

WCCA Executive Board Meeting  
Tundra Lodge—Green Bay  
October 29, 2008

Present: Pat Virtues; Karl Jennrich; Doug Depies; CeCe Tesky; Dustin Grant; Paul Van Eijl; Steve Rannenberg; Scott Godfrey; Michelle Staff; Duane Greuel; Mary Greenman

Absent: Andy Buehler

Approval of the minutes of the August 22, 2008 Executive Meeting—Michelle Staff made a motion to approve; Dustin Grant seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Greenman stated the checking account balance at the present is \$13,209.81. Expenses for this conference will be deducted from this amount. Note: There is also \$5,000.00 that has been invested in a CD that is not included in the checking balance.

CeCe Tesky explained there are fewer registrants for this conference—perhaps because of budgets or the location.

Duane Greuel made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Steve Rannenberg seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.

State Agency Updates: No state employees were present.

Conference Updates: CeCe stated the hospitality room will be #379. The conference will be held in the newly constructed portion of the lodge. Breakfast buffet coupons will be given out by the establishment at the time of room check in. Those persons who are not staying at the Tundra will also be provided with coupons. A Past President's breakfast will be served at a separate table tomorrow morning.

Michelle explained that the conference will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. The Mayor of Green Bay will speak but will have to leave immediately thereafter because he has other commitments for the remainder of the day.

Continuing education credits will be given out for the POWTS portion of the conference. Prizes will be given out for both nights.

The Spring Conference will be held on March 26 and 27 at the Stoney Creek Inn located in Mosinee. The Executive Board meeting will be held on March 25. The fall conference will be held at the Best Western Midway located in LaCrosse.

Legislative Update: Karl Jennrich stated he didn't have any updates to report.

Mention for discussion at the General Business meeting was the topic of how budgets have been cut throughout the state. In addition, the issue of physical attendance at the conference now and in the future will also be discussed at that time. Michelle stated that Jefferson County's Zoning budget had been cut by \$150,000.00.

Roman Kaminski will be speaking at the conference to give any updates concerning the proposed COMM changes and how the counties will be affected either by the way of fees or revising their county sanitary ordinance.

Web Page: Michelle Staff stated that any changes/updates should be forwarded to her along with any articles for printing in the DeCoder. Mention was made that everyone felt the message board was going "great".

Discussion of the idea of sponsorship will be discussed at the annual meeting. Scott mentioned at one time the organization had ten (10) vendors and over the past couple of years they have been dwindling to zero. Mention was made that Gary Heinrichs from the DNR was very knowledgeable at setting up conferences and was familiar obtaining sponsorships for organizations. It was agreed to discuss in 2009.

Scott Godfrey gave an update on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of events. Scott has been working with Lands End. Scott has a hat, a waffle crew neck shirt, a T-shirt, a hooded sweat shirt, and a mesh polo shirt. Scott is planning to display the items and members can place their order. Prices vary from \$10.00 to \$20.00 to \$30.00. Guane Greuel made a motion to approve the prices charged; Paul Van Eijl seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried. Scott will "rework" the order form (WCCA will have to place the order) and the items would be available for the Annual Meeting. Mention was made to present photos of the items on the website.

Freebies for the 40<sup>th</sup>—It was agreed upon that each member would receive freebies and "extra" items would be ordered to be given away at a later date. For instance: 200 items ordered (members total approximately 172) @ \$5.00 per item(s) totals \$1,000.00. Duane Greuel made a motion to approve spending \$1,000.00 for the free items. Steve Rannenberg seconded the motion. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Greg Breese joined the meeting briefly to state the DNR has addressed the public comments from hearings conducted. There will be a meeting in Madison on November 19 and 20. Phil Gaudet would be sent by WCCA (or mention was made to have more than one (1) member attend).

Discussion of renewing of the CD—Dustin Grant made a motion to renew for an additional six (6) month period of time. Steve Rannenberg seconded the motion.

Motion carried. The renewal paperwork will be sent to Mary Greenman/Secretary Treasurer.

There was a discussion on amending the Telecommunications Act –and, a floodplain road project. No action was taken on either subject.

Discussion of the Working Lands Initiative—Keith Foye contacted Scott Godfrey to place the item on today's agenda. DATCP is revising their guidelines. Department of Agriculture maybe eligible to receive money from the Farmland Trust. Meeting is scheduled for December and January of 2009. Mention was made that some counties have very little agriculture land—the zoning department verifies the acreage not the conservation department. Mention was also made as to how grants could be obtained through the EPA and CMP (Coastal Management Program).

Mention was made that elections will be held at the General Business meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Dustin Grant is the contact person for elections.

Michelle as President for 2009 interjected that she would be compiling assignments of persons to committees that would be made available for the annual meeting. Volunteers should e-mail Michelle or they could just get volunteered.

District Reports will be covered at the General Business Meeting.

Dustin Grant made a motion to adjourn; Pat Virtues seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.