



**Wisconsin
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Administrators**

WCCA Executive Board Meeting
August 28, 2009
Schmeekle Reserve Center—Stevens Point

Present: Michelle Staff, President; Scott Godfrey, Past President; Amy Barrows; Susan Vanden Langenberg; Pat Virtues; Steve Rannenberg; Paul Van Eijl; Dan Everson; Mark Steward; CeCe Tesky; Mary Greenman

Absent: Dustin Grant; Karl Jennrich

President Michelle Staff called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00 a.m.
There were no additions to today's agenda.

Minutes of the June Executive Board meeting were reviewed. Motion by Steve Rannenberg to approve; Pat Virtues seconded the motion. All voting aye.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Greenman reported there is presently \$7,976.42 in the checking account. This amount does not include the money in the CD, and there aren't any outstanding bills. Monies are still trickling in for memberships for 2009. Motion was made by Steve Rannenberg to approve; Susan Vanden Langenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Michelle stated that Karl Jennrich is not in attendance due to the passing on of his father. Our condolences go out to the family.

Michelle had dialog with Karl—Karl is working on the agenda and is hoping to have speakers/agenda finalized in the next week or two. The Fall Conference will be held at the Midway Best Western in LaCrosse November 4-6, 2009.

CeCe stated there is an extra meal that is encompassed with the conference. CeCe is requesting to add an additional charge per registration in the amount of \$10.00 as was the practice for spring. Discussion followed. It was agreed upon that WCCA would only provide a Friday morning breakfast and not Thursday.

Pat Virtues made a motion to that effect; Michelle Staff seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

CeCe explained that the Spring Conference will be held March 25 and 26, 2010 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Mosinee. Locations for the Fall Conference are still up in the air—Eau Claire and Minocqua were mentioned.

The amount charged for conference registrations was discussed. Michelle Staff made a motion to the effect that the organization has not seen a change in attendance, and until we do, registration amounts should remain the same. CeCe Tesky seconded the motion. All voting aye. Motion carried. Scott Godfrey stated that issue may be a question to include in our survey sheets.

Discussion of the raffle. CeCe stated she has submitted the paperwork, but the process has been a lengthy one. CeCe will have the tickets printed. The raffle is to support the William Hnilicka Memorial Scholarship fund—Bill was the Brown County Zoning Administrator from 1970-1996. He served as the WCCA President in 1980 and was very active with the organization. He served on the DILHR 83 committee that worked on revising the plumbing code standards. Bill passed away from complications of Lou Gehrig's Disease in 1997. CeCe explained that the raffle will re-establish the scholarship fund and will also provide prizes at the conference. Mention was made that perhaps two (2) scholarships could be given.

CeCe explained that the raffle tickets will sell for \$5.00 each—pre sales are encouraged. If a district needs more than the five (5) per county, they should let CeCe know ahead of time. The drawing will be held during the fall conference. Any questions can be addressed to the district representatives or CeCe.

Retirees: Mary explained that plaques need to be order ahead of time for the Professional of the Year and any retirees. The deadline will be October 15. Bill Christman from Sawyer County; Trent Strang from Vernon County.

Funniest Awards—the contact person is Michelle Staff. Entertainment will be provided by the Northwest District Band (Webster MaComber and company).

Door Prizes: It was agreed upon that each of the district representatives would spend \$50.00 for prizes to be given out at the Wednesday night dinner. Thursday night would be devoted to awards.

Legislation: Michelle Staff stated to be aware of SB349—Relating to: limiting the searchability of a governmental Internet listing of property taxes assessed. A public hearing is scheduled for August 25, 2009. No action was taken.

SB276—requiring a county to post on the internet meeting agendas and minutes—this is not in lieu of publishing in newspapers. This bill applies to towns also. The consensus was that this does not apply to our organization.

AB372—Mike Stapleton (Columbia County) contacted Michelle regarding this bill. This relates to the disposal of solid waste from a household on the property where it is generated. The question was raised as to what is the definition of “solid waste? The consensus was to take no action—this is a matter for the DNR, but we should be watchful as to how the bill proceeds.

Mark Steward gave the following legislative report:

AB114—Relating to open burning of solid waste, illegal storage or disposal of waste tires and providing a penalty. It was agreed upon this is a matter for the DNR.

AB25—Relating to requiring school board approval of subdivision plans. The Board as gone on record as being opposed.

AB239—Relating to limiting a city’s and village use of direct annexation and authorizing limited town challenges to an annexation. The Board is in agreement that this is a matter for the planners to address. Mention was made that the planners aren’t doing anything on the issue.

AB271—Relating to professional land surveyors, the practice of professional land surveying, surveying land abutting navigable waters, and granting rule-making authority. The Board has gone on record as being opposed.

AB349 and AB372—both previously discussed.

Nothing much going on with the following:

SB117—relating to extraterritorial plat approval on the basis of a land’s use.

SB119—Relating to restriction of open burning of solid waste, illegal storage or disposal of tires.

SB139—Relating to environmental regulation of mining and notice to transferees of interests in mining sites.

SB173—relating to the removal of nonconforming outdoor advertising signs. The Board agreed this is a matter for the Department of Transportation.

NR116—Michelle explained that Gary Heinrichs/DNR is hoping to be present at the Fall Conference. Gary anticipates having road and bridge policies by

conference time. Michelle explained that in speaking with Gary there will be "cuts" to services that the DNR will be able to provide to the counties.

NR115 News. Michelle explained that public hearings will be held on September 2 and September 10. Phil Gaudet and Mike Stapleton attended the hearings. Some revisions (those suggestions listed in our letter) by the DNR were made before sending onto the Natural Resources Board. An informational meeting will be held in Three Lakes; Becky Frisch is planning to attend.

Michelle went on to explain that the rule drafted is only six (6) pages in length. Michelle stated that a letter was sent by the WCCA's NR115 Subcommittee. The concerns revolved around implementation and support to be provided to the counties by the DNR.

Scott Godfrey stated a meeting is scheduled for September 2 regarding the Working Lands Initiative. Scott explained he also met with four (4) members of DATCP. The goal is to try and obtain legislative support to figure out how to apply the fee amounts. The other big issue is EDUCATION. Scott explained that with regards to Working Lands Initiative he doesn't feel there will be any changes by the end of the year. Scott stated DATCP doesn't deal with permits, conditional use permits or planning. There seems to be confusion regarding implementation practices and there is no administrative code to enforce.

Michelle joined in the conversation in that she and Scott have been talking back and forth with the DATCP personnel, but they have no idea how to enforce. Tentative training sessions are being scheduled. It appears that lands zoned exclusively agricultural will be the area most affected. There was a brief discussion of Chapter 91/ agreements and conversion fees. The question was raised if a county could have a definition that is more restrictive than Chapter 91? Scott explained that is possible. Scott also explained that training is being scheduled for the months of September, October and November.

Michelle stated that personnel from DATCP will be traveling to Jefferson County, but it is doubtful if they would be willing to travel to each of the remaining counties. The intent is that a county would submit their ordinance to DATCP and they will look it over to approve. Mention was made by Scott that every county will have to create a Farmland Preservation Plan. Scott Godfrey, John Blumke, Michelle Staff, and Becky Frisch will be meeting again at the capitol to express WCCA's concerns.

Scott explained that the realtors (MLS group) did not initially realize conversion fees could kill deals. The amount will increase to \$1,000.00 per acre after January and therefore, the association maybe very vocal.

Web Page/Decoder:

Michelle explained that the webpage has been updated to show the upcoming fall conference agenda and registration form. District reports are due by September 15, 2009.

Anniversary Update:

Michelle stated she will be e-mailing a county page to update with names and a photo of your office personnel. She will also be adding e-mail addresses and web page addresses.

Scot explained that the clothing ordered for the 40th Anniversary is pretty much sold out. It was agreed anything remaining could be given out as prize giveaways. District reps. will be giving out the remaining cups, pens, and pencils to those members not attending the spring conference utilizing a list that Michelle has put together.

It was agreed upon that a recognition for years of service over fifteen (15) will be given at the Thursday evening dinner. Persons will be asked to stand.

Other Information:

A Lakes Association Workshop to be held on Saturday in Waukesha Co. requested Michelle Staff to speak on the topic of NR115.

Chris Olson from Door County has been working on maintaining a network on POWTS issues.

Budget Policies:

Michelle explained that she is establishing a budget policy starting with the 2010 Budget. Mary will provide her with the expenses/income when the checking account is balanced out in December. Michelle will put together recommended amounts for the year, as she will be out on maternity leave. Michelle explained that Karl Jennrich will be the President at the Annual meeting.

Scott Godfrey made a motion to adopt the new procedures; seconded by Steve Rannenberg. All voting aye. Motion carried.

District Reports:

Dan Everson stated their district met on July 24. Dan was not present but Roger Lane took the minutes. Discussion revolved around Working Lands Initiative,

NR115, surface water runoff, and borrow pits being exempt from pending legislation.

Scott Godfrey stated the next meeting of their district is in September. It will be a joint meeting with the Central District.

Susan Vanden Langenberg stated the East Central District has not met; therefore, she has nothing to report.

Northeast District—Pat Virtues explained the district has not met. Pat stated he recently had an open house on flood plain maps—Pat suggested everyone study the maps very carefully especially the **studied** versus the **unstudied areas**. Pat explained that as of October 1 flood insurance premiums are increasing considerably.

Northwest District—Steve Rannenberg explained the district members have not met recently; however, the next scheduled meeting is September 15.

Southeast District—Meeting on October 2.

Scott Godfrey made a motion to adjourn; Pat Virtues seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by Mary Greenman
Secretary/Treasurer WCCA

