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WCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Osthoff Resort
Elkhart Lake, WI

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: President Buechel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: John Tramburg, John Hendrick, Colleen Bates (via telephone), Howard Ludwigson, Erhard Huettl, Janice Swoboda, Lee Holloway, Johnny Thomas, Dan Diliberti, Lee Rymer, Lonnie Wolf, Cindy Wisinski, Peter Hansen, Russ Podzilni, Randy Tatur, Herb Tennies, James Dwyer, Mark Harris, Alice Connors, Keith Langenhahn, Gus Wirth, Dick Koeppen, and Allen Buechel. **EXCUSED:** Del Twidt. **STAFF:** Mark D. O'Connell, Lyn Bradstreet, J. Michael Blaska, Jon Hochkammer, John Reinemann, Brenda Brown Swenson, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, and David Callender. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Roy de la Rosa, Milwaukee County Intergovernmental Relations and Julie Heuvelman, Calumet County Planning Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Board and others present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by WIRTH, second by CONNORS, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

WELCOME: Michael Vandersteen, Sheboygan County Board Chair, welcomed the Board to Sheboygan County and the city of Elkhart Lake, home of Road America. Elkhart Lake is a major tourism destination. In 2010 Sheboygan County launched its new Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation. He thanked Allen Buechel, Fond du Lac County Executive, for his efforts in this new endeavor and expressed his appreciation for WCA holding its meeting here and for the work WCA does for the Wisconsin's Counties. Adam Payne, Sheboygan County Administrator thanked the WCA staff and Board of Directors for their leadership. He also thanked County Executive Buechel for his leadership in creating the Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation. Thanks to the efforts of WCA staff, their budget papers highlighted the needs of county government. Thanks to their leadership the Association has become much more effective.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Buechel reported that the County Ambassador Program (CAP) day initiated by past president Alice Connors, was very successful, with excellent speakers and a chance for everyone to meet with their legislators. Allen met with Representative Ziegelbauer and Department of Human Services Secretary Kitty Rhoades on family care. They discussed modifications to make more effective and efficient. A consortium for family care is in the works. He has attended the WCA Taxation & Finance, Health & Human Services and the Environment & Land Use Steering Committee meetings. He encouraged members to sign-up for the 2011-2012 steering committees.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mark D. O'Connell reported that the WCA Board of Directors meeting agenda will be sent to all county clerks for posting. Madison has been consumed by the state budget and recalls due to collective bargaining. The Joint Committee on Finance has begun its work on the budget. The state budget is likely to be done by early June shortly after the budget estimates become available in late May. As collective bargaining is still in the court, it could be injected into the budget as an amendment on the floor of the assembly. The majority caucuses are not expected to submit any amendments. WCA lobbyists are working with the fiscal bureau to include our suggestions on their papers as options. Fiscal bureau papers are an important tool to open up the door for conversations. Everything in Madison is budget and election news. WCA does not get involved in elections and has not commented specifically.

Mr. Harris and Mr. Thomas expressed their concerns about the Voter Identification bill. A lengthy discussion ensued. Johnny Thomas moved and Mark Harris seconded, to send written communication to the legislature opposing the Voter Identification bill and the transfer of transit funds to the general fund. Motion failed.

PRESENTATION:

a. Progress on Budget Repair Bill Consortium - Andy Phillips, Phillips Borowski, SC: Attorney Phillips presented a powerpoint presentation to the Board. Phillips detailed and outlined multiple scenarios regarding how the Budget Repair Bill would effect counties.

ASSOCIATION ISSUES:

a. Consideration of Presidential Appointments to 2011 WCA Audit Committee: Motion by SWOBODA, second by CONNORS, to confirm the Presidential Appointments of Dick Koeppen, Keith Langenhahn, Allen Buechel, Dave Albrecht, Ann Greenheck, Lance Pliml, Randy Tatur, Steve Rasmussen, Tom Pringle and Jill Billings as the 2011 Audit Committee. Motion carried.

b. Consideration of Presidential Appointments to 2011 WCA Resolution Committee: Motion by HUETTL, second by KOEPPEN, to confirm the Presidential Appointments of Gus Wirth, George Bousley, Phil Idsvoog, Bill Barribeau, Brad Karger, DuWayne Federwitz, Daniel Stoffel, John Tramburg, Russ Podzilni, Janice Swoboda, Tom Widener, James Dwyer, Russell Clark, Doug Finn, Bob Kopisch, Colleen Bates, Daryl Standafer, Margaret Wood, Ernest Vold, Steve Rasmussen, and Johnny Thomas as the 2011 Resolutions Committee. Motion carried.

c. Consideration of Association Pick-up of Employee Retirement Contribution Pursuant to IRC§ 414(h)(2): Motion by LANGENHAHN, second by DWYER, to adopt WCA Resolution 2011-01 which states as follows: 1) Pursuant to Code section 414(h)(2), the Board, on behalf of the Wisconsin Counties Association, hereby elects to pick up all contributions designated as employee contributions that its covered employees owe to the Wisconsin Retirement System ("WRS"); 2) Pursuant to this Resolution, all contributions that are designated as employee contributions to WRS will be paid by the Association in accordance with the rules of Code section 414(h)(2). These pick up contributions will be withheld from employee wages as a condition of employment with no individual discretion by employees to have some other amount withheld or to have no amount withheld; and 3) The effective date of this Resolution shall be May 6, 2011, and contributions to WRS made prior to this date will not be subject to these provisions. Motion carried unanimously.

ISSUE PAPERS:

a. Consideration of Niagara/Escarpment Designation: Motion by CONNORS, second by WIRTH, to support legislation that designates the Niagara Escarpment as a protected area eligible for land conservation funding to purchase and preserve land along the Escarpment. Motion carried

b. Consideration of Setting Compensation for Constitutional Officials: Motion by HUETTL, second by WISINSKI, to urge that legislation be introduced to allow the county board the option of setting elected county officials' compensation annually, in conjunction with the annual budget, and consistent with the process for establishing the compensation for general county employees. The roll was called: Del Twidt excused; John Tramburg aye; John Hendrick nay; Colleen Bates aye; Howard Ludwigson aye; Erhard Huettl aye; Janice Swoboda aye; Lee Holloway nay; Johnny Thomas nay; Dan Diliberti nay; Lee Rymer aye; Lonnie Wolf nay; Cindy Wisinski aye; Peter Hansen aye; Russ Podzilni aye; Randy Tatur aye; Herb Tennies aye; James Dwyer nay; Mark Harris abstain; Alice Connors aye; Keith Langenhahn aye; Gus Wirth, Jr. aye; Dick Koeppen aye; Allen Buechel abstain. There were one excused, fifteen ayes, six nays; and two abstained, motion carried.

c. Consideration of Income Maintenance Administration Model: Motion by LUDWIGSON, second by SWOBODA, to support the development and creation of an income maintenance alternative model that:

- Utilizes state, county and private staff;
- Provides income maintenance services through the creation of county-defined consortia;
- Maintains at least one physical (face to face) location in each county; and
- Maintains county tax levy for use by an individual county/consortia.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW: Randy Tatur has concerns regarding the states recycling program which will only be funded by approximately 80% for 2011.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by WIRTH, second by KOEPPEN, to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.