

MINUTES
of the
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

August 8, 2024

Town of Middleton Town Hall (7555 Old Sauk Rd) and Via Zoom Webinar

6:00 pm

Participant Information

Commissioners Present: Maureen Crombie, Kris Hampton, Heidi Murphy, Peter McKeever, Maureen McKinney-Harrington, David Pfeiffer, Cynthia Richson, Jim Schuler, Caryl Terrell, Allison Volk, Nick Zavos

Commissioners Absent: Steve Greb, Bill Tishler

Staff Present: Nick Bower, Prachi Mehendale, Melissa Michaud, Caitlin Shanahan, Tanya Sime, Jason Valerius

Others Present: Jamie Aulix, Alix Burke, Christine Baumel, Pat Bergen (Friends BML) Maddie Bergstrom, Eric Dundee (MMSD), Martin Griffin (MMSD), Thomas Hovel, Allison Lebwohl, David Lonsdorf, Topf Wells (SWTU), Amanda Wegner (MMSD), Vanessa Wishart

1. Establish Quorum

Quorum was established at 6:09 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Matters not on the agenda

No Public Comment.

3. Welcome New Commissioner

Commissioners performed a round robin to introduce themselves to Allison Volk.

4. Consent Agenda (*all items below are actionable items*)

a. Minutes of the July 11, 2024 CARPC Meeting

b. Executive Committee Recommendations

(1) Approve June 2024 Financial Statements and July 2024 Operating Account Reconciliation

Mr. McKeever moved for the approval of the July 11th, 2024 CARPC Meeting Minutes and Approval of June 2024 Financial Statements and July 2024 Operating Account Reconciliation. Ms. Murphy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of an Amendment of the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* Revising the Point of Discharge Locations of Treated Effluent from the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant

a. Opportunity for Public Comment (6:17 pm) Topf Wells and Pat Bergen presented comments.

b. Overview of Consistency with State and Local Standards (6:28 pm) Nick Bower presenting.

c. Approval of CARPC Management Letter #2308 – Recommending to the Wisconsin DNR Action on a Proposed Amendment of the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* Revising the Point of Discharge Locations of Treated Effluent from the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant (*actionable item*)

Nick Bower presented the staff findings and recommendation for approval of the amendment with a condition to complete more data collection and/or analysis to project water quality conditions in the warmest months. Several commissioners expressed concern about the low confidence of the water quality compliance indicated in the staff findings, and also a desire to have additional data brought forward for reconsideration by the Commission, not just to the DNR. In response to requests for alternatives to the draft letter to DNR recommending approval, Mr. Valerius provided an alternative draft letter recommending denial of the MMSD application. The commission discussed edits to that alternative version, creating a version that recommends denial due to inadequate information to demonstrate water quality compliance, encourages DNR to consider a variance for phosphorous in Badger Mill Creek, and encourages MMSD to further evaluate adaptive management methods to reach the phosphorous standards.

Motion to approve letter by Mr. Schuler, seconded by Ms. Murphy. Second Motion to amend the motion was brought forward by Mr. McKeever, seconded by Ms. Richson. Roll Call vote to amend the letter: Schuler: Aye, McKeever-Aye, Richson-Aye, Greb-Aye, Zavos – No, Pfeiffer – Aye, Terrell – Aye, Volk – Aye, Hampton – Aye, Crombie – Aye, McKinney – Abstain, Murphy – Aye. The amendment to the motion approving the letter was approved,

Then there was a roll call vote on the amended letter recommending to the DNR denial of the application: Schuler: Aye, McKeever-Aye, Richson-Aye, Greb-Aye, Zavos – No, Pfeiffer – Aye, Terrell – Aye, Volk – Aye, Hampton – Aye, Crombie – Aye, McKinney – Abstain, Murphy – Aye.

6. Strategic Planning Update – Discussion about draft report and next steps
A draft of the strategic planning report will be prepared for next commission meeting.
7. Week Without Driving Challenge (September 30-October 6)
This will come as a Resolution for the next Commission meeting
8. Reports
 - a. Executive Chairperson and Executive Committee
BPP approved Levy Certification with a vote of 4-0.
 - b. Executive Director
 - (1) Programs and Services Updates
2023 Audit has been completed. Annual report is completed. Liz Levy is now full-time with the agency.
 - (2) Partnership Updates
 - (3) Commissioner Requests for Future Commission Presentations and/or Discussions
No requests
9. Future Agenda Items (next meeting is September 12, 2024, via Zoom Webinar and in-person location TBD, 6:00 pm)
 - a. 2025 Budget Hearing and Adoption (September)
 - b. Week Without Driving Challenge Resolution (September)
 - c. Strategic Planning Report Acceptance (September?)
 - d. Greater Madison MPO Presentation (September)
 - e. Environmental Corridors Report Update (September introduction, October hearing)
 - f. Commission and staff training on open meetings law, public records law, meeting rules, conflict of interest, etc. (workshop preceding the October meeting?)

10. Adjournment

Ms. Murphy moved the motion for adjournment. Mr. Hampton seconded. The motion passed on voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Minutes taken by Tanya Sime and reviewed by CARPC staff.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris Hampton", written over a horizontal line.

Kris Hampton, Secretary