

August Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Schmeeckle Reserve

Stevens Point, WI

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

1) Call to Order

-The meeting was called to order by President Dan Everson at 10:15 am.

2) Changes or additions to the agenda/Approval of agenda

-Nothing.

3) Review and Approval of the June 16, 2017 Executive Board Meeting minutes (at Schmeeckle)

-Marquardt noted minor change of typo stating board member from wrong county.

-Motion by Giebel, Seconded by Duell to approve the June 16, 2017 Executive Board meeting minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

4) Treasurer's Report and Approval - Heather Marquardt, Secretary/Treasurer

-Marquardt reported that both \$500 scholarships were paid, a new computer will be purchased before the fall conference so there can be one for each breakout session. Only counties that have not become members of WCCA are Crawford, Shawano, & Milwaukee. Total monies in accounts is over \$26,000. No questions about treasurer's report.

-Motion by Wiegel, Seconded by DJohnson to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried on a voice vote.

5) Old Business

- Nothing.

6) New Business

- Homeowners Bill of Rights
  - Several board members attended session; Bahr thinks Jarchow is aiming toward creating a more criteria-based, quasi-judicial C.U.P. process. Board pointed out there are requirements to have criteria in ordinances under which decisions must be based; and it is impossible to place criteria under each individual C.U.P. because each is significantly different and in different zoning districts; and perhaps Jarchow

does not realize this. Also, C.U.P. denial percentage is low across the state; and is denied when criteria is not being met.

- The government cannot require lots be merged without owners consent; in context: the Murr Case discussion.
- Bahr talked about 'Inverse Condemnation'; that land-use changes throughout time, but use on the land should be able to continue. There was a comment from the board that the only way a use cannot be continued is if the C.U.P. has a condition that it must cease upon sale of land; further discussion that conditions cannot limit the land to one particular use through a C.U.P.
- WCCA has not formerly given a position on this.
- POWTS waiver issue
  - Bahr met with DSPS & attorneys, assistant deputy secretary; discussed why interpretation of religious waiver was non-correct, as it was likely to be intended for certain indoor plumbing fixtures inside a building as well as UDC regulations to be waived, not septic systems; but consensus of the department is sticking with the waiver actually states. Chief of legal counsel affirmed that they do not look into religion if the 'religion' box is checked on the waiver. Discussion of how to solve this problem and mis-interpretation; lawsuit? WCCA to draft letter to governor/joint finance committee members that we don't feel the intent is being carried out by DSPS and joint finance is in charge of DSPS? Why do we need legislation on it if the waiver states 'in'? Include language that the waiver does not state private septic systems?
  - Motion for WCCA action to send a letter to Governor and Joint Finance committee by DJohnson, seconded by Duell. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### 7) Agency Reports:

- WCA – Dan Bahr
  - AB348 Bahr intending to write letter to insert language stating that anything not explicitly mentioned in specific sections of this bill would not be considered preempted. Don't want misinterpretation.
  - WCA is in opposition of siting cell tower bills.
  - WCA is in opposition of homeowner's bill of rights.
- DNR – Kay Lutze, Michelle Staff
  - Lutze, (Shoreland): Waiting on budget to determine if vacant position can be refilled. Asked for conference topics, wants to do another training scenario; topic ideas included treated impervious surfaces, and how to write denial letters and public notices. Suggestions from board were to talk about pervious pavers and ensuring their maintenance to retain their effectiveness throughout the life of the system.
  - Staff (Floodplain): Southwest & West Central storms in late July; Approximately 19 businesses damaged, \$16 million in public infrastructure damage. Southeast storms in early July; Over 4,000 houses effected, mostly along Fox River; 44 businesses damaged; \$8.6 million damage in infrastructure; Governor Walker is asking President Trump for individual assistance for homeowners, with maximum amount of \$33,000 per homeowner. About 17%

of damaged structures made insurance claims, proving that homeowners are not getting flood insurance.

- Great Lakes coastal mapping is going on- hopes to talk about at the spring conference, when model ordinance will be updated; which will be scrutinized because of coastal mapping.
- DATCP – No report.
- CLUE – No report.
- WWA – No report.
- DSPS – No report.

#### 8) Committee and Project Reports

- Program/Conference Report: Scott Godfrey, Coordinator and Rob Schierman, 1<sup>st</sup> VP
  - Fall Conference Draft Agenda- open for suggestions on entertainment ideas.
  - Hospitality room Thursday night.
  - Aldo Leopold tour is separate \$10 fee; consists of center, property, and Leopold's shack, with history of Leopold and his property
  - Spring Conference- 2018 dates: Thurs/Fri- trying to plan it around spring break. First option: March 15/16, 2018. Second option: April 5/6, 2018 at Stoney Creek, Wausau.
- Legislation/Education Committee Report: Dean Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
  - DJohnson requested a new metallic mining committee be formed if new legislature goes through. With this legislature:
    - Companies wouldn't have to prove negative impact to community
    - Exemptions when it comes to water
    - Undermining local control
- Administrative Code Committee Report: Jeremy Johnson (Absent)
  - No report.
- Nominating Committee: Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Chair
  - Has ideas for upcoming nominations.
- Audit Committee: Dan Everson, Chair
  - No report.
- Shoreland/Wetland Zoning Committee Report: Terry Ochs, Chair
  - Option for counties to opt-out of shoreland zoning; could possibly be a line-item inserted in the budget.
- Outreach Committee Report: Scott Godfrey, Chair
  - Nothing to report.
- Webpage/Decoder Coordinator Report: CeCe Tesky, Chair (Absent)
  - Decoder deadline is September 10, 2017.
  - No report.
- DSPS/POWTS Committee Report: Chris Olson, Chair
  - No report.
- Awards/Scholarships: CeCe Tesky, Chair (Absent)
  - Marquardt asked board members to send an e-mail to districts asking if any upcoming retirements.

- Committee to come up with Professional of the Year nominations for Fall Conference.
- District Reports
  - Central District
    - No report.
  - Southeast District
    - No report.
  - Northeast District
    - No report.
  - East Central District
    - No report.
  - West Central District
    - Recently had soils training with Ed Taylor.
  - Northwest District
    - Met with DNR, discussed communication efforts when permits are issued; state highway access and impacts.
  - Southwest District
    - No report.
  - Southeast District
    - No report.

9) Schedule next meeting-Executive Board Meeting

- October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am Aldo Leopold Center in Baraboo.

10) Adjourn

-Motion to adjourn by DJohnson Seconded by Giebel. Motion carried, Everson closed meeting at 2:11pm.

Administrative Notes:

- Donated \$50 to Schmeeckle Reserve, covering costs of coffee, and soda for lunch.

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