

Minutes of the February 17, 2011, NIRPC Executive Board Meeting

Chairman Tom McDermott called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present were Nancy Adams, Roosevelt Allen, Geof Benson, Kevin Breitzke, Bob Carnahan, Kathy Chroback, Jon Costas, Jeff Dekker, Michael Griffin, Ken Layton, Tom McDermott, Stephen Mockler, Ed Morales, Chuck Oberlie, Jim Polarek, Tom Schmitt, Dave Shafer, Brian Snedecor, James Ton, Dave Uran, and George Van Til.

Staff present included John Swanson, David Hollenbeck, Bill Brown, Kathy Luther, Gary Evers, Mitch Barloga, Angie Hayes, Steve Strains, Kelley Wenger, Allen Hammond, and Kathy Dubie.

Chairman McDermott presented his committee assignments and announced each committee's chair and vice-chair. He also discussed the NARC conference held earlier in the week. He asked the other commissioners who attended to share their comments.

On a motion by Kathy Chroback, second by Stephen Mockler, the January, 2011, meeting minutes were approved.

Finance and Personnel Committee: Chairman Dave Uran said that the committee approved the NIRPC/RBA rental agreement.

Transportation Policy Committee: James Ton reported on the last committee meeting and asked Gary Evers to explain Resolution 11-02, Amendment #28 to the 2009-13 Transportation Improvement Program. On a motion by Jim Ton, second by Dave Uran, the resolution was adopted. Gary Evers then explained Resolution 11-03, Amendment #29 to the 2009-13 Transportation Improvement Program. On a motion by Jim Ton, second by Ken Layton, the resolution was adopted.

INDOT: Mike McPhillips provided an update on Cline Avenue, bids for the cable rail, and barriers along the Borman. Mr. McPhillips was thanked for the information and for attending NIRPC's meetings.

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission: No representative was present and no report was submitted. Chairman McDermott said NIRPC has sent fourteen requests for the commission's participation, and yet the LCRBDC has provided representation at only one of NIRPC's meetings. A discussion regarding proposed taxing and legislation followed. On a motion by Geof Benson, second by Kathy Chroback, the commission agreed that a letter should be sent to the LCRBDC from NIRPC asking them in strong terms to explain this proposed tax.

Legislative Committee: Dave Shafer thanked all staff for their help. Several proposed legislations were discussed. Of particular interest to NIRPC are H.B.'s 1367, 1366, 1354, 1214, and 1374. S.B. 550 has passed the Senate. Brian Snedecor said that S.B. 292 also should be watched. It has passed out of the Senate and addresses firearms issues.

Other Business: Stephen Mockler announced that the next meeting of the Towns and Small Cities Council will be held on March 31.

There was no Public Comment.

On a motion by Brian Snedecor the meeting was adjourned.