



Northwest Regional Planning Commission

**NWRPC**

*keeping your future as our focus*

*Serving communities within and counties of  
ASHLAND, BAYFIELD, BURNETT,  
DOUGLAS, IRON, PRICE, RUSK, SAWYER,  
TAYLOR, & WASHBURN*

*And the Tribal Nations of  
BAD RIVER, LAC COURTE ORIELLES, LAC DU  
FLAMBEAU, RED CLIFF, & ST. CROIX*

## Annual Commission Meeting Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lakewoods Resort and Lodge  
21540 County Highway M, Cable, WI

1. Call to Order
2. Commission Member Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Welcome - NWRPC Chair Rollie Thums
5. Approval of Minutes of the December 3, 2025 Semi-Annual Meeting
6. Approval of June 2026 Vouchers
7. Approval of 2025 NWRPC Annual Audit Report – Presented by Brock Geyen – Clifton Larson Allen, LLC
8. Election of NWRPC Officers for 24 Month Term
  - a. Chairman (Incumbent Rollie Thums – Taylor County)
  - b. Vice-Chairman (Incumbent Mark Liebaert – Douglas County)
  - c. Secretary (Vacant)
9. Officer Signatory Bank Account Authorization – S. Johnson
10. Adoption of 2027 Membership Levy – S. Johnson
11. Recognition of NWRPC Commission Members and Service – S. Johnson
  - a. Past Commission Members No Longer Serving
    - i. Kathy Halbur, Rusk County (2024 - 2026)
    - ii. Kurt Wolf, Iron County (2024-2026)
    - iii. Jeff Hallstrand, Price County (2022-2026)
    - iv. Dennis Pocernich, Bayfield County (2014-2020, 2024-2026)
    - v. Jim Crandall, Bayfield County (2010-2026)
    - vi. Philip Unterschuetz, Rusk County (2025-2026)
    - vii. Tim Kessler, Washburn County (2024-2026)

- b. New Commission Members
  - i. Jan Lee, Bayfield County Board Chair
  - ii. Charly Ray, Bayfield County Supervisor
  - iii. Joseph Moen, Douglas County Supervisor
  - iv. Joe Pinardi, Iron County Supervisor
  - v. Bob Kopisch, Price County Supervisor
  - vi. Ron Freeman, Rusk County Board Chair
  - vii. Tom Hanson, Rusk County Supervisor
  - viii. Lolita Olson, Washburn County Board Chair

**12. Blatnik Bridge Reconstruction Updates – Paul Conlin, NW Region Deputy Director, Blatnik Bridge, WisDOT Project Director**

**13. Bridging the Gap – Preparing for the Economic Impact of the Blatnik Bridge Closure – Jenice Meyer, Assistant Executive Director, Development Association and Crystal Rohde, Business Development Specialist, NWRPC**

**14. Wood Biomass and Synthetic Jet Fuel Project – Bill Johnson, Jr., President, Johnson Timber**

**15. Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation – Dave Wierzba, Regional Director**

**16. State & Federal Representative Updates**

**17. Commissioner Round Table**

- County/Municipal/Tribal Commissioner Updates
- WCA NW District Report

**18. Approval of Contracts**

**19. Adjourn - Next Meeting: Executive Committee**

July 29, 2026

NWRPC Office, Spooner

9:30 am

**Semi-Annual Commission**

December 2, 2026

Lakewoods Resort and Lodge

9:30 am

**Lunch buffet following the meeting and available to all attendees.**