



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of LAPC Meeting, May 16, 2018

**Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee** held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 4:30 pm in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 212 6<sup>th</sup> St N, La Crosse, WI.

**Members Present:** Joe Chilsen, City of Onalaska; Mike Weibel, alternate for Linda Seidel, Town of Medary; Tim Ehler, alternate for Tim Candahl, Town of Shelby; Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen; Tara Johnson, La Crosse County; Terry Schaller, Town of Campbell; Tim Kabat, City of La Crosse; Mike Poellinger, City of La Crescent; Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem. **Members Excused:** Rolly Bogert, Town of Onalaska. **Others Present:** David Marshall; Mike Giese; Jeremy Tomesh; Randy Sanford; Eric Rindfleisch; Chuck Zauner; Tom Faella; Jackie Eastwood.

**Call to Order:** Joe Chilsen called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**1) Approval of Minutes of the March 21, 2018 LAPC Meeting:**

*Mike Poellinger motioned to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting; Terry Schaller seconded. All were in favor.*

**2) Public comment relative to agenda items, with 5 minute time limit per comment:**

None.

**3) Resolution 4 – 2018 Joining the Bluffland Coalition:**

*Mike Poellinger motioned to approve Resolution 4-2018 Joining the Bluffland Coalition; Tara Johnson seconded.*

In response to a request by Tim Kabat for an update on Bluffland Coalition activities, Chuck Zauner stated that the Coalition hired him to be the Bluffland Coordinator and he has written one grant application for land acquisition and is in the process of writing two others for trail construction. Mr. Zauner has also been reaching out to the communities to sign onto a memorandum of understanding. The Friends of the Bluffland have signed and the Town of Shelby and the City of Onalaska are considering it.

Tim Kabat stated that he is not prepared to support the resolution today because he doesn't see much change since 2016. The City of La Crosse spent \$400,000 last year on bluffland acquisition and restoration and they have no additional resources to contribute to the Coalition.

In response to a question by Tara Johnson asking what is lacking, Tim Kabat stated that he had drafted a letter in 2016 that laid out his concerns. Mayor Kabat then went on to summarize his concerns regarding funding and government oversight among others.

*With a motion on the table, Nancy Proctor and Tim Kabat opposed; all others were in favor.*

**4) City of La Crescent Sewer Service Area Amendment Request Public Meeting:**

Mike Poellinger asked that this agenda item be referred for 30 days for a special meeting in June. Tim Kabat stated that he is in support of referring this item so that the City of La Crescent and the City of La Crosse can get an agreement in place. Mayor Poellinger stated that because the property was annexed two years ago, the approval for the design phase is in process and an amendment to the sewer service area is needed soon.

**5) Work Activities and Budget for LAPC 2019 Planning Work Program:**

Tom Faella gave an overview of the new and ongoing work activities anticipated for LAPC staff for 2019, highlighting the activities that were new to 2019. When informing about the Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago (TCMC) steering committee, significant discussion occurred regarding the impacts to local municipalities if Amtrak service is cut. Tara

Johnson suggested that because of the intense interest in the topic it should be included as an agenda item for the July meeting. Ms. Johnson also suggested that the LAPC host a public information meeting here to which Mr. Faella responded that he is preparing to host such a meeting. Mr. Faella stated that he will invite someone from the MnDOT project team to come and speak to the Policy Board.

Mr. Faella then completed his overview of the work program activities, stating that he had passed them by the TAC and is asking for comments for the August review of the work program document. The work program will be presented for approval in September.

**6) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Planning:**

Jackie Eastwood presented on the American's with Disabilities Act and the role it plays in local government, stating that the FHWA requires that all MPOs be able to self-certify compliance with the ADA by the time they publish their 2019-2022 TIPs. FHWA has asked the MPOs to educate their member communities about ADA requirements. The LAPC will be publishing its 2019-2022 TIP this September and will be able to self-certify.

**7) Regional Coordination of Public Safety Facilities:**

Tom Faella stated that Tara Johnson had asked that this item be put on the agenda and have Karl Green speak to the Board, but that Mr. Green was unable to attend because of a conference. Joe Chilsen suggested that the agenda item be referred to a future meeting.

**8) Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:**

*Mike Poellinger motioned to adjourn at 5:28 pm; Tim Kabat seconded. All were in favor.*