

October Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Aldo Leopold Center

Baraboo, WI

Present: Dan Everson (Dane County-President), Terry Ochs (Dodge County-Past President), Dean Johnson (Marathon County-2nd Vice President), Brian Giebel (Calumet County-EC DR), CeCe Tesky (Rusk County-Webpage Coordinator), Scott Godfrey (Iowa County-Conference Coordinator), Adam Wiegel (Green County-SW DR), Jeff Brewbaker (Wood County-Central DR), Andrew Baker (Rock County-SE DR), Heather Marquardt (Walworth County-Secretary/Treasurer), Jared Grande (Eau Claire County-WC DR, Replacement for Brian Duell), Jen Croonborg-Murphy (Bayfield County-NW DR), Michelle Staff (WI DNR), Jeremy Johnson (Menominee County-NE DR)

1) Call to order

-The meeting was called to order by President Dan Everson at 10:11am.

2) Changes or additions to the agenda

-Godfrey requested a bullet point item for the 2018 Fall Conference be added to committee & project reports.

-Jared Grande filling in for Brian Duell for West Central District Representative.

3) Review and approval of the August 11, 2017 executive board meeting minutes

-Motion by Giebel, Seconded by DJohnson to approve the August 11, 2017 Executive Board meeting minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

4) Treasurer's report review and approval-Heather Marquardt

-Marquardt reported that a new computer was purchased. Fall conference registrations were just over 100 with about 7 being rookies, and just under 40 signed up to attend the Aldo Leopold tour on Wednesday. Shawano and Milwaukee are only counties not members of WCCA at this time. Discussion on having Schierman open up conference welcome with attendance statistics. Door prize items to be distributed only Thursday night; all receipts to be given to Marquardt for reimbursement. Raffle tickets to be collected by Marquardt throughout the conference. Total of 3 awards to be presented at Thursday dinner: Past-president, professional of the year, and 1 retirement. Total monies in accounts is \$35,725.35, with several conference attendee invoices to be paid at or shortly after conference; budget doing well.

-Motion by Croonborg-Murphy, Seconded by Wiegel to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried on a voice vote.

5) New Business

a. Dick Mace lifetime achievement award- CeCe Tesky

-Discussion was held on depicting the award intent to be differentiated from other available awards. Created in 2012 by Steve Rannenbergs nominating committee consists of President, 1st Vice President & 2nd Vice President. Opened floor to discuss any changes the board may want to make with the award. Suggestions from the board members were to provide a breakdown of the different awards, and the qualifications of each; having a point system for awards; adding specific qualifications; annual deadline for Dick Mace award (since only one is allowed annually); denying awards if qualifications are not met; expand Dick Mace award committee, perhaps adding past-president; involvement to be >20 years with WCCA; education for organization on how to nominate, or how to have an educated nomination; nominations to be made by more than one person; and justification of nominations to board by committee. Everson made notion to review application revision at 2018 annual meeting.

6) Agency Reports:

a. WCA – No report.

b. DNR – Kay Lutze (absent), Michelle Staff

-Staff reported 11 counties impacted by July 19-22 2017 flooding: Crawford, Iowa, Monroe, Lafayette, Jackson, Buffalo, Grant, Lacrosse, Richland, Trempealeau, Vernon; and additional mitigation monies were available for entire state, not just affected counties. The earlier 2017 flooding of Walworth, Racine, & Kenosha counties did not get declared as federal-standard disaster. Not enough public infrastructure like roads, streets, etc. were damaged to qualify for funding. They relied on individual assistance; which is different than federal funding. LOMA draft legislation to be further discussed during conference presentation; but Staff briefly discussed LOMAs in such that if you can obtain a LOMA from FEMA- you can adopt it into your ordinance and use it; however, LOMAs are not scientifically based; you can get a LOMA for just a structure, or just land, or for both. Some data is driven by owner's measurements- without surveying. Sometimes a surveyor submits elevations, reasonings, etc. without engineering. FEMA then inputs into a computer program- which ultimately estimates Base Flood Elevation. The problem is it doesn't take into account dams, hydrology, culverts, etc., but is rather an estimation. DNR used to do cross-sections for communities; Army Corps can still do studies. Staff stressed the misunderstanding from landowners on purpose of LOMAs being only for mapping & flood insurance purposes. LOMAs are denied when structures are submitted as being below the BFE. If structure/property is mapped in AE & floodway, a H&H study is needed. The recently proposed bill exempts (ch.30) DNR permits from maintenance of drainage districts.

-Cranberries: Staff asked that counties with cranberry production update to the model ordinance, that the Cranberry association is pushing growers to push counties to adopt it.

-Discussion that if county maps are updated, LOMAs are not needed due to LiDar, updated information, and 2-foot contours. Problem with updated maps is funding. Some counties are still on paper maps and need to be modernized, which takes 2-4 years.

-Reauthorization of NFIP- a lot of proposals for policy changes and private insurance. Due in December 2017. Annual insurance premiums reduce drastically (thousands) if buildings are elevated; even a couple feet.

- c. DATCP – No report.
- d. CLUE – No report.
- e. WWA – No report.
- f. DSPS – Report to be given during conference.

7) Committee and Project Reports

- a. Program/Conference Report: Scott Godfrey (Conference Coordinator) & Rob Schierman (1st Vice President)

- Fall Conference Draft Agenda

- Additional registrations to be added, with good numbers over-all. Godfrey reported that conjoined rooms to create a larger hospitality room area that has door leading to outdoor firepit is in the works at Devil's Head. The venue does not have a state menu for food, but Godfrey reported he is working with the chefs on meals. Schierman report there are no agenda cancellations at this time, so everything is on schedule as the draft agenda is written. Schierman reported there is no entertainment for Thursday night. Nothing added to agenda.

- Spring Conference 2018

- Godfrey reported spring conference dates confirmed March 21-23, 2018 at Stoney Creek. No spring break during this time, they have the room numbers needed.

- (Added) Fall Conference 2018

- Barkers Island, Superior- Godfrey visited facility recently, looked great and will accommodate a hospitality room. Price-wise, it is comparable. Godfrey requested a date from the group, and a finalized place from Schierman, since most places are booking out a year in advance. Date options are October 3-5, 10-12 or 17-19, 2018. Group favored toward October 10-12, 2018 as first choice. Godfrey to follow-up.

- b. Legislation/Education Committee Report: Dean Johnson (2nd Vice President)

- DJohnson reported an inquiry from google groups member as to why the group hasn't yet taken action on any of the proposed bills. It was testified that WCCA has offered

advice to WCA, but haven't taken a stand on anything, as the organization is trying to work together with WCA, not push them in any certain way.

-Homeowners Bill of Rights: Godfrey attended a meeting with Senator Luther Olsen (swing vote), who seemed to understand concerns laid out. Hasn't heard anything since the meeting; not sure if he was going to have a hearing or not.

DJohnson prepared a Legislative Report detailing proposed bills, many of which effect county zoning. DJohnson stated interest in bringing someone to a conference to discuss legislation, to better understand 'legislative jargon' of how bills are being written.

Godfrey showed concern for wording of cell tower setbacks. He contacted Senator Marklein to amend wording so that it doesn't limit setbacks to 'districts allowing only residential structures'. He suggested approaching setbacks differently, by using the height of the cell towers/collapsing area.

-DJohnson's legislative report: (previously sent to google groups for review/opinions)

-Some proposals don't apply to zoning, and some affect DNR or other agencies. Bills discussed included:

AB64: Executive Budget; dealing with primitive cabins being exempt from electrical code, POWTS- need guidance on this; prohibits political subdivisions from prohibiting the rental of a residential dwelling for 7 consecutive days or longer; local regulations quarry operations; Wisconsin Fund granted \$840,000; changes to rip-rap regulations below the OHWM. There has been no position taken by WCCA on the executive budget, but are working with WCA on details and concerns.

AB109: regarding towns opting out of county zoning; Everson expressed that some towns opting out of comprehensive zoning are not quite ready- still want counties to continue issuing permits.

AB130: regarding cell tower boundaries; WCCA has taken no position, but requested clarification on 'residential zoning district that is the least dense of all such districts in the political subdivision'.

AB161/SB219: regarding setback requirements for certain mobile service support structures; moving forward, WCCA has taken no position, but has forwarded concerns to WCA of how allowed district language is written.

AB187/SB137: regarding wedding barn exemption from building code requirements; this is not exempting zoning requirements.

AB226/SB168: regarding the remediation/abandonment of contaminated wells and/or POWTS by local government; no position taken by WCCA due to individual county discretion with their finance departments. This could be an idea to be used at the end of Wisconsin Fund.

AB479/SB387: regarding Homeowner's Bill of Rights; no position taken by WCCA, but mostly in opposition per conditions, since there are items in it that are irrelevant- such as displaying the flag.

AB499/SB395: regarding regulation of nonferrous metallic mining; no position taken by WCCA but are monitoring. 5-6 counties are affected by this proposal.

AB384: dealing directly with sunset 7-year Administrative Code expiration. Will be opened for discussion at Thursday business meeting.

- c. Administrative Code Committee Report: Jeremy Johnson – nothing to report.
- d. Nominating Committee: Jen Croonborg-Murphy
 - Croonborg-Murphy reported she reached out to Emily Lund for interest in executive committee; Lund responded with no interest at this time. Josh Rowley of Ashland County would take on nomination, and will be prepared to be nominated at the Thursday business meeting. Schierman to open address for nominations at beginning of conference.
- e. Audit Committee: Dan Everson – nothing to report.
- f. Awards/Scholarships: CeCe Tesky – nothing to report.
- g. Shoreland/Wetland Zoning Committee Report: Terry Ochs – nothing to report.
- h. Outreach Committee Report: Scott Godfrey – nothing to report.
- i. Webpage/Decoder Coordinator Report: CeCe Tesky – nothing to report.
- j. DSPS/POWTS Committee Report: Chris Olson (absent)
 - Tesky spoke on behalf of Chris Olson: request approval for POWTS inspector educational session to be held. Feedback was a yes. A lot of interest was shown in beginner and intermediate sessions by WCCA members via google groups. Tesky requested a budget item to be added for session to be held in late fall 2017, or early winter 2018.
 - Motion made by Wiegel, and seconded by Schierman to add a budget item for educational POWTS session of \$500. Motion carried on a voice vote.
- k. Awards/Scholarship Committee: CeCe Tesky – nothing to report.
- l. District Reports – postponed until Thursday meeting.
 - Central
 - Northeast
 - East central
 - West central

- Northwest
- Southwest
- Southeast

8) Schedule next Executive Board meeting (Jan 2018 annual mtg.)

-Discussion was held on annual meeting to be held on one day or for two days. Consensus of the board was for 2-day annual meeting.

-Godfrey gave options of annual meeting dates: option 1- January 18,19 2018; option 2- January 25,26 2018; option 3- January 11,12 2018. Godfrey to contact hotel for availability.

9) Adjourn

-Motion to adjourn by DJohnson, seconded by Croonborg-Murphy. Motion carried, Everson closed meeting at 12:41pm.

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