



## WCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 1, 2018

Blue Harbor Resort & Conference Center  
Sheboygan, WI

### MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Lance Pliml called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Colleen Bates, Allen Buechel, Alice Connors, Paul Decker (via conference call), Jonathan Delagrave, Kurt Gibbs, Sherri Hawkins, Staci Hoffman, Tara Johnson, Willie Johnson, Jr., Cindy Joosten (via conference call), Dick Koeppen, Mary Kolar, Robert Kopisch, Marty Krueger, Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. (via conference call), Scott McDonell, Lance Pliml, Troy Streckenbach, Paul Susienka, Sequanna Taylor, Donald Taylor, Thomas Wegner, John West, and Gus (Sandy) Wirth, Jr. **EXCUSED:** David Frohling and James Tripp. **WCA STAFF:** Mark D. O'Connell, Lynda Bradstreet, Kyle Christianson, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Michael Lamont, Keith Langenhahn, Dale Knapp, and Amy Dias. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Andy Phillips, von Briesen & Roper, s.c.; Cory Roeseler, Sheboygan County; Stacey Johnson, Oneida County; Ellen Schleicher, Sheboygan County; Andie Close, Langlade County; Nancy Rhode, Oconto County; Paul Ehrfurth, Oconto County; and Sara Buschman, Susan Brown, David Pawlisch, and Mark Staff, Wisconsin Department of Administration.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Board of Directors and others present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WELCOME:** Thomas Wegner, Sheboygan County Board Chair, welcomed members of the board to Sheboygan County, known for being the world's seventh best destination for golf. Mr. Wegner introduced Sheboygan County Register of Deeds Ellen Schleicher and Sheriff Cory Roeseler.

**INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Colleen Bates, Eau Claire County; Allen Buechel, Fond du Lac County; Alice Connors, Calumet County; Paul Decker, Waukesha County (via conference call); Jonathan Delagrave, Racine County; Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County; Sherri Hawkins, Green County; Staci Hoffman, Jefferson County; Tara Johnson, La Crosse County; Willie Johnson, Jr., Milwaukee County; Cindy Joosten, Wood County (via conference call); Dick Koeppen, Waupaca County; Mary Kolar, Dane County;

Robert Kopisch, Price County; Marty Krueger, Sauk County; Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Milwaukee County (via conference call); Scott McDonell, Dane County; Lance Pliml, Wood County; Troy Streckenbach, Brown County; Paul Susienka, Bayfield County; Sequanna Taylor, Milwaukee County; Donald Taylor, Burnett County; Thomas Wegner, Sheboygan County; John West, Adams County; and Gus (Sandy) Wirth, Jr., Ozaukee County took the Oath of Office.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Vice-Chair Pliml asked all board members and guests to introduce themselves.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Vice-Chair Pliml turned the gavel over to Second Vice-Chair Allen Buechel.

- a. Chair: Second Vice-Chair Allen Buechel opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Alice Connor nominated Lance Pliml. Colleen Bates nominated Mary Kolar. Both candidates addressed the board. Second Vice-Chair Buechel appointed Andrew Phillips, Lynda Bradstreet and Amy Dias as ballot clerks. Lance Pliml was elected Chair.
- b. Vice-Chair: Chair Pliml opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Thomas Wegner nominated Allen Buechel. Motion by Bates, second by West, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Allen Buechel. Motion carried.
- c. Second Vice-Chair: Chair Pliml opened the floor for nominations for Second Vice-Chair. Scott McDonell nominated Colleen Bates. Motion by D. Taylor, second by Connors, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Colleen Bates. Motion carried.
- d. Secretary-Treasurer: Chair Pliml opened the floor for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Kurt Gibbs nominated Marty Krueger. Motion by Hawkins, second by Connors, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Marty Krueger. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Wirth, Jr., second by Johnson, Jr., to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** Chair Pliml thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as chair and recognized outgoing Chair Gregg Moore as he prepares to hike the Appalachian Trail.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mark D. O'Connell congratulated the newly-elected board. Mr. O'Connell reported on the following topics: WCA District Meetings and county election statistics; County Officials Workshop training; County Board Chairs Forum scheduled for July 30-31, 2018; introduction of new staff member Dale Knapp,

who was the chief contributor to The Green Book, a new publication focusing on county facts and figures; amendment to the Mining 101 Handbook; juvenile corrections; and the White House visit and briefing with over 100 Wisconsin officials in attendance.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** WCA Director of Government Affairs Kyle Christianson reported on the following topics: Legislative Council Study Committees; meetings with agency secretaries; WCA Juvenile Corrections Forum; webinar on Chapter 980 placements; Dark Stores; and the Wisconsin Supreme Court public hearing regarding the hourly rate of court-appointed attorneys.

**NACo DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Kurt Gibbs reported on the WIR Conference, NACo board orientation, Stepping Up Initiative, and NACo's iCivics Program.

**PRESENTATION: LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND:** Sara Buschman, Administrator; David Pawlisch, Director, Bureau of Community Development; and Mark Staff, Grants Specialist-Advanced Lead, Division of Energy from the Housing and Community Resources, Wisconsin Department of Administration provided a presentation on the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund.

**BOARD ORIENTAION:**

- a. Mark O'Connell reviewed the WCA Board of Directors Handbook provided to all board members.
- b. Mark O'Connell reviewed with board members all the programs in which WCA has an interest.
- c. Andrew Phillips provided a presentation on board roles and responsibilities.

**ASSOCIATION ISSUES:**

- a. Consideration of Chair's Appointments to the 2018 Resolutions Committee. Motion by D. Taylor, second by Kopish, to approve the appointment of Jennifer Rotherstein, Ozaukee County; Steven Anderson, Pepin County; and Robert Weidner, Kewaunee County to the 2018 Resolutions Committee. Motion carried.
- b. Consideration of Appointment to Public Finance Authority Board. Motion by D. Taylor, second by Kopish, to approve the appointment of William Kacvinski, to the Public Finance Authority Board, for a three-year term expiring May 31, 2021. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED:** None

**ADJOURN:** Chair Pliml adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.