Members: Rebecca Frisch, Dave Mack, Jeff Pritchard, Keith Donner, Duane Gau, Brad Lenz, Jeff Gates, Dave Meurett, Gaylene Rhoden, Tim Vergara
Others: Andrew Lynch, Steve Hagman, Steve Knust, Joe Gehin

1. Call to Order a Joint Meeting of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee and the Water Quality Management Committee
   The presence of a quorum, the agenda being properly signed and posted, the joint meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was in room 2, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. Introductions – Introductions were made.

3. Approve Minutes
   A. MPO TAC – August 19, 2014 Minutes
      Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / LENZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2014 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.
   B. WQM TAC – May 12, 2015 Minutes
      Action: MOTION / SECOND BY GAU / DONNER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2015 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

   Discussion: Background on this project was summarized. Progress has been hindered by the departure of Convention and Visitor Bureau (CVB) and Wausau Main Street staff. The city of Wausau is participating in a nation-wide competition sponsored by Frontier which will focus on the central city, not all of Wausau. Wausau moved ahead due to the lack of an area wide coordinated effort and hired a consultant to do the design work. Discussion topics included:
   - Town of Rib Mountain is disappointed that this is not going forward as a group effort following a regional approach similar to that of the Fox Cities;
   - Funding had been the downfall of previous discussions;
   - Current status of community interest:
     - Town of Rib Mountain – still interested in pursuing effort, no support for the Town to change logos, complimented the Bike/Pedestrian Committee on its signage for the bike trails;
     - Village of Rothschild – interested in wayfinding as signage cannot be put on interstate highways without an approved plan;
     - Village of Kronenwetter – has held internal discussions regarding wayfinding and would probably be interested;
     - Village of Weston – would like a unified urban area vision, uncomfortable without a unified sign template, (correction 7/31/15 – ljs) no funds available and not a high priority;
     - City of Wausau – open to a metro area wide effort;
   - Options to form a sub-committee to look at what Wausau is doing, direct staff to schedule meetings with interested communities to determine what wayfinding would like, or have the MPO TAC continue to discuss this as a whole.
   Action: CONSENSUS TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION ON WAYFINDING BY THE MPO TAC.
   Follow Through: Wayfinding will continue to be on the agendas for the MPO TAC to continue the discussion.

5. 2015-2010 STP-Urban Funding Allocation
   Discussion: Information on the 2013-18 project allocation ($3.1 million), changes to WisDOT’s allocation cycle and resulting 3 year overlap, each project’s federally allocated amount, the criteria used to rank local projects funding only up to 50% of construction costs, and the availability of $25,010 to be allocated was provided. Staff presented two options:
1. Allocate the $25,010 to Schofield’s W. Grand Avenue Project which had not received 50% of the project’s construction costs;
2. Allocate the $25,010 to the Town of Rib Mountain for its Rib Mountain Drive project.

Discussion covered:
- These funds needed to be allocated and WisDOT informed by July 2015;
- The amount was too small for WisDOT to allow these funds to be used on a new project;
- The W Grand Avenue project received only 27% of the project’s construction costs, not the 50% the other projects received;
- It was not realistic to split these funds among all of the projects due to state and federal reporting requirements;
- The decision should be based on the original project information.

**Action:** MOTION / SECOND BY GAU / GATES TO RECOMMEND TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION THAT THE AVAILABLE $25,010 BE ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF SCHOFIELD’S W GRAND AVENUE PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, RHODEN DISSENTING.

**Follow Through:** This recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for its consideration at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

6. Wausau Area Sewer Service Plan Status

A. DNR Requirements
B. Community Involvement and Expectations
C. Timeline for Development
D. Cost Scenarios

Discussion: These topics were discussed jointly. Discussion covered:
- The sewer service area as delineated on the current 208 Sewer Service Area map included areas that were not currently being serviced;
- Seven communities paid for the plan with the County providing in-kind services;
- Possibility of including other communities in the planning process that are currently not receiving service;
- Re-drawing the sewer service area map to highlight the areas that are actually being served;
- Adding area to the sewer service area through annexation or a boundary agreement;
- Need for Marathon County to be part of the discussion;
- The involvement North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) would preclude the County’s contribution being in-kind service, the County may have to make a monetary contribution;
- Incorporating wastewater prescriptions into a plan to help the local municipalities plan for future extensions:
  - Facilities within the service area must be served;
  - Areas that may be served within 20 years must consider service;
  - Areas further out would be served if it is economically feasible otherwise would have private onsite wastewater treatments systems (POWTS) installed;
  - Areas beyond this boundary would have POWTS.

**Action:** MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / LENZ TO TABLE THIS TOPIC UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING TO ALLOW STAFF TIME TO COMPILE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. MOTION CARRIED BY A SHOW OF HANDS – 5 TO 3.

**Follow Through:** Staff will contact County Administration regarding a monetary contribution to the development of this plan and this will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting Date – To Be Determined.

**Action:** THE NEXT MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 14, 2015.
8. **Adjourn the MPO TAC.**
   There being no further business, **MOTION / SECOND BY RHODEN / GAU TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

9. **Adjourn the WQM TAC**
   **MOTION / SECOND BY LENZ / DONNER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**
   The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Submitted by:
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June 16, 2015
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