



**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT STRATEGY & OUTCOMES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024**

**A. Call to Order**

*Co-Chair Jon Doemel called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.*

*Members Present: 8 - Jon Doemel, Chuck Farrey, Andy Buck, Nate Gustafson, Morris Cox, Tom Belter, Beth Oswald, and Tim Galloway.*

*Absent: 2 - Tom Egan and Paul Kaiser*

*Also Present at the Meeting:*

*Julie Barthels, County Clerk*

*Jamie Rouch, Director of Administration*

*Jim Schell, Airport Director*

*Lucas Locke, Deputy Airport*

*Holly Stevens, Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District*

*Connie Kreutzberg, Larsen-Winchester Sanitary*

*Michael Pfankuch, Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District Operator*

*Scott Reif, Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District*

*Dale Youngquist, Village President, Village of Fox Crossing*

*Joe Hoechst, Director of Public Works, Village of Fox Crossing*

*via TEAMS*

*Supervisor Conley Hanson, District 26*

*Supervisor Ralph Harrison, District 31*

*Gordon Hintz*

**B. Public Comments**

*Dale Youngquist, Village of Fox Crossing spoke regarding the Village of Fox Crossing water main and the County Hwy P project. He thanked the committee for the opportunity to speak at this meeting. The Village of Fox Crossing is requesting \$500,000.00 from the Winnebago County Spirit Fund. The relocation of the water main was necessitated for the upcoming reconstruction of Valley Road. The Village of Fox Crossing, the City of Menasha and Winnebago County entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 2020 to divide the cost of this project. The Village awarded bids for the replacement of the water main and the sewer main. The water main replacement will be \$2.3 million and the sewer main replacement will be \$2.6 million. The \$500,000 would cover 22% of the Village's cost.*

*Holly Stevens, Secretary of the Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District thanked the committee for listening to their request. The Sanitary District would like to request funds to offset the cost of a Wisconsin DNR mandated upgrade to the district's wastewater treatment plant. She noted that the DNR actions resulted in delaying the project for several months, preventing them from submitting the necessary documents for Spirit Funds. The DNR is forcing them to change from a lagoon system to a mechanical plant. Ms. Stevens provided figures of how this would affect the residents in this Sanitary District. She provided scenarios of four residents and what the cost would be for them.*

*Scott Reif, Chairman of the Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District noted that they have had to increase the rates substantially to cover some of the engineering costs and preparations to build the new plant.*

*Supervisor Conley Hanson, District 26 inquired about the current balances of the County Government Category, the Government Identified Community Projects Category and the interest accrued in both of those categories. Mr. Hanson voiced his support for the Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District Project, and asked for additional consideration of the Fox Crossing project because it involves county roads.*

**C. Approval of Minutes**

*Motion by Belter, seconded by Supervisor Buck, to approve the September 13, 2024, meeting minutes. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.*

**D. Business Items**

*Co-Chair Doemel reported that Co-Chair Egan and Paul Kaiser, Finance Director, were excused from this meeting.*

*Jamie Rouch, Director of Administration, filled in for Paul Kaiser.*

**1. Approving the Spirit Fund Unallocated Government Identified Community Projects Funds and Earned Interest Be Allocated to the County Government Category**

*Motion by Supervisor Buck, seconded by Tom Belter, to bring this item forward for discussion. Supervisor Cox asked what the balances were for the County Government Project Category, Government Identified Community Project and the interest accrued from both those categories.*

*Mr. Doemel stated the unallocated amount for the Government Identified Community Project was \$152,000; and the interest accrued balance as of October 31, 2024, should be \$1.4 million.*

*Motion by Supervisor Buck, seconded by Belter, to approve this resolution.*

*Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Gustafson, to amend Lines 30 and 34. On Line 30, strike the verbiage "closes the Government Identify Community Projects Spirit Fund Category and". Line 29-32 should read, "Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby allocates the approximate remaining unallocated balance of \$152,000 to the County Government Project Category." On Line 34, strike the verbiage "all interest accrued in Spirit Fund prior to October 31, 2024, be " and "and subsequent earned interest be applied to the Winnebago County General Fund in accordance to standard county practice." Line 34 should read, "Be It Further Resolved that \$1,000,000 of interest accrued in the Government Identified Community Project Spirit Fund 2024, be allocated to the County Government Project Category."*

*Executive Doemel stated that he feels if we open this up, it needs to be open for everyone.*

*Motion by Belter, seconded by Doemel, to call the question.*

*Vote on call the question. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.*

*Vote on amendment. AYES: 2 - Farrey and Gustafson; NAYES: 6; ABSENT: 1 - Egan. MOTION FAILED.*

*Motion by Belter, seconded by Galloway, to make an amendment. Revise resolution title to read: "Approving All Remaining Spirit Fund Unallocated Government Identified Community Projects Funds and Earned Interest Be Allocated to the County Government Category on October 31, 2024."; delete lines 29-32; and on Line 34 to read as follows: "Be It Further Resolved that all interest earned subsequent to October 31, 2024, be allocated to the County Government Project Category. "*

*Motion by Supervisor Gustafson, seconded by Supervisor Buck, to call the question. Vote on Call the Question. AYES: 4 - Buck, Cox, Belter and Galloway; NAYES: 3 - Gustafson, Farrey, Doemel; ABSTAIN: 1 - Oswald; ABSENT: 1 - Egan. MOTION FAILED.*

*Back to the original resolution.*

*Vote on original resolution. AYES: 6; NAYES: 2 - Farrey and Galloway; ABSENT: 1 - Egan. MOTION PASSED.*

**2. Appropriation of \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund County Government Projects for the Demolition of an Airport Hangar**

*Motion by Belter, seconded by Buck, to bring this resolution forward for discussion.*

*Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Cox, to make an amendment and change the dollar figure from \$500,000 to \$400,000.*

*Vote on amendment. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.*

*Vote on resolution as amended. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.*

**E. Next Meeting Date**

*Executive Doemel mentioned he would like to wait until they see how this original resolution, "Approving the Spirit Fund Unallocated Government Identified Community Projects Funds and Earned Interest Be Allocated to the County Government Category" goes before the board.*

*Mr. Doemel asked the commission to postpone any action until after they get through the budget.*

*Supervisor Farrey stated he really thinks the issue of the interest earned on the allocated and unallocated funds need to be clarified.*

*Supervisor Farrey also asked Mr. Doemel about a comment he had made earlier in the meeting regarding the structure of the commission. Mr. Farrey asked Mr. Doemel if that is something the county board needs to address before the commission moves forward any further. Mr. Doemel stated that issue is the authority of the county board, and they could make a recommendation. Mr. Doemel stated he thinks they should wait and see how the county board handles this resolution.*

**F. Adjourn**

*Motion made by Supervisor Belter, seconded by Supervisor Buck, to adjourn at 1:44 p.m.*  
**MOTION CARRIES.**

*Submitted by:  
Cassie J. Smith-Gregor  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk*