

# Wisconsin County Code

## **Administrators**

WCCA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SPRING CONFERENCE 2014
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Stoney Creek Inn
Wausau, WI

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Kay Miller at 4:50 PM. There were 19 members present for the meeting.

- Additions to the agenda
   There were no changes to the agenda.
- Approval of the minutes of the October 3, 2013 business meeting
   Motion by Matt Bremer (Adams Co), seconded by Tom Bergman (Iron Co), to
   approve the October 3, 2013 business meeting minutes. Motion passed on a voice
   vote with no objection.
- Treasurer's Report Michelle Staff, Secretary/Treasurer
   Staff gave the Treasurer's Report to the membership. Staff mentioned that raffle tickets are still available and the proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. Staff stated that the Audit Committee gets detailed monthly reports and if any members have questions about any of the finances, please contact her.

## Committee Reports

1. Legislation – Terry Ochs, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Ochs stated that the session is currently over. He said that the ability for Towns to withdrawn from County zoning will be coming back in the next legislative session. Frisch agreed with Ochs that the organization must be proactive to work with WCA on this issue. She believes WCCA should formally get involved with this. Ochs explained some background on this issue and how WCCA attended the public hearings in Madison and was opposed to the proposed bill. He stated WCCA will be talking to WCA to get to the table with the players of this issue, such as the Wisconsin Towns Association, before it is introduced next session.

2. NR 115 Committee – Tom Onofrey, Chair

Onofrey stated that he was working on Lake Health Initiative which is a grant program through the DNR for landowners to do conservation practices on the shoreline. Onofrey stated that he will have more information at the Fall Conference.

## 3. Outreach Committee - Scott Godfrey, Chair

Miller explained that this committee was formerly known as the Working Lands Committee. Godfrey reported that this Committee met with WLWCA on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> to talk about the tensions between the Land Conservation Departments and the Zoning Departments. Godfrey stated that this is a good opportunity to build cooperation with WLWCA. They may be meeting in the near future.

- 4. POWTS/Sanitation Committees Dale Dimond, Chris Olson and Karl Jennrich CeCe Tesky (Rusk Co) stated that she had a teleconference with Dan Janzen and Brad Johnson of DSPS on some audit concerns with the western counties due to some inaccurate reporting by DSPS. Tesky stated that DSPS did work with them to resolve these issues.
- 5. Awards/Scholarship Committee –Michelle Staff, Chair Staff stated that there are several retirees and scholarship winners that will be honored tonight. Staff asked the membership to please tell the district reps if they know of any retirees.
- 6. Website/DeCoder Dusty Grant, Coordinator Grant stated that the Decoder will continue with some added features such as a County Spotlight and/or new employee articles. Grant showed the new web site redesign and explained it to the membership. He stated that if there are any concerns or comments to please contact him. Grant reminded the

membership that you must be a WCCA member to be on google groups.

7. Program Committee – Terri Dopp-Paukstat, Chair Dopp-Paukstat stated that conference surveys will be sent out via e-mail to all attendees using Survey Monkey. Fall Conference will be Oct. 22-24 at The Waters in Minocqua. She gave an overview of possible sessions for fall conference.

# 8. WCCA 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Miller made a comment about the importance of our organization and what it has accomplished over the last 45 years. The membership should be proud. 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary apparel is for sale.

## 9. Other committees or programs

Glenn Selner (Kewaunee County) asked the Executive Board how we can get the membership to stay for the business meeting. There was a suggestion of door prizes for coming to the business meeting. It was also noted that the agenda should state it is for all members.

## 10. Appointments

## District Reports - District Representatives

Kevin Grabau (St. Croix County) (WC District) reported that their district just had a round table discussion on many topics because of the many retirees over the past year in the district. His district mentioned that it would be nice to bring back the leadership training that WCCA did in the past. Amy Barrows (Waukesha Co.) suggested that WCCA take a ½ day before the conference to talk about the basics such as shoreland zoning, floodplain management, etc. Miller stated that we could possibly do this at fall conference. It was suggested that a simple introduction of the WCCA Executive Board would be good.

Andy Buehler (Kenosha County) asked if the WCCA Executive Board was writing a letter to Heidi Kennedy (DNR) to thank her for all of the hard work she has done over the years on shoreland code. Miller stated that she is working on a letter to Kennedy and that Kennedy has a new title within the DNR. Frisch stated that the letter should be cc'd to the Secretary of the DNR and her supervisors.

#### Other WCCA Business

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Dopp-Paukstat (Waushara Co.), seconded by Dave Gifford (Barron Co.). Motion passed on a voice vote with no objection.

Minutes taken by Michelle J. Staff (Jefferson County) WCCA Secretary/Treasurer