
Public Meeting Notice

West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC)

10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 2026

**Chippewa County Highway Shop
801 E. Grand Ave., Chippewa Falls, WI**

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – Chair John Frank
2. **Welcome and Introduction of Commissioners and Guests** – Frank
3. **Review and Approve Minutes of January 8, 2026, Commission Meeting** – Frank
4. **Review and Approve Disbursements** – Frank
5. **Contract Extensions for Business Loan Funds** – Regional Business Fund Manager Tobi LeMahieu/Executive Director Allen/Frank
 - **Economic Development Administration (EDA) Revolving Loan Fund Sub-Grant and Management Agreement** with the Regional Business Fund, Inc. (ongoing since 1995)
 - **Technology Enterprise Fund (TEF) Loan Fund Sub-Grant and Management Agreement** with the Regional Business Fund, Inc. (ongoing since 2006)
 - **Consolidated Loan Fund Management Agreement** with the Regional Business Fund, Inc. (ongoing since 2007)
 - **EDA CARES Revolving Loan Fund Sub-Grant and Management Agreement** with the Regional Business Fund, Inc. (ongoing since 2020)
 - **Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Capital Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund Sub-Grant and Management Agreement** with the Regional Business Fund, Inc. (ongoing since 2025)

Background: These four agreements are annual extensions of management service arrangements to provide for the administration of the listed business loan funds.

Potential Action: Review and approve each agreement separately.

6. **Resolution 2025-03 Certifying Economic Development Administration (EDA) CARES ACT Recovery Assistance Revolving Loan Fund Plan** – LeMahieu/Allen/Frank

Background: This is annually submitted to EDA certifying that the CARES ACT Recovery Assistance Revolving Loan Fund Plan is consistent with and supportive of the region and its economy.

Potential Action: Review and approve the Resolution.

7. **WCWRPC Appointment to the Regional Business Fund, Inc. (RBF) Board of Directors – Allen/Frank**
Background: WCWRPC makes an appointment to the RBF Board of Directors every three years. With the term of the current appointment having expired in March 2025, a new appointment (or reappointment) needs to be made. The Executive Committee is recommending the reappointment of Dan Lytle for one final term.
Potential Action: Discuss and confirm an appointment to the RBF Board of Directors as a representative of WCWRPC.
8. **Approval of Agreement between the Village of Almena and WCWRPC – Allen/Frank**
Background: The Village of Almena has received a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) for a community safe room project. The safe room would be located within Shadyside Park at Park Ave. E. and Clinton St. S. The Village of Almena desires WCWRPC assistance in administering the grant at a cost of \$19,600.
Potential Action: Review and approve the agreement.
9. **Annual Levy for 2027 Calendar Year – Allen/Frank**
Background: Options will be presented and discussed for the annual levy amounts to be charged to member counties for the 2027 calendar year. The Executive Committee met on February 12, 2026, and recommended a 3% increase (Option 4).
Potential Action: Select and adopt the 2027 Annual Levy.
10. **Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update – Senior Planner/MPO Director Eric Anderson**
Background: MPO Director Anderson will present a report on MPO 2025 activities, 2026 plans, and the new 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan.
Potential Action: Informational only.
11. **Director’s Report – Allen**
Background: Allen will provide an update on project, budget, and staffing activities.
Potential Action: Informational only.
12. **Any Other Business or Updates – Allen/Frank**
13. **Next Proposed Commission Meeting Date – Thursday, May 21, 2026 – Banbury Place, Eau Claire**
14. **Next Tentative Executive Committee Meeting Date – Thursday, April 9, 2026 – Banbury Place, Eau Claire**
15. **Adjournment**

ATTENTION COMMISSIONERS: If you are unable to attend, please contact Erin Whyte at 715-836-2918 or ewhyte@wccwrpc.org as counts are needed for quorum and lunch purposes.