

WCCA Executive Board Meeting  
Stoney Creek Inn—Mosinee  
March 28, 2007

Those Present: Rod Eslinger, Phil Gaudet, Karl Jennrich, Steve Swanson, Dan Miller, Scott Godfrey, Duane Greuel, Dustin Grant, Andy Buehler, Michelle Staff, Mary Greenman; Brian Cunningham

Others Present: Dan Miller, CeCe Tesky, Greg Breese, DNR; Mark Steward; Dale Dimond; James Burgener

Doug DePies could not be present for the meeting. Steve Swanson will be filling in as the district rep.

The meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. President Duane Greuel called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. after giving the excuse there was a lengthy delay of receiving meals at Toni Roma's for the President, Vice-President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Minutes were approved by a motion made by Dustin Grant; seconded by Phil Gaudet. Motion passed with all voting aye.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Greenman stated there is approximately \$15,000.00 in the checking account. This amount reflects registration fees and membership dues. Karl Jennrich made a motion to approve, seconded by Rod Eslinger. All voting aye; Motion carried.

CeCe Tesky, Conference Coordinator, stated there are 81 individuals registered as full-time participants. In addition, there are twenty (20) partial day-registrants, and 20 individuals who are attending after participation in the Leadership training. CeCe explained that WCCA would pay for the meals for the leadership participants as a payment toward our commitment for \$3,000.00 for 2007. This had been discussed prior with Eric Olson of the UW Extension St. Pt.

CeCe stated that only one (1) vendor had registered, although several invitations had been mailed out to others in the public sector. Scott Godfrey stated we need to be seeking other avenues, perhaps through sponsorships, to generate money for the scholarship award.

Scott also explained that the Leadership Participants were asked during their final session for input on ideas to promote our organization. Some of the suggestions given were as follows:

- ❖ Add training material for clerical staff.

- ❖ Concentrate on more in-depth issues.
- ❖ Sessions that would overall have 1-3 sessions with each getting more specific on the subject matter.
- ❖ Day conference which does not involve overnight lodging.
- ❖ Creating a county "membership" that did not limit the number of individuals to be included.
- ❖ Continue the Leadership Program.
- ❖ Post WCCA membership names on the web site.

Duane stated that approximately 51 counties out of 71 are members. Yet, there are approximately 300+ individuals who are involved in the zoning/sanitation profession and we (WCCA) is only capturing 80 of those individuals.

Michelle stated the web page has been very active. There are anywhere from 80 to 100 hits a week. The discussion board has been very well received.

Dale Dimond, member of the POWTS Advisory Code Council, gave an overview of some of the proposed changes proposed by Commerce. Refer to your 3/13/07 handout for the particulars. A number of the high-points that were discussed are:

- Holding tank approvals for <3,000 gallons must be reviewed and approved by the counties.
- Add stormwater and other non-navigable surface waters to the setback table.
- Do not make an exemption to the three (3) year pumping of septic tanks for seasonal residents.
- Require counties complete an inventory of all POWTS within two (2) years of the effective date of code revision.
- Require counties implement a maintenance program for all POWTS within five (5) years of the effective date of code revision. This would include all pre 1980 systems.

Regarding the matter of conflict of interest, Duane Greuel stated that WCCA's "Statement of Principles" covers this subject. Rod Eslinger stated that WCCA is not the regulatory authority in this issue. Phil stated this is something that the Department of Commerce should be looking into.

Duane Greuel made a motion that Dale Dimond should abstain from voting at any future Code Counsel Meetings on the conflict-of-interest issue. Michelle Staff seconded. All voting aye.

Update on NR115: Dan Miller stated Toni Herkert had met with the WCCA subcommittee on February 27. The session focused on "mock" situations and

how the proposed changes would impact the issuance of zoning permits. The topic of how to deal with the condominium issue was raised?

A second draft of changes for NR115 came out on March 31, 2007. Jim Burgener stated he had attended the DNR sessions, and he felt they were very productive and feels that progress is being made to have a workable rule put in place.

Greg Breese, DNR, explained that the intent is that a draft will be forwarded to the Natural Resources Board in May. The public hearings will take place in July and August. Adoption of the draft is anticipated in 2008; although timing maybe difficult.

Impervious surfaces were discussed. A 20% impervious surface would trigger mitigation. Mitigation involves restoring the buffer zone and controlling run off. Greg stated he has been actively working with the UW Stevens Point on compiling a matrix that would be a tool for the property owners.

Concerns were raised of the various "drafts" that are floating around. Some members could see the necessity for variances because of the proposed changes.

Phil stated that the board should get all the input we can from the membership. Scott Godfrey stated that rivers and streams are also included as navigable waters.

Michelle Staff gave a Legislative Report: (Refer to your handout dated March 28, 2007)

- ✚ AB42—(Appointment of DNR secretary by the DNR Board). No action was taken.
- ✚ AB79—Charter towns with a population of over 2,500 could get out of county zoning and have their own zoning ordinance. Scott Godfrey made a motion to oppose; Rod Eslinger seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.
- ✚ AB93—(Requirements for grant proposals for the acquisition of development rights in land). No action was taken.
- ✚ AB118—(Governments to consider relationships with drainage districts in the preparation of a comprehensive plan). No action was taken.

- ✚ AB120—(governments to consider relationships with a drainage district. Disclose proximity of property to military bases within a drainage district). No action was taken.
- ✚ AB163—(Creates an exemption for certain wetlands—Lincoln County). Dustin Grant made a motion to oppose. Scott Godfrey seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.
- ✚ AB170—Deals with posting legal notices on the internet. Dustin Grant made a motion to approve; Brian Cunningham seconded. All voting aye. Motion carried.
- ✚ SB110—(Allows DNR to refuse to reveal electronic mail addresses of subscribers. No action taken; This is not our issue.

Mention was made that Eric Olson would like to know which towns in the counties in the state are zoned. This issue will be brought up at the business meeting.

Motion by CeCe Tesky to adjourn; Mary Greenman seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mary Greenman  
Secretary/Treasurer WCCA