1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairperson BURROWS at 6:30 p.m.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2016 MEETING
First/Second by BEATTY/RUFF to approve the meeting minutes from the April 28, 2016 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

4. BIKE TO WORK WEEK STATUS
LYNCH provided a recap of the Bike To Work Week/Month activities. RUFF explained the media and information surrounding the Ride with the Mayor in Wausau. This year there were four locations that converged to City Hall and suggested it might be better to have everyone in one spot for a larger group. HELKE suggests getting more mayors and council members involved, perhaps changing the name to reflect this. BEATTY requested that the information be disseminated earlier to allow planning in the other communities. HELKE reported a large crowd at the Kronenwetter Bike for Health event. LYNCH reported the photo contest had good entries, prizes to be lined up for the winners, and photos posted on social media. LYNCH would like to expand events next year in line with the action plan.

5. NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING BIKE SURVEY
SIPPEL is working on a regional bicycle and pedestrian plan for North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission’s (NCWRPC) 10 county area. SIPPEL is looking for feedback on a survey to be released the end of August. Many suggestions were made regarding a more positive tone to questions, additional options for answers, consolidating questions, and question elimination. SIPPEL found this very helpful and will report back with a finished survey in the future. NCWRPC will also investigate wikimapping and other methods to collect data.

6. SUCCESSION PLANNING
BURROWS reported Chairman Valitchka resigned via a phone call due to an inability to make meetings and spending more time out of the area. Valitchka has sent a written resignation to MACK. MACK provided a history of the chairman position, the original purpose of the committee, and how that has changed over time. Dwindling committee member attendance hampers the ability to select a new chair. MACK suggests MPO staff talk with communities regarding the appointment of a representative. Requiring a quorum for future meetings will provide incentive for attendance. HELKE suggests working with administrators to have staff or citizen appointed. PLATH suggested a representative of the Weston YMCA. LYNCH said meeting time was also under consideration and might be dependent on new members. BURROWS suggested finding people in each community that are passionate about bike/ped since it will help attendance and enthusiasm.
7. COUNTER UPDATE
This item was discussed before #6 to allow for a longer discussion. LYNCH reported the use of the infrared counter and presented information collected. Data presented was in multiple time formats and will have to be recalculated due to days without data collection. The only counter available was the River's Edge Trail and LYNCH reported that more will be installed soon. Issues with how to secure the boxes have delayed deployment. Cedar Creek Trail was suggested as a location but only after bridge repairs are completed.

8. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS
LYNCH: The next meeting will be a presentation by Steve Clark from League of American Bicyclists and will include an evaluation of the Wausau area; reported on a conference trip to LaCrosse and how it compares to Wausau as well as a FHWA course on roadway design.

HELKE: Wheelers membership is down this year but it may be due to the weather; there will be future pizza rides to Stony Acres farm; the Kronenwetter Old Hwy 51 trail has not progressed and is dependent on legal proceedings with a landowner.

RUFF: Downtown Wausau’s efforts to curb sidewalk bike riding and using sharrows on 3rd St to encourage the proper behavior; Kent St and Grand Ave intersection is an area of concern and has been discussed for bike/ped improvement.

PLATH: Has stepped back from efforts with the Mountain Bay trail and reports Shawano County is resurfacing portions of their trail.

BEATTY: Kocourek does not seem amenable to paying for a fix it station on the 51/29 trail, however the shelter is going forward; grants for the stations will be awarded soon.

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – JUNE, 16, 2016

11. ADJOURN
Motion/second by BEATTY/RUFF to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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