

**WCCA EXECUTIVE JOINT MEETING WITH LAND AND WATER AND PLANNING
DIRECTORS ORGANIZATIONS**

Minutes

Portage County Annex Building

1462 Strong Ave.

Stevens Point, WI 54481

(Conference Room 5, located on the 3rd floor; park on the west (river side) of the building.)

Meeting called to order by President Reed Gaedtke at 10:15 am.

Round table introductions took place present people include Robin Schaffer, Reed Gaedtke, Jessie Lindeman, Scott Godfrey, Chris Meuer, Chris Mrdutt, Dan Bowers, Ryan Brown, Kenneth Thiele, Matt Krueger, Austin Dyb, and Sameul Janssen. Appearing virtually includes Jason Kjeseth and Erica Sauer.

Changes to the agenda include adding the approval of last meetings minutes and treasurer's report. Motion to add additions and approve agenda by Thiele/Meuer. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes for the June Executive Board Meeting as presented made by Lindeman/Thiele. Motion carried.

Schaffer reports balances as of today. Schaffer states that the third scholarship recipient was not able to be contacted by phone or email. Discussion to try once more to contact recipient. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Thiele/Mrdutt. Motion carried.

No Committee or District Report updates.

2024 Fall Conference update: The location of the conference is Maritime Bay Inn. The DNR will be hosting a workshop the day before the conference on Wednesday at the same location for WCCA members to attend. The conference agenda has been finalized and is ready to be published with registration to the conference.

Discussion held on potential partner or merger between WCCA and WCPD. The bylaws of WCCA would need to be reviewed and possibly adjusted to acknowledge a merger. WCPD would need to decide as an organization if they would like to merge with WCCA. A merger is being discussed because most staff are now combined as being zoning staff and planners. Merging would bring some focus into planning aspects for WCCA.

Discussion had with Land + Water representatives – Matt Krueger gave brief introduction of Land + Water as an association, history, and how conferences are conducted. Discussion on why WCCA and Land + Water has similar interests with overlapping of staff members responsibilities and changing legislations affecting zoning and conservation efforts.

Discussion had on Zoning opt Out Bill. WCCA members meet with WCA once a month to discuss legislation trends. Discussion ideas included creating a flow chart for the public to show what would need to come to the county and what would need to go to the town for approval or permits if towns were to opt out of county zoning. County would still have jurisdiction over some zoning such as shoreland, floodplain and POWTS. Official zoning maps and zone districts and who oversees these districts town or county was discussed.

Discussion was had on Wind & Solar Siting Standards. Some counties such as Iowa county are seeing an increase in wind and solar sitings. Limited jurisdiction at the county level.

Update on POWTS and DSPS includes that funding for maintenance is being put back on the legislative agenda to be put back into the budget.

Kjeseth provides update for Tourist Rooming Ad Hoc Committee. Revisions to Chapter ATCP 72 Hotel, Motel, and Tourist Rooming Housings are happening. These include changing of definitions, increased fee schedule for a license (Health Department), and POWTS standards. A license is not allowed to be issued if there is a failed sewage system. When ATCP 72 is revised the short-term rental, hotel, or motel must comply with the code as presented for a license, there is not a grandfather clause.

Funding for CLUE briefly discussed that funding could change. Lynn Markham will present at the Fall Conference; more discussion may take place and what is needed from WCCA for support.

No new business presented at the meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday October 23rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Maritime Inn

Motion by Thiele/Mrdutt to adjourn meeting at 1:18 pm.

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