

## Spring Conference Meeting Minutes

Stoney Creek Inn

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Present: Heather Marquardt (Wood County-Secretary/Treasurer), Terri Dopp-Paukstat (Waushara County), Andrew Baker (Rock County-SE DR), Brian Giebel (Calumet County-EC DR), Jay Kozlowski (Sawyer County-NW DR), Dan Everson (Dane County-President), Jeremy Johnson (Menominee County-NE DR), Scott Godfrey (Iowa County-Conference Coordinator), Adam Wiegel (Green County-SW DR), Terry Ochs (Dodge County-Past President), Brian Duell (Clark County-WC DR), Jeff Brewbaker (Wood County-Central DR), Dale Olson (Sawyer County); Absent: Rob Schierman (Bayfield County-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Dean Johnson (Marathon County-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), CeCe Tesky (Rusk County-Webpage Coordinator), Jen Croonborg-Murphy (Bayfield County-NW DR)

1. Call to order
  - The meeting was called to order by President Dan Everson at 7:04pm.
2. Changes or additions to the agenda
  - Nothing
3. Approval of the January 19, 2017 Annual Board meeting minutes (Wausau)
  - Motion by JJohnson to approve minutes, Seconded by Wiegel to approve the January 19, 2017 Annual Board meeting minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote.
4. Treasurer's Report: Heather Marquardt, Secretary/Treasurer
  - Marquardt reported no new laptop to-date. Marquardt to go to Best Buy and pick up a computer. Marquardt reported currently using own printer. Marquardt changed secretary/treasurer payment dates. Dopp-Paukstat mentioned going over-budget for leadership training in January at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. There was a suggestion of trying to take Michelle Staff's name off of treasurer report; Marquardt reported attempts from herself and Tesky, but unsuccessful in finding the source of the name origin. Monies in both accounts totaling approximately \$37,011 at this time, with some deposits still needed to be made from conference registrations and memberships. There were no other questions regarding the report. Motion by Ochs, Seconded by JJohnson to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objections.
5. Committee & Project Reports
  - Appointment Vacancies
    - No report
  - Program/conference Report: Scott Godfrey, Coordinator & Rob Schierman, 1<sup>st</sup> VP
    - 1<sup>st</sup> VP Rob Schierman not present to discuss the agenda. Godfrey walked through agenda, discussing items and topics. Godfrey stated 76 full registrations, 7 rookies and

10 partial registrations, totaling 86 registrations at this point. He stated the key-note speaker (Schick) had a room for the night before his presentation, 3/29/17, and that he was a 'motivational' type speaker. After the Welcoming Address by Schierman, Steve Rannenberg & Karl Jennrich will provide 'Choosing Your Battles', talking about conflict, trying to maintain focus, a presentation and then an open discussion, focusing on pro-action, and support for decisions. Next is Diggers Hotline and Construction Site Safety. Transcendent Technologies who had previously asked to be an agenda item at the conference had cancelled, and would like to present at the Fall 2017 conference instead. WCA's John Hochkammer, and Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation's Jason Stringer are to talk about dealing with volunteer program for towns; if they want to choose to act for a last-resort finance, such as an economic development opportunity where a company may want to increase the energy efficiency in their building and they can't get conventional financing for all or part of it; the county may step in and provide financing in return for default to put it on their taxes. Brent Michalek is a utility company representative who's topic is 'Filling in Broadband Gaps', talking about their service that fills gaps between broadband and mostly urban areas. Being utilities, they can go up in right-of-ways; representative wants to hit a statewide crowd at one spot (being WCCA conference). He might talk about technology on this topic. Tom Portl recently retired, but is still doing round-tables for non-metallic mining; Roberta Walls from the WI DNR will present for the Non-metallic Mining Advisory Committee.

The WCCA Business Meeting will follow, along with social hour and the banquet; which will provide the door prizes and awards. There is no entertainment scheduled. Everson is going to speak with Steve Rannenberg about presenting the retirement and Richard Mace lifetime achievement award to Larry Hildebrandt. Neither of the 2017 WCCA Scholarship recipients could attend the conference, but Marquardt will announce the winners. Silent auction items are to be brought down to the lobby, and Godfrey has bidding sheets. There are currently close to 10 items for the silent auction, with an 8:00pm deadline. There is no hospitality room at the Stoney Creek, so the lobby area will have beer and snacks provided after dinner.

Friday Morning will offer POWTS topics on one salon, and Shoreland/Floodplain on the other, with DNR and DTCAP.

Godfrey mentioned blocking off 50 rooms at the Stoney Creek, but ran out of rooms for conference attendees, so to get a head-start on registrations for the next conference. Dopp-Paukstat suggested Baraboo Hills for a fall conference at some point. Aldo Leopold was also mentioned.

- Webpage/Decoder Coordinator Report: CeCe Tesky, Coordinator
  - Tesky absent from meeting, but sent e-mail prior; concern for website is finishing county office directory. Everson to have Schierman announce counties still needing to submit this information to Tesky, who has been in contact with counties that have not submitted an office photo. Everson questioned next Decoder date. Tesky would like to know of any improvement suggestions for WCCA website.

- Legislation/Education Committee Report: Dean Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
  - DJohnson not present; will provide updates at business meeting Thursday, 3/30/17.
- NR 115 Advisory Committee Report: Terry Ochs
  - Ochs reported counties should have ordinances in play by now, and most implementing them by Spring 2017. Question to be sent out mid-summer 2017; what's working/what's not working, and any problems with the ordinance? Juneau County is currently only county who has not submitted a draft ordinance, due to small county staff and absences with staff. Discussion on what counties are actually 'certified', guess is not many.
- Outreach Committee Report: Scott Godfrey
  - No report.
- Other Standing Committee or Ad Hoc Committee Reports:
  - Dopp-Paukstat reported updates on POWTS committee meeting in December, 2016, she and Tesky met with Brad Johnson; discussed funding, WI Fund as a dying source; and questioned any other funding or tax break. This was shot-down by DSPS because it 'wasn't for the department to do'.
  - Research and Academics- had no action recently, suggestions made to reach out. Contact with UW-Stevens Point and Platteville responded this wasn't their function; however POWTS committee wanted to improve relationship with them as there has been many changes and want to all be on the same page.
  - Training/Education through DSPS probably won't change, which created frustration. Dopp-Paukstat thinks we should keep trying, as there might be a positive response someday.
  - WOWRA Lobbyist George Klaetsch contacted Dopp-Paukstat for assistance in incorporating WI Fund in the budget; Klaetsch is lobbying to get it changed to ongoing, instead of 'one-time', so we can at least keep it through 2019, when counties are required to have maintenance completed and kept-up. There was about \$1.6 million requested for Fiscal Year 2017, and there is \$800,000 available. Demand is still high for WI Fund. Klaetsch wants to take information back to Senator Howard Marklein. Counties in his district had a lot of applicants so he really seemed to listen.
  - It was mentioned that WI Fund has been more challenging to work with since Jean Joyce left. Godfrey talked about meeting with Marklein and he is a 'numbers' person, and wants to know applicant amounts, income poverty levels, etc. He suggested having counties with high numbers of applicants submit information.
  - Question arose that with WI Fund potentially being taken away, how will the state enforce counties to complete maintenance/inventory requirement, as the WI Fund was previously used as a benefit to counties who were completing the requirement.
  - Question arose of other funding sources counties offer. Godfrey mentioned Dane County previously having a 'grant' option that was only available to citizens in the county; CDBG (Community Development Block Grant Program) being a federally funded source that gets funneled down to the state, then handed out to counties by region as a revolving loan fund. This option provides dollars that can be used for replacement. Dopp-Paukstat mentioned Klaetsch thinks if a couple counties from Marklein's district can meet with him that they should. She said he is also working with Senator Kohl and

Representative Kitchens on a Bill that talks about getting funding for contaminated wells and also replacing POWTS.

-Godfrey asked for additional questions to be added to Survey Monkey in regards to the conference; suggestions were fundraising ideas for the scholarship fund.

-Suggestion of a brochure to show local businesses/vendors what we are gathering donations for; 50/50 raffle; and to start gathering silent auction items as early as right after the fall conference.

- Agency Reports:  
-To be provided during conference

6. District Reports:

- To be discussed at Business Meeting on 3/30/17.

7. Adjourn

-Motion to adjourn by Kozlowski, Seconded by Duell. Motion carried, Everson closed meeting at 8:09pm.

Administrative Notes:

- 1) Next Executive Board Business Meeting: March 30, 2017, 4:30pm, Stoney Creek Inn, Mosinee, WI

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