

## Minutes

### Sawyer County Comprehensive Planning Commission

January 28, 2020

Members Present: Ron Buckholtz, Linda Zilmer, Emily Nelson, Phil Nies, Mark Olson, Kelly Nechuta, Steve Kelsey, Elaine Nyberg, Nita Kemp, Marc Helwig, Troy Morgan. Others present: Jay Kozlowski, Sawyer County Zoning Administrator, Jason Laumann, Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Koslowski called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Election of officers followed:

Chairperson - Elaine Nyberg nominated Mark Olson. Phil Nies nominated Ron Buckholtz. Mr. Olson was elected Chair after a secret ballot.

Vice-Chairperson - Phil Nies nominated Ron Buckholtz. Elaine Nyberg nominated Steve Kelsey. Mr. Buckholtz was elected Vice-Chair after a secret ballot.

Secretary- Ron Buckholtz nominated Troy Morgan. Mr. Morgan was elected as Secretary by a unanimous ballot.

Mr. Laumann from NWRPC advised the Commission what the comprehensive plan accomplishes. There are nine elements in the statutes. He gave us a comprehensive plan overview. The goal is to develop the plan with both past and future elements with a look forward. The committee will decide if we take input based on dates of township plans.

Ms. Zilmer brought up town plans and the Commission discussed the following:

Background report: behind the scenes research is necessary. Vision and Implementation: What makes the plan work? Base Map: Existing land use and future land use. We will work with the census as it comes to us.

The Commission discussed the need for the data tables and that they must be correct. NWRPC is looking at both past and future date data. The list of issues was reviewed.

The Commission discussed whether Sawyer County wishes to be a center of economic development. If so, what new actions need to be pursued? If we go forward with these items, we need to decide on metrics for success for completion of any action items. Existing land use planning needs to be addressed.

Discussion ensued about the differences between county wide issues versus town concerns. Traditional plans for towns would have to be integrated into any classification schemes. It was noted that town plans add to the complexity of developing a plan.

The future finalized document will be forwarded to the full Sawyer County Board for consideration and implementation.

Ms. Zilmer asked about follow up measures. If there are metrics how does that work? These will be discussed going forward. Mr. Olson asked about maps - who decides between towns and county? NWRPC says whoever has the decision for zoning. Again, another discussion as we find out jurisdiction for each issue.

Mr. Buckholtz asked about surveys and how that would be accomplished. He was interested in a survey to help determine needs and areas of inquiry. Ms. Nyberg asked about input from the original planning committee. That will be researched. We will prioritize at the next meeting from the full list for other matters.

Timeline - in a year or less:

1. 6 Meeting times as a Commission in the next year – this will be explained but we must decide as to how we proceed.
2. Next meeting date: within the next month.
3. One meeting at a time.

Meeting was adjourned.