

WCCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 3, 2022 10:00 AM

Schmeeckle Reserve, 2419 Northpoint Dr. Stevens Point, WI 54481

1. Called to Order – 10:09 AM by Amanda McMeekin
2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Move Discussion with Mike Wenzholz to the beginning of the meeting.
3. DNR Update with Mike Wenzholz appearing virtually
 - a. Model Ordinance Update/ Model Ordinance language relating to revisions to s. 59.692, Stats.
 - i. Added definitions and cleared some definitions up, examples include roadways
 - ii. Language for fences has changed
 - iii. Exempt structures were discussed such as bridges and the criteria they need to met to be considered exempt
 - iv. Letters written to legislators with oppositions to new language was discussed as being a way to communicate effectively
 - b. Navigability Training
 - i. 1st part of training was held by zoom and the 2nd part will/was an in-person training at different sites around Wisconsin.
 - ii. The Zoom training had a good number of participants and the in-person trainings have a smaller number of participants.
 - c. Fall Conference
 - i. DNR is anticipating being there
 - d. Hiring Process
 - i. Discussion about the organization of DNR staffing and if a reorganization would be more beneficial, appears DNR is discussing this internally as well.
 - ii. A lot of hires have been made recently to fill WS positions which go through training to help ensure consistency throughout the state of Wisconsin.
 - e. DNR Positions
 - i. Mike Wenzholz's positions is to maintain and uphold NR 115, 116, 117, 118 and prepare Model Ordinance 115 and 116, and to provide assistance to counties for implementation of model ordinances.
 - ii. Kay Lutze's position is to work on complex issues such as shoreland issues with other aspects of potential zoning violations. Training new staff and providing assistance to county staff. Providing outreach by trainings in form of conferences, partnering with Lynn Markham, or virtual or in-person trainings at the county or district level
 - f. Discussion with Mike Wenzholz ended at 10:38
4. Minutes from March 16, 2022 Executive Board Meeting
 - a. Approved by Dave Sadenwasser, 2nd by Kevin Stange

5. Treasurer's Report – Robin Schaffer, Secretary/Treasurer
 - a. Discussion if board would like to see anything else other than report ran currently, current report is fine
6. 2022 Fall Conference
 - a. Dates are scheduled for October 18-21 at the Stoney Creek in Onalaska
 - b. Room registration cutoff is September 30th
 - c. Cash Bar is an option as no carry ins are allowed
 - d. Discussion of planning an outing on Wednesday either carpool or maybe a bus
 - i. La Crosse Conservancy Park is close by and could be a good spot for potential Wetland Training.
7. Model Ordinance language relating to revisions to s. 59.692, Stats.
 - a. Refer to discussion with Mike Wenholz
8. Future Education & Outreach
 - a. Soil Tester Training
 - i. Continue coordination of trainings between DSPS and WCCA as the Soil Training in Treehaven was a great quality training.
 - ii. A letter was sent to Brad from DSPS to show how much trainings are appreciated, needed, and valued both by the private and public sector
 - iii. Trainings for county staff and private sector should be separated and those trainings can focus on the needs of the private or public sector individually
 - iv. The need for quality soil training is high with the number of new staff at the county level.
 - b. Winter leadership summit
 - i. This is tentatively set for Winter of 2023
 - ii. The location is to be determined
 - iii. Lynn Markham will be at the next meeting to discuss in further detail
9. Committee and Project Reports
 - a. Program/Conference Report
 - i. It is getting harder to find hotels for conferences since Covid and many hotel's contracts do not fit WCCA's needs
 - ii. Spring Conference could be at the Fairfield again as this hotel is easy to work with.
 - iii. Survey Results from Spring Conference were analyzed and here are the take aways:
 1. More training in all aspects is needed and wanted by counties
 2. Breakout sessions with real experiences is a good source of training.
 3. Thoughts of breaking training into "newbie" vs "advanced"
 4. Thoughts of inviting a product rep to do a demonstration in the parking lot of how their product works
 5. Elevation training can be done easily at a hotel and provide good training as a break out session
 6. Room raffle or door prize raffle to draw in participants and encourage participation
 - b. Legislation/Education Committee Report
 - i. Training Ideas for counties on shoreland updates
 - c. NR 115 Advisory Committee Report
 - i. Working on seeking out new members
 - d. Webpage/Decoder Report
 - i. Updates to the web page are in the process
 - ii. Job openings are very high and have been posted to the website

- iii. Decoder will be coming out soon
 - e. Leadership & Outreach Committee Report
 - i. CWES was discussed about an option of the Leadership Summit
 - f. DSPTS/POWTS Committee Report
 - i. On May 18th there was a meeting with DSPTS staff and this committee
 - 1. Plan review is at about 8 days out
 - 2. Wastewater specialists are getting back into the field more now that there are two more plan reviewers
 - 3. Product approvals are being updated and can be found on esla
 - 4. DSPTS offers monthly updates to counties by email or zoom meetings, all counties should be getting email notifications for DSPTS
 - 5. Two temporary plan reviewers will hopefully be able to have at least one go full time, lots of support from WOWRA.
 - g. Awards/Scholarship Committee
 - i. Two - \$500.00 scholarships will be given out, one application has already been received.
 - ii. The application will be posted on the website and shared amongst google groups.
 - h. Other Standing or Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - i. n/a
- 10. Agency Updates
 - a. DSPTS – Matt Janzen
 - i. Not present
 - b. DNR – Dale Rezabek, Mike Wenholz, Brian Cunningham
 - i. Discussion took place in the morning, refer to #1.
 - c. DATCP – Tim Jackson
 - i. Not present
 - d. UWSP CLUE – Anna Haines
 - i. Not present
 - e. UWEX Local Government Center – Lynn Markham
 - i. Trainings have been happening for new Committee Members
 - f. WWA – Kyle Magera
 - i. Not present
 - g. WCA – Dan Bahr
 - i. Not present
 - h. Wisconsin Land + Water – Matt Krueger
 - i. Not present
- 11. District Reports
 - a. No changes at the district level since the last executive meeting other than Central District had a meeting, but was not well attended.
- 12. Adjourn at 1:37 pm
 - a. Motion by Ken Thiele, 2nd by Chris Mrdutt

People Present:

Chris Mrdutt, Amanda McMeekin, Robin Schaffer, Tessah Behlings, Tyler Betry, Ken Thiele, Kevin Stange, Scoff Godfrey, Chris Meuer, Ben Fiebelkorn, Dave Sadenwasser, Jeannie Fannin, Lara Pagel, Dan Bowers, appearing virtually is Mike Wenholz