

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:05 A.M. by President Terry Ochs.

Members present: Terry Ochs, Dean Johnson, Terri Dopp-Paukstat, Adam Weigel, Brian Giebel, Jeremy Johnson, Andrew Baker, Jay Kozlowski, Scott Godfrey, CeCe Tesky and Michelle Staff. Members excused: Dan Everson, Rob Schierman, Jeff Brewbaker

No changes to the agenda.

March 30, 2016 Executive Board minutes: Dopp-Paukstat/J. Johnson motion to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tesky provided a to-date Treasurer's Report and Profit/Loss Report for the members. Checking account balance is \$11,525.58. Scholarship is \$2200.70 of that. 2016 Scholarship recipients have not yet been paid from that balance. Money Market is \$18,193.85. Dopp-Paukstat/D. Johnson motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Discussion about conference income/expenses. Income exceeded expenses by about \$1700. Not having a hospitality room reduced costs and there was real good attendance.

Discussion about prospective Sec/Treasurer: Kayla Reithmeyer in Waukesha County has shown interest. Tesky has invited her to attend a meeting this summer to meet board.

NE District/NW District changes with Lincoln County: Tesky reported that the NW District approved allowing Lincoln County to move to NE at their May meeting. J. Johnson/D. Johnson motion to allow the move to occur and to change the district boundaries. Motion carried. Kozlowski voted no. This will become effective beginning in 2017. Godfrey will have the statewide and district maps redrawn.

DNR Update: Michelle Staff reported that Kay is reviewing ordinances. Water Management Engineers are down by 5. Normally there are 12, but they currently only have 7. New hires will be stationed in LaCrosse and Rhinelander. The Floodplain Workshop dates have been sent out. Sign up is online. Staff suggested that since counties are working on Shoreland ordinances, they may want to update their Floodplain ordinance, as well. They found a couple sections of the ordinance that are incorrect. Staff will be updating those Statute citations. Iron and Lafayette Counties will be updated with Map Modernization. Richland County just got new effective maps. There are map changes in Lake Wausau area also. Because engineers are down, projects will be slower. Call Michelle if you have questions. Discussed the 50% rule for nonconforming structures. Michelle is attending a training soon and will update us. Maintenance is not exempt in 2012 ordinance. FEMA has a substantial improvement requirement. If structure will be improved more than 50%, they want it elevated. Difficult to enforce because zoning does not get involved with O&M. Floodplain damage is cumulative. Not per event. Michelle will go over this information at workshops. A couple of things to be aware of between shoreland and floodplain – some counties are combining ordinances - remember 50% is still in floodplain and cannot be changed. Definitions are different. Exemptions are not the same. Michelle emphasized that the county should not be telling the property owner to call her. She would prefer that the counties call her and get their questions answered so they can assist the property owner.

CLUE: Lynn was not able to attend. Her written updates are: The Zoning Committee workshops in Hayward and Eagle River went well. There is a Planning Commission workshop on Thursday, June 23 at the Marquette County Services Center in Montello. There is a BOA workshop at the same location on August 18. The upcoming Land Use Megatrends publication this summer will be about Transportation in WI. The shoreland zoning update videos have been popular. Part 1 has had over 1200 views. Counties can get a copy of the PowerPoint slides from Lynn to customize to their needs. It is an excellent resource for public hearings and listening sessions.

WWA Update: Kyle has been doing workshops with extension educators. They are close to being able to ship out final model ordinance for wetland protection. Kyle is available to provide consultation and information to counties who are interested in doing that.

DSPS Update: None

WCA Shoreland Task Force is being created. Terry Ochs is on the committee, along with Dale Shaver from Waukesha and 2 attorneys, among others. Some of the things they are discussing is.... What does the language mean? What is happening out there? First meeting is on Monday June 20 @ Schmeekle Reserve.

Committee Vacancies: There are some vacancies in committees that Michelle was in. CeCe will be chair of Awards/Scholarships. Karl Jennrich will be chair of NR116. Jay Kozlowski will be chair of Nominating Committee. Adam Weigel will be the chair of the Audit Committee. Weigel/D. Johnson motion to approve changes. Motion carried.

Program Report: Fall conference is Oct12-14 @ Radisson Paper Valley. Scott will be checking place out in July. Spring conference location discussion. Consensus is to keep it at Stoney Creek. Reliable venue. Clean. Friendly. Cost effective. March 30-31 is first choice or 23-24 is second. Copies of draft agenda for fall were passed out. Discussion about suggested topics including: Effective communicator from WI DNR person (Terri), how to react to media and questions, event barns and input on shoreland guidebook. Scott would like a list of locations around the state that could accommodate our group. District by district. Sara Heger from MN Onsite Sewage Treatment Program was great! (Terri) County Concrete can provide solutions for pervious pavers. It was decided that we were able to get much more program work done without the program coordinator 😊

Legislative Report – Rob had sent report ahead of time. Should we be gearing up for another onslaught of bills? How do we want to react? How can we be proactive? “How to speak to your legislator” may be a good conference session. Majority of members want us to stay working with WCA legislatively. Members want to be informed.

No reports for Administrative, Nominating, Audit, Outreach, POWTS,

Awards Committee: Tesky reported that the Professional of Year applications will be in DeCoder next week.

Shoreland Committee: We will probably open up shoreland guidebook once everyone gets their ordinances adopted. Most found the guidebook helpful in evaluations.

Webpage/DeCoder – Tesky will be sending out the summer DeCoder next week. She will be working on a directory for the website over the winter and starting in the fall.

Leadership Program – Dopp-Paukstat indicated that 19-26 members showed interest in doing a program. The class would be limited to 20. All counties were willing to help cover costs. Terri has looked into the UWSP Central WI Environmental Station in Amherst Junction and it is available for either the second week in January or February. They have food service and sleeping facilities. \$20 per night to stay there. Terri estimated total costs at approximately \$1050 for 1.5 days. The Executive Board has committed to covering \$500. Several topics were discussed. Tesky/Kozlowski motion to move forward with the Leadership project as Terri described. Motion carried.

WCA Steering Committee – Godfrey reported that they will meet again July 14. They are focusing on high capacity wells and he will report back in August. If there is something this board would like WCA to focus on it needs to be on their Legislative Platform.

DSPS - Technical Advisory committee has been appointed. Eric Wellauer from Sawyer County is on it. When the state budget comes out in February, WI Fund will likely not be in it. Do we want to fight this fight?

Executive Guidebook – Dopp-Paukstat took over for guidebook revisions from Karl. Guidebook is ready to be sent out. Terri would like to send out to the board. Provide her comments to finalize at August meeting.

District Reports:

Central (Terri Dopp-Paukstat)– Jeff organized a cranberry farm tour and it was quite interesting. Only a few counties showed up. Buildings are in floodplain so this has been a topic of review.

Northeast (Jeremy Johnson) – Zoning Committee workshop in Vilas County was held. 30 people attended.

East Central (Brian Giebel) – No meetings recently.

West Central (Dean Johnson) – met yesterday in Clark County. They held OHWM/Navigability training. There were 3 DNR personnel. (9' kayak on the shallowest draft for navigability.) Old ag ditches were discussed. Dean sent letter to Kay – What if a county doesn't adopt by Oct 1, 2016? Kay sent letter back indicating that they will commence enforcement action against the county.

Northwest (Jay Kozlowski) – Zoning Committee workshop May 6. Discussion about illegal structures versus legal pre-existing. Next meeting will be in July at Manitowish Waters Park.

Southwest (Adam Weigel) – At their most recent meeting, they discussed conferences, NR115 and large farms.

South (Andrew Baker) – No district meeting. Jefferson has hired the new Michelle. He is a recent grad from UWSP with a degree in NR planning. He is a good fit for Jefferson County.

Ochs adjourned the meeting at 1:25

Next meeting will be August 5

Submitted by CeCe Tesky, WCCA Secretary/Treasurer