

WCCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday August 10, 2018

Schmeckle Reserve, 2419 Northpoint Drive, Stevens Point WI

Called to Order at 10:00 AM by President Rob Schierman

Members present: Rob Schierman, Josh Rowley, CeCe Tesky, Scott Godfrey, Dan Everson, Dave Gifford, Ben Greenberg, Adam Wiegel, Jay Kozlowski, Brian Giebel, and Michelle Staff

No changes or additions to the agenda. Gifford/Weigel motion to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes from June 15, 2018 meeting: Everson/Rowley motion to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tesky provided a report. \$18,253.04 in the Money Market. \$1,617.70 is in Scholarship fund. \$10,628.83 is in checking. Tesky found \$125.00 cash in file folder from last year. She deposited it into the Scholarship fund. Everson/Rowley motion to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried. There was discussion about conference cost and dues increase for 2019. None planned. Place a dues increase discussion for 2020 on the Spring Business Meeting agenda in 2019. There was discussion about having a line in the budget specifically for training for members.

First VP Appointment – Johnson is in a better place. Schierman would like to appoint someone who has already gone through the ranks and has Executive Board experience. This person will serve the remainder of this year as First VP and next year as President. Schierman/Everson motion to appoint Godfrey to this position. Motion carried.

Old Business – Tesky has reached out to Jennifer Bock with WCA. She is willing to create a new logo for us. She will have some drafts to consider by October 1.

Program/Conference Report (50th Anniversary Committee) – Tesky and Godfrey have been working on an agenda for Fall conference. A draft agenda was handed out and discussed. Q&A with Kay – we need to reach out to members and get questions to Kay by August 27. Discussion about 50th Anniversary items. Many of the items ordered can be received within a couple weeks so we can wait until later this year to order. Many liked the idea of a padfolio and pen as a gift for members.

Legislation/Education Committee Report – Rowley doesn't have much to report. He will be doing a discussion on the Wheeler Report during conference.

Webpage/Decoder Coordinator Report – Tesky will be preparing a DeCoder for September.

Leadership & Outreach Committee Report – There was discussion about holding a Leadership Training in 2019 since there are many new employees around the state. Tesky contacted Lynn Markham and she is willing to help with this again. Other thoughts were training on Comprehensive Plan updates and Renee Powers in Plat Review. Brian Ohms and Dane County may be resources for a Comprehensive Planning training. Having a nominal fee is good, but also should be part of WCCA budget. Soils training is also needed.

POWTS/Sanitation Committee – Olson provided a written report. The WCCA POWTS committee is hoping to get together in September. There are lots of retirements in POWTS arena, both with the state and counties. The state has stopped doing field visits to review plans. We are going to see products introduced that are concerning to some.

Awards/Scholarships Committee – Tesky indicated that there are many retirements for Fall. There will be a raffle for scholarship funding and a Professional of the Year award at the Fall Conference.

Kay Lutze provided a written report. Kathi Kramasz is a WMS and is helping write variance letters. You may get a request from her for more information. She is also doing NR117 ordinances for municipalities. Approximately 50 county shoreland ordinances have been certified/conditionally certified. 21 are remaining. Some are in process, can't be certified or have not adopted yet. Kay is recently appointed as the NER Field Supervisor but will still be doing Shoreland Zoning. Business as usual for now.

Michelle Staff provided a general DNR report including that the wetlands and waterways division is going through a reorganization. Wetland specialists are the contacts for the state. Floodplain may recombine with Shoreland. Michelle has new assistant - Mia Van Horn. She has no zoning background so is starting off with ordinances to get familiar. Counties may get email for updating ordinances. If you have troubles or concerns with DNR/DOT floodplain projects, let Michelle know. State will be audited by FEMA in the near future. There is a lot of floodplain mapping going on especially on Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. There was a question about how a county requests modernization. Talk to Michelle. The DNR is doing an outreach program to see what their customers think about their service. Workgroups come out to organizations to interview them to see what they think of the service. Michelle is an interviewer. WCCA might be asked to discuss this.

Lynn Markham provided a written report on Board of Adjustment and Planning workshops they will be holding in August and September. CLUE projects include Forest land use megatrends publication, the Land Use game is being turned into a board game by UWSP students and the Fish Hotel Kit is available for teachers and educators.

New Business – Brian Ohm is looking for a letter of support for a grant application with USDA. There are strong extension components in the grant and it would assist landowners with conservation. Weigel/Gifford to send letter of support. Motion carried. Godfrey discussed the religious waiver exemption with POWTS. Some areas allowing graywater to go on the ground. There was a letter written by DSPS to clarify.

District Reports

Southeast – Met a couple weeks ago with Renee Powers. Also discussed Act 67 and the wetland bill. There is a LOT of permitting activity in this part of the state.

West Central – met a month and a half ago. They will do onsite.

Northwest – Hoping to meet in September.

Rowley/Kozlowski motion to adjourn at 12:19. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by CeCe Tesky.