

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

February 26, 2009

The regular meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee was held February 26, 2009 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Administration Building; Harrisburg, Dauphin County, PA. Chairman Eakin called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. by welcoming all members.

ROLL CALL

Members present were: Mr. Paul Clark, Ms. Jackie Eakin, Commissioner Gary Eichelberger, Mr. Bill Forrey, Mr. Skip Memmi, and Commissioner Stephen Naylor. Messrs. Szymborski and Reardon and Ms. Myers-Krug of the staff were present. Mr. Brady Stroh was present as a guest.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Commissioner Naylor, the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. Szymborski reviewed the Financial Statement for the period January 1, 2009 through January 31, 2009. The Financial Statement was accepted for filing and audit on a motion by Mr. Forrey, seconded by Commissioner Naylor. A copy of the Financial Statement is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

Mr. Szymborski reviewed the payment of expenses for the month of January 2009. On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Memmi, the expenses for January were approved for payment. A copy is attached to the file copy of these minutes. The February month-to-date expenses were reviewed for information purposes.

PSU GRANT: Central PA GeoPortal

Mr. Brady Stroh presented information to the Commission regarding the development of a data sharing portal. It is being designed to be non-traditional in that there will not be one central location for data storage, but rather network linkages to data available through partners of the process. The model to be used will be user-friendly, web-based, map oriented, and public. Mr. Stroh indicated one of the keys to making the project work would be its sustainability. Mr. Szymborski indicated TCRPC staff could bring this information to the counties through the GIS Technical Committee which staff coordinates. In addition, it was decided to bring this proposal before the Southcentral Regional Action Plan Executive Committee for consideration as a multi-county initiative to be included in the plan. The benefits to the project's partners were discussed and a

letter of support was authorized by the Commission on a motion by Mr. Memmi, with a second by Commissioner Eichelberger.

### CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION

Mr. Szymborski indicated he had received a request from PennFuture to schedule a presentation on a recent study titled "Climate Change in Pennsylvania: Impacts and Solutions". A Penn State professor would conduct the session and specifically relate finding to central PA. It was decided the event would occur at the April full commission meeting with a maximum one-half hour in duration.

### PENNDOT RESOLUTION FOR UPWP

On a motion by Mr. Memmi, seconded by Mr. Forrey, the Commission authorized the annual resolution allowing the Executive Director to sign contracts and documents associated with funding the transportation program.

### COMMISSION CHECKING ACCOUNT: Bank Selection Options

Mr. Szymborski presented information prepared by the Commission's Administrative Coordinator concerning the possibility of changing the Commission's accounts to another financial institution. There were some questions concerning the various banks' compliance with Act 72 securities and how that may impact the interest rate quoted. On a motion by Commissioner Eichelberger, seconded by Mr. Memmi, the Commission authorized Mr. Szymborski, to make a decision based after researching the question and to place its finances where it best fit for commission purposes.

### AICP: Certification Maintenance and Requirements for Executive and Associate Executive Directors

Mr. Reardon presented information to the commission regarding the new certification maintenance requirements for the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). In order to maintain certification in AICP, a planner must attain 32 credits over a two-year period. This time period ends December 31, 2009. Mr. Reardon and Ms. Myers-Krug both require additional credits to maintain their certification. The APA national conference provides an opportunity to attain 32 credits. Attendance at this conference would allow both senior staff members to continue in the AICP association which is required for management positions at the Commission. The costs for the conference are less than the costs of attending the number of local workshops necessary to gain the same number of credits. On a motion by Mr. Forrey, seconded by Commissioner Naylor, the commission authorized attendance at the conference for Mr. Reardon and Ms. Myers-Krug.

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Commissioner Naylor the Commission agreed to a letters of support for the intergovernmental reviews # 2009-R26 through 2009-R31. It should be noted Mr. Memmi abstained from action on items # 2009-R30 and 31.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Forrey, seconded by Mr. Clark, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Full Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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