sewer service area.

Mr. McKay directed the attention of the Committee members to Map 1, which identifies the proposed area to be added to the Kewaskum sewer service area. He stated that the subject area encompasses 81 acres and is located south of and adjacent to STH 28 on the west side of the Village of Kewaskum. The subject area also contains 25 acres of environmentally significant lands, including a 24 acres of secondary environmental corridor and one acre of small wetlands located outside the secondary environmental corridor.

Mr. McKay stated that the proposed addition of approximately 81 acres to the Kewaskum sewer service area represents an increase in the Kewaskum planned sewer service area of 2.8 percent. He noted the subject area is proposed for industrial uses. There is no anticipated change in the resident population associated with the proposed amendment. The Kewaskum sewer service area would continue to lie within the VISION 2050 population projection range.

Mr. McKay stated that the Village of Kewaskum wastewater treatment facility has an average annual capacity of 0.75 million gallons per day. The additional net flow generated from the proposed addition is expected to be about 0.08 million gallons per day. The treatment plant has adequate capacity to treat wastewater flows from the subject area.

Mr. McKay then noted that a public hearing was held on February 5, 2024. There were no objections to the proposed amendment at the hearing. The Kewaskum Village Board also adopted the amendment on February 5, 2024.

The amendment is consistent with the land use component of VISION 2050, the regional water quality management plan, and Chapter NR 121 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* governing the preparation of areawide water quality management plans.

Mr. McKay stated that the staff recommendation is for the Committee to recommend that the Commission amend the Village of Kewaskum sanitary sewer service area. Upon adoption by the Commission, the amendment will be provided to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for approval and the WDNR will then provide the amendment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for certification.

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In response to an inquiry by Mr. Stroik, Mr. McKay stated that Commission staff does request consistency between sanitary sewer service area amendments and community comprehensive plans.

There being no further questions or comments on a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Ms. Knipper, the Amendment to the Village of Kewaskum Sanitary Sewer Service Area was unanimously recommended by the Committee for adoption by the Commission.

PRESENTATION ON THE REGIONAL NATURAL AREAS PLAN UPDATE

Chairperson Crowley asked Mr. Slawski, Chief Biologist, to provide an update to the Committee on the Regional Natural Areas Plan update.

During the presentation the following comments and questions were made.

Mr. Johnson stated that he appreciated the interactive mapping capabilities of the Commission's website and noted that the WDNR and WisDOT have information that could help protect important archeological sites. Ms. Brown-Martin noted that the State Historical Society also has useful data.

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Brown-Martin, Mr. Slawski stated that the WDNR staff is on the technical advisory committee and aquatics subcommittee. He stated that Commission water resources staff works closely with the WDNR and has developed ways to convey the potential impacts of climate change within Commission plan recommendations.

Mr. Holt stated that lake districts often work to implement projects that protect water quality and wildlife. He noted that districts could likely use the interactive mapping tool in a number of ways that could help support activities to protect wildlife habitat.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Slawski stated that the status of natural areas and critical species habitat sites do change over time. He noted that invasive species infestations are the most likely reason for losing a site and that active management is the best way to avoid this type of loss.

UPDATE ON THE 2024 REVIEW AND UPDATE OF VISION 2050

Chairperson Crowley asked Mr. McKay to provide an update on the 2024 Review and Update of VISION 2050. Mr. McKay introduced Mr. Christopher Hiebert, Chief Transportation Engineer, and Mr. Eric Lynde, Chief Special Projects Planner, and stated that they would provide a presentation on proposed changes to select recommendations of the 2024 Review and Update of VISION 2050. Mr. McKay also noted that a public comment period is going to occur during February and March. He then noted that the Advisory Committees on Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning will meet in April to review public comments and the final changes to plan recommendations. The same information will be provided to the Planning and Research Committee for the May meeting. Adoption of the 2024 Review and Update of VISION 2050 is expected to occur at the June Annual Commission meeting.

During the presentation, the following comments and questions were made.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Stroik, Mr. McKay responded that the Commission undertakes a land use inventory, environmental corridor inventory, and historic urban growth analysis while preparing major updates to the regional land use plan to analyze land use changes.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Holloway, Mr. McKay stated that the recommended land use development pattern informs the recommended transportation system, including the recommended public transit element of VISION 2050. He also noted that transit oriented development is a key recommendation of VISION 2050.

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NEXT MEETING

Mr. McKay stated that the next meeting of the Planning and Research Committee will be held on May 21, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Crowley asked Mr. McKay if there were any correspondence or announcements. Mr. McKay stated that the next quarterly Commission meeting will be held on March 6, 2024, in Waukesha County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin R. McKay
Deputy Director

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