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# NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FULL COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 9:00 A.M. NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, 6100 Southport Road, Portage

## Annotated Agenda

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance Diane Noll
- 2.0 Roll Call Candice Eklund
- 3.0 Public Comment on Current Agenda Items

  Members of the audience who have signed up to comment on agenda items will be recognized by the Chair. Time is limited to 3 minutes per commenter. Commenters must indicate on the sign-in sheet prior to the start of the meeting.
- 4.0 New Appointments to the Commission Attorney Dave Hollenbeck
- 5.0 Approval of the Minutes of the November 21, 2019 Full Commission Board Meeting (pp. 1-3)

  \*\*ACTION REQUESTED: Approval\*\*
- 6.0 Report of the Chair Diane Noll
- 7.0 Report of the Executive Director Ty Warner
- 8.0 Finance and Personnel Committee Justin Kiel
  - 9.1 NIRPC Resolution #19-29: Calendar Year 2020 Budget (pp. (4-13) ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 9.0 INDOT, Matt Deitchley, La Porte District Deputy Commissioner
- 10.0 Other Business
- 11.0 Announcements
- 12.0 Adjournment

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# 2020 NIRPC COMMISSION MEETING DATES

All meetings to be held in the

Lake Michigan Room

6100 Southport Rd Portage, Indiana

unless otherwise posted.

January 16	Full Commission	9:00 a.m.
March 19	Executive Board	9:00 a.m.
April 16	Executive Board	9:00 a.m.
May 21	Full Commission	9:00 a.m.
July 16	Full Commission	9:00 a.m.
September 17	Executive Board	9:00 a.m.
October 15	Executive Board	9:00 a.m.
November 19	Full Commission	9:00 a.m.

# NIRPC Executive Board Meeting

6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN November 21, 2019 Minutes

#### Call to Order

Acting Chairperson, George Topoll, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Topoll informed the commissioners there was a quorum of the Executive Board but not of the Full Commission. All business can be conducted with the exception of approving NIRPC's budget for 2020. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube.

Ty Warner noted NIRPC had received enough advance RSVP responses to constitute a quorum at today's meeting, but whether because of the rain or other circumstances that have reduced the actual number in attendance, a special meeting will now have to be held in order to adopt the Commission's budget for the 2020 calendar year. (Approval of the Commission's budget is one of the items that require approval by the Full Commission and cannot be accomplished by the Executive Board.) This special meeting of the Full Commission is being scheduled for December 12, 2019.

Roll call was taken by Candice Eklund.

#### Present

The 25 Commissioners present included Kyle Allen (Lake County Commissioner), Jeannette Bapst (Dune Acres), Geof Benson (Beverly Shores), Kevin Breitzke (Porter County Surveyor), John Cannon (Portage), Robert Carnahan (Cedar Lake), Don Ensign (Hebron), Will Farrellbegg (Lowell), Michael Griffin (Highland), Richard Hardaway (Merrillville), Jack Jeralds (Schneider), Jane Jordan (Burns Harbor), Justin Kiel (La Crosse), Steve Kramer (Dyer), Mark Krentz (La Porte), Tom McDermott (Hammond), Lori Mercer (Westville), Dave Shafer (Munster), Brian Snedecor (Hobart), Ed Soliday (Governor Appointee), Joe Stahura (Whiting), Greg Stinson (Porter), Gerald Swets (St. John), Sharon Szwedo (New Chicago), and George Topoll (Union Township).

Bernie Doyle, Town Manager for Chesterton, was present for Jim Ton in a non-voting capacity.

#### Absent

The 25 Commissioners absent included Christopher Anderson (Lake Station), David Anderson (Winfield), Jim Biggs (Porter County Commissioner), Charlie Brown (Lake County Council), Anthony Copeland (East Chicago), Joshleen Denham (Trail Creek), Bill Emerson (Lake County Surveyor), Karen Freeman-Wilson (Gary), Tony Hendricks (LaPorte County Surveyor), Tim Jones (Kouts), Andrew Kyres (Crown Point), Jeff Larson (Porter County Council), Robert Lemay (Long Beach), Sheila Matias (LaPorte County Commissioner), Edward Morales (Porter Township Trust), Matt Murphy (Valparaiso), Diane Noll (Wanatah), Jean Poulard (Michiana Shores), Mark Ritter (Kingsbury), Michael Rosenbaum (LaPorte County Council), Rick Ryfa (Griffith), Carolyn Saxton (Ogden Dunes), Tom Schmitt (Schererville), Gene Simmons (Michigan City), and James Ton (Chesterton).

No NIRPC representative has been appointed: Kingsford Heights, The Pines Pottawattomie Park.

## **Guests in Attendance**

Guests present included Matt Deitchley, Jim Jordan, Lauri Keagle, Jeff Huet, Sue Pelfrey, Tim Zorn, Lauren Varga, and Tim Werner.

#### Staff in Attendance

Staff present included Ty Warner, Kathy Luther, Charles Bradsky, Eman Ibrahim, Peter Kimball, Kevin Polette, Scott Weber, Lisa Todd, Talaya Jones, Candice Eklund, and attorney Dave Hollenbeck.

#### **Public Comment**

Norman Hellmers, a 31 year veteran of the National Park Services and a member of the Dune Action group, discussed his concerns with the preservation of the historic pavilion of Indiana Dunes. Dune Action feels that the DNR is violating historic preservation standards and the preservation would negatively impact the pavilion because it would only be 200 feet from the shoreline instead of the proposed 1,000 feet.

### New appointments

Dave Hollenbeck announced the appointment to the Commission of Robert Lemay (Town of Long Beach).

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the September 19, 2019 Full Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Justin Kiel and second by Mark Krentz.

## Report of the Chair - George Topoll

Mr. Topoll encouraged the commissioners to contact their fellow commissioners to inform them of the special meeting scheduled in December and to urge their attendance.

## Report of the Executive Director – Ty Warner

Ty Warner announced upcoming events of NIRPC's partners at South Shore Clean Cities (SSCC). The details of the events can be found on SSCC's website at <a href="https://southshorecleancities.org/">https://southshorecleancities.org/</a>.

Ty Warner attended the Final Downtown Hammond Master Plan event presented by Jeff Speck on November 19 and congratulated Mayor McDermott on the process in creating a vibrant downtown for Hammond. Mr. Warner served on the Steering Committee for the plan, which can be viewed at <a href="mailto:gohammond.com/downtown">gohammond.com/downtown</a>.

Ty also congratulated Justin Kiel on receiving the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Entrepreneurial Excellence Award at the Indiana Small Business Development Center Northwest's E-Day Celebration for his weekly newspaper.

#### 2020 Meeting Calendar

The proposed NIRPC Full Commission/Executive Board meeting calendar for 2020 was presented. The Full Commission is required to meet four times, highlighted on the calendar. On motion by Ed Soliday and second by Greg Stinson, the Executive Board approved the confirmation of the meeting schedule for 2020.

#### Finance & Personnel Committee - Justin Kiel

Justin Kiel stated there were three action items for approval, but due to the absence of a quorum of the Full Commission, Resolution #19-29, NIRPC's 2020 budget, will be presented at the special meeting in December. The procurement recommendations 18-09 and 19-24 were approved by the Executive Board on motion by George Topoll and second by Mark Krentz.

Mr. Kiel stated Resolution #19-28 "Extending Policies for Meetings of the Commission" comes with a favorable recommendation from the Finance & Personnel committee. Ty Warner explained these policies have been previously adopted for civic participation at meetings of NIRPC, but NIRPC unfortunately experienced some recent disruptive events in the field at its workshops and this resolution clarifies that the guidelines for public behavior extends to every NIRPC meeting wherever it may be held. Ed Soliday stated he does not tolerate personal attacks in his committee meetings and recommends the verbiage 'personal attacks' be added after 'name calling' found in the 5th paragraph of the resolution. Attorney Dave

Hollenbeck agreed with Mr. Soliday stating that there is no legal impediment to adding this verbiage. On motion by Ed Soliday and second by Tom McDermott, the Executive Board approved Resolution #19-28 as amended with the above verbiage.

## **Technical Planning Committee** – Kevin Breitzke

Kevin Breitzke reported the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) has one action for consideration. NIRPC received one public comment on the FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2, requesting to extend bus services to additional communities. The comment was responded to but not found significant, and did not propose any change to the TIP amendment. On motion by Greg Stinson and second by Justin Kiel, the Executive Board recommended the adoption of Resolution #19-26.

# **INDOT** – Matt Deitchley

Matt Deitchley said this is the time of year when INDOT construction projects are winding down. He noted the interchange at S.R. 2 and U.S. 20 is open in LaPorte County and the ramp on Kennedy Avenue is targeted to be completed the second week of December.

#### Other Business

Ty Warner noted that Diane Noll had an emergency this morning and Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson had a conflict with today's meeting, and he thanked George Topoll for stepping in as Acting Chair.

Mr. Warner referenced some of the conversations he has had with several Commissioners on the issue of obtaining a quorum and how the value of NIRPC can be communicated. Warner encouraged any thoughts or feedback on how NIRPC can be of more assistance in making the Commission meeting a more valuable and beneficial forum to member communities.

Tom McDermott suggested refreshments at the Full Commission meeting on December 12 to celebrate the holidays, and his suggestion was widely received.

George Topoll thanked everyone for making the effort to come today and again encouraged their attendance at the December meeting so that NIRPC's 2020 budget may be approved.

#### Announcements

Brian Snedecor congratulated Andrean, Hobart, Merrillville and Valparaiso High Schools for making it to the semi-state football tournament.

Robert Carnahan encouraged the members to pick up the census materials that are available on the table in the foyer. The 2020 census begins in March.

Don Ensign announced the Town of Hebron dedicated the site for the Middle East Veteran's Memorial. Over the next two years they will be designing the Memorial's monument. The flag pole is in place and it encompasses seven counties. Don asked all veterans who served in the Middle East conflicts to help design the memorial and to contact either himself or Mitch Barloga with NIRPC for their input.

### Adjournment

Hearing no other business, George Topoll adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m. The Full Commission will meet on December 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at NIRPC.

A digital MP3 of this meeting is filed. Contact nirpc@nirpc.org should you wish to receive a copy of it. Barring technical issues, the livestream video recording of this meeting is available on NIRPC's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/user/NIRPCPlanning.

# 2020 BUDGET

10/18/2019

FY 2020 BUDGET ATTACHMENT A

## NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNIS  2020 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS	
PERSONNEL - SALARIES	1,477,572
PERSONNEL - FRINGE BENEFITS	598,186
OCCUPANCY	280,297
EQUIPMENT SERVICE/MAINTENANCE	78,840
DEPARTMENTAL	196,750
CONTRACTUAL	774,465
CAPITAL OUTLAYS - Equipment & Furniture	100,000
TOTAL FUND BUDGET	3,506,111
NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING 2020 TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND APPROP	
CAPITAL OUTLAYS - TRANSIT EQUIPMENT	2,440,988
TOTAL FUND BUDGET	2,440,988
NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNIN	ATTACHMENT C
2020 TRANSIT OPERATING PROJECTS FUND APPRO	PRIATIONS BUDGET
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	3,124,750
TOTAL FUND BUDGET	3,124,750
NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNI	ATTACHMENT D
2020 LAPORTE COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND AP	PROPRIATIONS BUDGET

TOTAL FUND BUDGET

OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES

85,000

85,000

# NIRPC FY 2020 Budget

	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2020 Budget	Change %
REVENUES			
COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS	540,271	540,271	
FEDERAL AGENCIES	590,958	939,119	
STATE AGENCIES	1,874,833	1,886,847	
LOCAL AGENCIES	111,358	44,694	
NON-GOVERNMENTAL	78,838	85,318	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INTEREST INCOME	9,862	9,862	
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TOTAL REVENUES	3,206,120	3,506,111	9%
EXPENDITURES			
SALARY	1,450,597	1,477,572	2%
FRINGE BENEFITS			
FICA CONTRIBUTIONS	110,635	113,034	
WORKERS COMPENSATION	5,500	7,000	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	2,000	2,000	
PERF CONTRIBUTIONS	180,435	187,152	
HEALTH INSURANCE	275,000	220,000	-25%
LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE	24,000	24,000	
ICMA CONTRIBUTIONS	21,868	25,000	
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	20,000	20,000	
OCCUPANCY	639,438	598,186	-7%
OFFICE LEASE	220,879	225,500	2%
PROPERTY INSURANCE	6,500	6,500	270
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	18,720	18,540	
UTILITIES	28,890	29,757	
	274,989	280,297	2%
EQUIPMENT SERVICE/MAINTENANCE	274,989	200,277	270
COPIER LEASING/MAINTENANCE	19,400	19,400	
COMPUTER SERVICE	25,000	40,440	
TELEPHONE & INTERNET SERVICE / MAIN.	22,248	18,000	
OTHER EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	2,000	1,000	
	68,648	78,840	
DEPARTMENTAL			
COMMISSION/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	41,500	41,500	
PLANNING	60,000	60,000	
SUBGRANTEE MANAGEMENT	10,000	15,000	
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS	55,000	28,650	
PARTNER AGENCIES	1,000	1,000	
ALLOCATED FUNCTIONS	28,000	28,000	
ENVIRONMENTAL PROMOTIONS	7,000	15,600	
GENERAL USE SUPPLIES	5,478	7,000	
	207,978	196,750	-6%
CONTRACTUAL			
LEGAL SERVICES	20,500	19,800	
AUDIT & ACCOUNTING	18,000	22,000	
LA PORTE RLF SERVICES	2,000	2,000	
TRANSIT OVERSIGHT	11,865	11,300	5%
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTS	218,603	529,374	
ALTERNATIVE FUEL	40,000	70,991	
BOARD DEVELOPMENT	2,000	2,000	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	-	70,000	
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	10,000	2,000	
E-TIP	45,000	45,000	
	500,268	774,465	35%
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	64,200	100,000	36%
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,206,119	3,506,111	9%
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	0	0	
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# **NIRPC FY 2019 Revenue Detail**

COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS	
LAKE COUNTY	347,204
PORTER COUNTY	115,040
LA PORTE COUNTY	78,027
TOTAL	540,271
FEDERAL AGENCIES	
FTA OVERSIGHT	261,620
FTA PLANNING	20,000
FTA CAPITAL	80,000
USDA FOREST SVC	76,810
EPA URBAN WATERS	23,839
CAWS PARTNERSHIP OPERATION (ACCRCC)	83,910
BROWNFIELD GRANT	284,240
HOBART ZONING PROJECT	11,000
EDD	70,000
CAWS GLC	27,700
TOTAL	939,119
STATE AGENCIES	
INDOT PL 2019	765,001
INDOT PL 2020	826,117
STBG	36,000
CMAQ 2019	188,739
CMAQ - FUEL	70,991
TOTAL	1,886,847
LOCAL AGENCIES	
CITY of PORTAGE	1,800
KRBC	36,144
PARTNERS for CLEAN AIR	6,000
FORUM	750
TOTAL	44,694
NON-GOVERNMENTAL	
CALUMET LAND CONSERVATION PARTN.	81,480
ROOM RENTAL INCOME	1,838
SHARED ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION	2,000
TOTAL	85,318
INTEREST INCOME	
BANK INTEREST INCOME	3,000
RLF INTEREST INCOME	6,862
TOTAL FY 2019 REVENUE	3,506,111

# NIRPC FY 2020 Budget

	Grant	Federal	Req. Match	Total
Architectual Services	X012	16,000	4,000	20,000
Ticket Kiosks and On-Board fare boxes	X012	48,000	12,000	60,000
Security Cameras	X667	16,320	4,080	20,400
Vehicles (2)	X667	110,500	19,500	130,000
Security Camera & Lighting	2016-033	100,000	25,000	125,000
TOD Ground Improvements	2016-033	100,000	25,000	125,000
Support Vehicle	2016-033	28,000	7,000	35,000
Computers/Sound System	2016-033	25,082	6,271	31,353
Replacement Vehicles/Bus (2)	2017-027	646,000	114,000	760,000
Support Vehicle	2017-028	44,000	11,000	55,000
Rehab/Renovate - Admin Facility	2017-028	19,200	4,800	24,000
Replace 3 Revenue Vehicles	2018-026	276,000	69,000	345,000
Replace 2 Revenue Vehicles	2018-026	176,000	44,000	220,000
Replace 1 Communter Vehicle	2018-026	637,500	155,000	792,500
Replace 2 Revenue Vehicles	2018-026	131,198	33,152	164,350
Replace 1 Revenue Vehicle	2018-026	56,400	14,100	70,500
Replace 2 Revenue Vehicles	2018-026	126,283	32,285	158,568
Replace 2 Communter Vehicle	2018-026	646,000	170,000	816,000
TOTAL		2 202 492	750,187	2 052 671
IOIAL		3,202,483	/50,18/	3,952,671
Contingency				-
TOTAL BUDGET			-	3,952,671

<sup>\*\*</sup> new projects for 2020 not included

Attachment B

	CY 2020 TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND							
Subrecipent	Grant	Project	Letting Date		Total	n-Federal Funds	Fe	ederal Funds
LaPorte	2019	Replace 2 Revenue Vehicles		\$	176,000	\$ 35,200	\$	140,800
NIRPC	2019	Replace Staff Computers		\$	100,000	\$ 20,000	\$	80,000
SLCCS	2019	Replace 4 Communter Vehicle		\$	366,105	\$ 73,221	\$	292,884
VALPO	2019	Replace ChicaGO Dash		\$	796,875	\$ 159,375	\$	637,500
PCACS	2019	Route Match		\$	14,000	\$ 2,800	\$	11,200
SLCCS	2019	Route Match		\$	29,483	\$ 5,897	\$	23,586
North Township	2019	Route Match		\$	14,500	\$ 2,900	\$	11,600
PCACS	2019	Replace 2 Vehicle		\$	210,000	\$ 42,000	\$	168,000
OE	2019	Replace 2 Vehicles		\$	198,000	\$ 39,600	\$	158,400
PCACS	2019	Replace 1 Vehicle		\$	127,000	\$ 25,400	\$	101,600
North Township	2019	Replace 1 Vehicle		\$	74,025	\$ 14,805	\$	59,220
EC	2019	Replace 1 Vehicle		\$	60,000	\$ 12,000	\$	48,000
VALPO	2019	Replace Bus Stop Signs		\$	150,000	\$ 30,000	\$	120,000
VALPO	2019	Transit Improvements		\$	125,000	\$ 25,000	\$	100,000

TOTAL BUDGET <u>\$ 2,440,988</u> <u>\$ 1,952,790</u>

# CY 2020 TRANSIT OPERATING PROJECTS FUND

	Federal	Req. Match	Total
City of East Chicago			
Preventative Maintenance	217,064	43,413	260,477
Complementary Paratransit	300,000	60,000	360,000
Operating Assistance	218,184	186,437	404,621
City of LaPorte			
Operating Assistance	265,000	238,190	503,190
City of Valparaiso			
Capital Cost of Contracting	764,584	185,000	949,584
North Township	20.000	<b>5</b> 000	27.000
Preventative Maintenance Operating Assistance	28,000 190,000	7,000 190,000	35,000 380,000
Opportunity Enterprises			
Preventative Maintenance	111,545	26,486	138,031
Porter County Community Services			
Preventative Maintenance	139,200	34,800	174,000
Operating Assistance	75,000	75,000	150,000
Southlake Community Services			
Preventative Maintenance	92,000	23,000	115,000
Operating Assistance	194,960	194,960	389,920
PMTF Funds (NT,SLCS,PCCS, OE & CV)			-
Public Mass Transportation Fund	529,213		529,213
TOTAL	3,124,750	1,264,286	4,389,036

# Attachment D

# CY 2020 LAPORTE COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND

		2019	2020
		Budget	Budget
New Loans		85,000	85,000
	TOTAL	85,000	85,000
то	TAL BUDGET		85,000

# **RLF 2020 Administration Budget**

Per RLF Management Plan 50% of interest can be used for	r Administrative Cost
REVENUES RLF INTEREST INCOME	4,862
CLOSING CHARGES	2,000
TOTAL REVENUES	6,862
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EXPENDITURES	
SALARY	1,600
FRINGE BENEFITS ALLOC	1,392
INDIRECT COST ALLOC	1,392
_	4,384
DEPARTMENTAL	
COMMUNICATION	-
GENERAL USE SUPPLIES	478
	478
CONTRACTUAL	
LA PORTE RLF SERVICES	2,000
	2,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,862
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	(0)





## **RESOLUTION 19-29**

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING THE YEAR 2020 APPROPRIATION BUDGETS FOR THE COMMISSION'S GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

WHEREAS, a budget is required for governmental funds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that sufficient revenues and other financing sources will be available to support the budgets herein proposed; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of the Commission, as a whole, to approve the appropriations budget of the Commission;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commission adopt as its Year 2020 budget for the General Fund for the budget identified in Attachment A to this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission adopt as its Year 2020 budget for the Transit Capital Projects Fund the budget identified in Attachment B to this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Commission adopt as its Year 2020 budget for the Transit Operating Projects Fund the budget identified in Attachment C to this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Commission adopt as its Year 2020 budget for the LaPorte County Revolving Loan Fund the budget identified in Attachment D to this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Finance and Personnel Committee of the Commission be designated to oversee the administration of these budgets within the framework of more detailed budget guidelines it might establish.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

	Diane Noll	
	Chairperson	
ATTEST:		
George H Topoll		
Secretary		