

January 21, 2010

Annual Meeting—WCCA

Stoney Creek—Rothschild

Present: Karl Jennrich, President; Mark Steward, 1st Vice President; Paul Van Eijl, 2nd Vice President; Mary Greenman, Secretary Treasurer; Steve Rannenber, Becky Frisch, David Gifford, Sue Vandenlangenberg, Scott Godfrey (who is attending in place of Michelle Staff, Past President) Daniel Everson, Dusty Grant.

Absent: Michelle Staff, Past President

Others Present: CeCe Tesky, Lisa Lehmann Kerler, Greg Breese, Eric Olson, Roman Kaminski, Gary Heinrichs, James Burgener

The President called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00 a.m.

(Note: Scott Godfrey answers to the name of Scott and also Michelle)

Audit Report: Dustin Grant and Steve Rannenber conducted an audit of the records of WCCA. Mary Greenman produced those records for review. Dustin reported there were no discrepancies and the records balance as presented.

Karl Jennrich made a motion to approve the audit report; Becky Frisch seconded. All voting aye. Motion passed.

Minutes: Review of the minutes of the Executive Board meeting on November 2, 2009. There were revisions to that meeting as follows: The date is November 4, 2009, not November 2 as indicated.

Amy Barrows mentioned that it would be worthy to include a discussion on SB194, since the bill has since been revised; we may want to reconsider our position on the bill depending on the bill's revisions.

The \$ amount was not included in the minutes in the Treasurer's Report. The amount should be \$5,965.96

Motion was made to approve the minutes of November 4, 2009 with the aforementioned revisions was made by Dusty Grant, and seconded by Steve Rannenber. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for today's meeting:

Mary Greenman stated there is a carryover amount of \$5,252.10 in the checking account. This amount reflects checks written (for the raffle recipients) that have not cleared the bank. In addition to this amount, there is a CD with \$5,000.00 plus interest accrued for the year in a separate account. The CD rolls over automatically at 6-month intervals.

Mary also explained that she will be filing the Federal Form 990 (Non-Profit organizations) form as required.

Federal Forms 1099's will be mailed out prior to the due date.

A motion was made by Becky Frisch to accept the Treasurer's Report; Steve Rannenberg seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mary stated that membership amounts total over \$2,000.00 at the present time.

Discussion of the Budget: Scott stated that Michelle has submitted a completed budget sheet for 2010. The amounts shown do not reflect any major changes from 2009. Steve Rannenberg made a motion to approve; Dustin Grant seconded. All voting aye, motion carried. (Note: A completed budget can be found on the WCCA website.

Awards/Scholarship:

Karl passed out a draft document for Committee assignments: Awards/Scholarships, Executive Guidebook, Web Page, Zoning, WCCA Appointments and State Agency Liaisons. (Note: This information is also included on the website).

It was agreed that the Stormwater Erosion Control Task Force can be disbanded. Scott Godfrey from Iowa County was on that committee, but will now be removed.

District Discussion: Becky Frisch gave a brief overview as to how the Northeast District was created. Steve Rannenberg stated that the Northeast and Northwest Districts will be meeting next month for a joint meeting with the northern region of the DNR.

Committees Assignments: It was agreed upon that the chairs of the ad-hoc committees should also be on the Administrative Code Committee.

Steve Rannenberg made a motion that Amy Barrows should be included as a liaison on the Ad-Hoc Committee; 2nd by Dustin Grant. All voting aye; motion carried.

Mary Greenman made a motion that CeCe Tesky be included for one (1) year on the Administrative Code Committee for 2010. Becky Frisch seconded. CeCe Tesky chose not to be included. Motions by the above named individuals was withdrawn. Ah shucks!! I tried!

NR113 Committee: No changes.

NR115 Committee: No changes.

NR116 Committee: No Changes

Steve Rannenberg would like to be included on the Working Lands Committee.

Stormwater: Scott Godfrey will be removed from the committee, as previously mentioned. Motion was made by Mark Steward to disband the Stormwater Committee. Amy Barrows seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Awards/Scholarship Committee: The committee consists of the past recipients of the Professional of the Year; Dan Miller has agreed to be Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

Karl stated today's handout was only a draft and he will amend as discussed today. Dustin Grant made a motion to accept; Mark Steward seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried. (Note: An updated list will be available on the WCCA website).

Brief mention by Karl Jennrich of "Coordination Planning"—citizens for "common sense" who feel that a comprehensive plan is not required. Karl explained that Federal Rules are being looked into; Oneida County is requesting an opinion from through their Corporation Counsel via an Attorney General's Opinion. Karl explained that other counties are "waiting" for this opinion before proceeding further with a plan.

Program Coordinator Position: CeCe presented a proposal for the Board's review. CeCe stated that nothing has changed from last year. Dustin Grant made a motion to approve; Steve Rannenberg seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Web Page Decoder Coordinator Position: Michelle Staff has been doing a magnificent job. Michelle is not with us today because she has just had baby #3. Congratulations to the Staff Family.

Michelle has made provisions for a calendar of events for 2010.

Becky Frisch suggested providing a line for e-mail addresses for convenience sake. Mention was made that the District Reps. will be contacting their respective counties as a reminder to include any updated information that should be submitted to Michelle to update web page.

Dustin Grant made a motion to approve Michelle for this position. Mark Steward seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried. (Great job Michelle. We all appreciate your efforts.)

Google Groups Discussion: It was agreed that Dustin will contact Michelle to provide a 15 minute presentation at both conferences on "How to get on the google group site".

Program Update: CeCe and Karl explained that Greg Breese would like ½ hour's time at the Spring Conference.

Karl explained that Dave Jelinski is leaving DATCP, so he will not be able to speak at the conference as planned.

CeCe explained that entertainment will be provided by Karl Kastrosky, Webster MacComber and Paul Van Eijl. There will not be a raffle drawing for this conference, but there will be a silent auction consisting of donated items. The silent auction money will go towards the scholarship fund.

CeCe explained that breakfast tomorrow morning is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. (knowing that everyone will want to get started early). Our evening meal tonight will consist of pizza, which will be delivered to us.

CeCe went through briefly some of the comments from the Fall Conference; generally, the comments were in the positive. Mention was made to have a one (1) day conference at some point in time in the future.

CeCe has a proposal for the Fall Conference from the Ramada located in Eau Claire. The other location mentioned was the Waters in Minocqua. The conference will be held November 3 through the 5th. A suggestion was made that perhaps CeCe could look at an Appleton/Oshkosh location. It was agreed the Appleton/Oshkosh location should be focused upon rather than Eau Claire and Minocqua.

CeCe explained that WASFM wished to have a joint conference with WCCA. The location and #'s appeared to be of some concern to the members.

The issue of providing a breakfast when the motels have a courtesy breakfast was discussed. Why are we paying separately when the motel is furnishing practically the same? Becky Frisch made a motion not to provide breakfast for the conference. Dave Gifford seconded.

CeCe went on to explain that our executive board meetings throughout the year will be held at the Schmeekle Center in Stevens Point. The center does not charge us for the meeting room, but we do provide them with some payment for such as well as any beverages we need.

Roman Kaminski joined the meeting. Roman is with the Department of Commerce, Safety and Buildings. Roman talked about the state budget and the effect it will have on the Shawano & Chippewa Falls offices closing. Ross Fugill is converting over to either a home office or a move to either Hayward or Green Bay.

Wisconsin Fund Program--\$1.4 million dollars in requests have been received to date. It's expected to receive \$2.8 million dollars worth of application appropriations—no guarantee for the program in the future. Roman suggested the members contact their legislators to keep the program intact.

Roman also explained he has recently taken on role of the manager for the pool program.

Roman commented that permits are ½ of what they were in past years. The cutting back of hours of personnel is presently in the employee relations department. It's planned to revisit the situation after June 30th regarding layoffs and furlough days.

Roman explained that Harold Stanlik and Carl Schultz are both retiring and the positions are not going to be filled. Scheduling on-site inspections with the wastewater specialists will become more difficult to schedule. Jerry Swim and Charlie Braatz are working on swimming pool approvals; they have been receiving hundreds of submittals in a very short window of time.

Gary Heinrichs gave an update on NR116. Owners will not have to have an inspection completed by an engineer; the expense is on the property owners. This topic is expected to be quite controversial. Gary explained that now that NR115 is "done", NR116 will proceed forward with a pink sheet (revising the Administrative Rule). Gary explained that Russ Rasmussen stated that this revision process will not be as lengthy as the NR115 process.

Eric Olson stated that Workforce Development Program does need to be revisited. Eric wants to look at the specifics and compare the statistics of 5 years ago and the present day statistics.

Becky made a motion to send a letter of support for the CLUE program and the overall effectiveness and quality contents of the training. Dustin Grant seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

NR115 Update:

Greg Breese and Lisa Lehmann Kerler joined the meeting. Greg explained that February 1 of 2010, rules will be promulgated and become effective on February 1, 2012. Each county will have to complete some work to their county's ordinance. Greg stated he is the official "reviewer" of those ordinances. Greg went on further to state he is compiling a checklist of the changes to NR115; this will make the review process go smoother.

Lisa explained she is looking for resources to assist a county to revise their ordinance. A letter will be going out next week notifying each county that they will be eligible for \$5,000.00 to assist with any changes—it's a 75% - 25% match. The county's portion could consist of labor by a county's corporation counsel.

Greg went on to state this new grant is available for all 71 counties with a \$5,000.00 maximum guarantee with a 25% match. The Lake Protection Grant is exclusively for NR115 rewrite, which is due 5/1/10 and 5/1/11. Any higher amounts would be competitive.

Liesa Lehmann Kerler and Greg suggested how WCCA should gather answers/interpretations to all the questions they have. Both individuals expressed a sincere desire to work with the members around this table and the counties. They also expressed a desire to work within the particular districts.

Scott Godfrey stated that NR115 Subcommittee should take the lead on what the issues are/interpretations and forward onto the DNR. Amy suggested that each of the districts should come up with questions and give them to the NR115 subcommittee to review and deal with the DNR.

In response to the above comments, Greg stated that he wants the NR115 Subcommittee for both the short term and the long term implementation.

Greg stated he feels there are three (3) categories of NR115: 1. Inalienable Truths—mandatory (have to do). 2. Unknown—the “gray” area. (We spend most of our time in this area). 3. Discretionary—counties have some latitude.

Mention was made that the NR115 Subcommittee should meet to review the model ordinance and county comments should funnel through the subcommittee.

Liesa expressed a desire to attempt to attend the district meetings.

Other issues discussed involved workforce issues. DNR will not do verification of any wetland delineations from private consultants.

Becky Frisch complimented the DNR staff on their offer to work with us and prioritizing funding options to amend county ordinances through the \$5,000.00.

Mark Steward gave a brief presentation on a recent Sauk Co. case.

James Burgener joined the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned for the evening meal at 5:00 p.m. Tomorrow morning we will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes transcribed and submitted for approval by:

Mary Greenman/Secretary-Treasurer

January 22, 2010

Annual Business Meeting—Stoney Creek Inn, Rothschild

Those Present: Karl Jennrich, Steve Rannenberg, Amy Barrows, Becky Frisch, Scott Godfrey (sitting in for Michelle Staff), Sue Vandenlangenberg, Dan Everson, Mark Steward, Dustin Grant, Paul Van Eijl, Mary Greenman

The President, Karl Jennrich, called the meeting to order promptly at 8:05 a.m.

Legislative Report:

Paul Van Eijl passed out a report with a date of January 21, 2010. There was discussion on the following bills:

AB-25: Subdivision Plans. WCCA opposed, but no letter sent. Waiting to see if a public hearing is go be held

AB-114: Regulates open burning of solid waste. Paul explained there have been changes made to the original bill. The DNR is doing a good job so far. Our position is to remain neutral, as this is not our issue.

AB243: Delaying implementation date of comprehensive planning statute. WCCA has been opposed—no further action. Karl stated that on behalf on Oneida County, a letter was sent in support.

AB256: Regulation of wind energy systems. No discussion

AB260: Extraterritorial plat approval. Paul explained this bill is “new”. Scott explained he feels that we should be in support, but we also feel that the county be involved in order to gain a cooperative effort. Dustin Grant made a motion that we not “stick our noses” in this bill. Amy Barrows seconded the motion. The vote was 10 individuals voting aye; three voting naye—(Mark Steward, Steve Rannenberg, and David Gifford). Motion carried.

AB271: Relating to professional land surveyors. Paul explained that a public hearing was held on January 7, 2010. There have been several amendments. Scott stated that WLIA has been quite involved in this subject. WCCA’s concern is that anybody who makes maps has to be a surveyor. There has been an amendment to the bill, (Amendment #1). Karl feels there should be a specific exemption for those making maps. The ordinary high water mark is defined the same and Renee Powers is o.k. with this amendment.

Amy Barrows made a motion that based on the amendment modification, that WCCA’s position should be neutral. Steve Rannenberg seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AB349: Regarding the searchability of property taxes assessed.

Discussion resulted in that we as an organization should remain neutral because its only “public access”.

AB372: Regarding DNR to regulate disposal of solid waste from a household. No position taken.

AB546: Relating to the posting of meeting notices and minutes on web site. Discussion resulted in that this is “a good idea”, but we remain neutral.

AB647: Relating to miscellaneous modifications to the condominium laws. Discussion resulted in that we remain neutral. A motion to that effect was made by Becky Frisch, seconded by Amy Barrows. All voting aye. Motion carried.

SB139: Relating to DNR environmental regulation of mining.

Discussion. A motion was made by Becky Frisch; seconded by David Gifford to remain neutral. All voting aye. Motion carried.

SB194: Companion bill to professional land surveyors.

SB267: Definition of plumbing and classification of plumbers to do certain work. Steve Rannenbergh made a motion to remain neutral. Amy Barrows seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

SB268: Re: Location of facilities for animal food processing or grease processing conducted. Discussion involved the fact the bill does not say county assuming “no” zoning authority. Becky Frisch made a motion to remain neutral; David Gifford seconded. All voting aye with the exception of Dustin Grant and Paul Van Eijl. Motion did carry.

SB301: Introduced by Senator Holperin. Re: Application of shoreland zoning ordinances to certain unincorporated areas. Exempts areas used for business since 1990. Dustin Grant made a motion to oppose; Paul Van Eijl seconded. All voting aye with the exception of Karl Jennrich. Mary Greenman did not participate in the discussion and abstained from voting.

SB314: Traditional neighborhood development ordinances. Becky Frisch made a motion to remain neutral but recommend this be deferred to the planning directors. Mark Steward seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

SB399: Creation of a political subdivision to create a commission to issue conduit revenue bonds etc. Discussion. Becky Frisch made a motion to remain neutral. Sue Vandenlangenberg seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

SB413: Receivership for abatement of residential nuisances.

Discussion. Dustin Grant made a motion that we don't care. Becky Frisch seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

SB424: Relating to regulating certain sport shooting ranges.

Discussion. Steve Rannenberg made a motion to oppose. Dustin Grant seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

SB426: Relating to formatting and fees for obtaining copies of public records.

Discussion. Becky Frisch made a motion to remain neutral. Sue Van Denlangenberg seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

SB457: Placement of advertising signs. Discussion. Mary Greenman made a motion this is a highway issue; Dustin Grant seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

SJR-11: Relates to restricting the veto power of county executives over appropriations. Discussion. Becky Frisch made a motion to remain neutral. Mary Greenman seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Clearing House Rules: 08-111:

Relates to the management of accumulated sediment from storm water management structures. Discussion. Mary Greenman made a motion to remain neutral; Steve Rannenberg seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion on WCCA's agreed upon action with regard to fast track bills—It was agreed the members responding to an e-mail from their district representative (through the 2nd Vice President) would be the formal view point of WCCA. Steve Rannenberg did state this formality was approved at the business meeting held in the fall.

Mary Greenman made a motion this policy should be included in our Guide Book. Becky Frisch seconded the motion. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion of Working Lands: Scott stated there was a meeting with John Reinman of WCA—mention was made that there may be new language introduced by Senator Schultz to delay applying a conversion fee until such time that a county has a certified ordinance in order to apply the fee. There will be a meeting next week that Scott Godfrey plans to attend. Scott stated we should not oppose per se, but the conversion fee should be set aside. John is asking that WCCA pass a resolution for delay of the conversion fee. Discussion of a resolution followed; that a resolution is generally submitted by a county board.

Becky Frisch made a motion that we have the secretary (Mary Greenman) change the sample resolution letter presented and format in such a fashion that we only direct to WCA and DATCP. The letter should be signed by the President. Mary Greenman seconded. All voting aye with the exception of Mark Steward, who felt we are losing site of the statute change.

Scott Godfrey made a motion that conversion fees are being applied to a process not as a result. Mary Greenman seconded. All voting aye with the exception of Mark Steward.

Mention of Wisconsin Cable using the WCCA initials. Discussion of our patented trademark and the specifics involved. Members were in agreement that the President will send a letter to the cable company. A motion was made to that effect by Mary Greenman; Seconded by Amy Barrows. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Karl stated that he will be sending out his Presidents goals shortly; Karl mentioned his are very similar to Past President, Michelle Staff. Mary Greenman made a motion to approve; Sue Vandenlangenberg seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

There was a discussion of forwarding e-mails to other groups. Dustin stated that CLUE doesn't forward to other organizations—we need to maintain the attitude that others do have access to the internet. Steve Rannenberg emphasized that “he” has an ordinance to enforce.

Dustin Grant made a motion to adjourn; Amy Barrows seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes transcribed and respectfully submitted by: Mary G. Greenman
Secretary/Treasurer