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President's Message - Steve Rannenber

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Submission of Articles:
WCCA Welcomes articles, letters to the editor, articles from the WCCA districts, calendar listings, etc. Please send anything that may be of interest to other zoning administrators in Wisconsin. Articles may be submitted by mail, fax or email. Content of the articles does not necessarily represent the position of WCCA, the WCCA Executive Committee, or the editor.

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On Friday, June 14, 2013 the WCCA Executive Board met to discuss the results of the Spring Conference and the speakers and topics for the upcoming Fall Conference (October 2,3 and 4, 2013 in Michicot, WI) and the current legislative session. Terri Dopp-Paukstat, 2nd VP, led the discussion that consumed the majority of the meeting. A personal main effort of mine is to assure that we are informed, engaged and relevant. As we discussed the proposed bills it is clear that the legislature is acting to reduce the regulatory burden. However, there seem to be consequences to these bills that will likely not be part of the discussion on the floor of the legislature. Dan Bahr, our Wisconsin Counties Association Legislative Liaison, met with the board and described the current tenor of the legislature. He noted that the majority party is in a position to forward proposals and put forward their position with little opposition. My concern is

that there may be unintended consequences as there may be no one to ask the pertinent question. Scott Godfrey (Iowa County) serves on the WCA land use advisory committee as our representative will continue to clearly articulate our concerns and proposals. Our individual efforts can and should be to continue to engage with our respective legislators to express our concerns when given an opportunity. These discussions will require the exercise of diplomacy and be factually based.

Despite the obvious challenges of public service in Wisconsin I trust that you are all busy. Last week I had a chance to talk to a long-time friend of mine who lives in Arcadia, WI in Trempealeau County and serves on a land use advisory committee. He spoke in glowing terms of the effort Kevin Lien is putting forth to protect the resources of the county. I know that this is not an isolated case

of exceptional service by our fellows in service to the community. I for one am proud to be part of the team, in the fight and connected to you all in genuine fellowship. That is balanced against my concern for the well-being of our members.

There's that word "balance" again. The keys to success in this arena are to continue to communicate with others. I mentioned to Dusty that the WCCA Google-Group is getting a workout – which is a very good thing! I also noted that improvements to the WCCA website are enhancing your ability to navigate to timely and accurate information. Finally, take time to enjoy all that Wisconsin has to offer during our summer season. May you all enjoy a fruitful construction season and then find time to just "veg".

Steve Rannenber
President



District Reports

Southwest District– Scott Godfrey

The Southwest District has not met since the last DeCoder, but will have a meeting on June 21st where we will be discussing the proposed state camping regulations with Reed McRoberts, the successor to Karen Brock at DHS. I'd also like to report that Terry Loeffelholz has moved from Grant County to become the newly created Director of County Land Conservation, Planning and Zoning for Lafayette County. Both Lafayette and Grant counties have recently merged their Land Conservation and Zoning departments.

Southeast District—Terry Ochs

June 7, 2013 – The district met for the 1st time this year. We discussed permit trends for the counties and all appeared to be moving in a positive direction with better permit numbers than what we had in 2012 at this same time last year. However, weather (late winter and rain) is clearly having an effect and delaying the start of many projects. At least it appears we are slowly crawling out of the building slump. Knock on wood.

Kyle Magyera of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association came by to discuss the upcoming and long awaited wetland field workshop to discuss problem wetlands in our area. We are expecting a good turnout for the district. The workshop will be held in Kenosha in August.

And of course Heidi Kennedy of the DNR came by to give us an update on the Legislative process of the long awaited “possible” revisions to the current NR115 Shoreland Protection Program; as many of these revisions will greatly affect our district. We all know she has a thankless job and feel she's doing a great job keeping us in the loop as much as possible.

We also took time to discuss implementation of ACT-170 and how different counties are handling this issue, whether it's full or partial implementation in regard to their Zoning code and Shoreland Protection code. We came to the realization that no two counties are the same; and also that limiting repair, maintenance and replacement is no easy task between the two codes.

All in all we had a great turn out and it was good to see everyone again. And we hope everyone has a super busy building season.

Central District

No Report

Northwest District

No Report

Northeast District

No Report

West Central District

No Report



County Survey for POWTS Maintenance Program

COUNTY	ANNUAL FEE	ONE TIME FEE	HOW COLLECTED
ADAMS	NONE		"\$100 FOR ALL NEW OR POWTS REPLACEMENTS, AND HOLDING TANKS" INCLUDED IN PERMIT FEE
BROWN	\$11.00 - ANNUALLY FOR ALL SYSTEMS	NONE	TAX ASSESSMENT
COLUMBIA	"NOT CHARGING YET WILL BE IMPLEMENTING A \$4.00 FEE PER YEAR"	NONE	TAX ASSESSMENT
EAU CLAIRE	\$6 - POWTS EVERY 3 YRS	NONE	TAX ASSESSMENT
FOND DU LAC	"\$15 - POWTS EVERY 3 YRS	\$15 - HT EVERY YEAR"	NONE BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD
GRANT	\$15 - EVERY 3 YEARS	NONE	BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD
GREEN	"\$30 - POWTS EVERY 3 YRS	\$30 - ATU - WHENEVER PERFORMED"	NONE BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD
IOWA	\$15 POWTS - EVERY 3 YRS	NONE	BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD
MANITOWOC	\$10 - POWTS EVERY YEAR	NONE	TAX ASSESSMENT
OUTAGAMIE	\$12 - POWTS EVERY YEAR	NONE	TAX ASSESSMENT
OZAUKEE	NONE	"\$90 - HOLDING TANKS \$45 - ALL OTHERS"	INCLUDED IN PERMIT FEE
RACINE	"\$10 - HOLDING TANKS EVERY YEAR \$10 - POWTS EVERY 3 YRS LATE FEES CHARGED FOR 2ND NOTICE (\$20), 3RD NOTICE (\$30)"	NONE	BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD
RICHLAND	\$15 EVERY 3 YEARS	NONE	"BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD"
ROCK	\$15 - POWTS EVERY 3 YRS	NONE	BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD
SAUK	"\$5 - POWTS EVERY 3 YRS INCREASING TO \$10"	NONE	BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD
SHAWANO	\$10 - POWTS EVERY 3 YRS	NONE	BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD
SHEBOYGAN	\$7.50 - POWTS - EVERY 3 YRS	NONE	TAX ASSESSMENT
WAUPACA	\$15 - POWTS - EVERY 3 YRS	NONE	BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD
WOOD	"\$25 - POWTS - EVERY 3 YRS DISCONTINUED THE PROGRAM \$100,000 LOST REVENUE"	NONE	BILLED WITH MAINTENANCE CARD



As most of you have noticed by now, the WCCA webpage has been reformatted and redesigned. I welcome your feedback on it. Hopefully, it makes for easier navigation. For all of those who would like to submit articles to the Decoder, please use grant@maqs.net as the e-mail address.

Your humble and faithful servant,
Dusty



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