

WISCONSIN COUNTY HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, July 21, 2008
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**Best Western Midway Hotel
2901 Martin Avenue
Wausau, WI**

2008

*****MINUTES*****

- I.) **Call to Order, Roll Call of Board Members** - Chairman, Charlie Rayala Vilas, Co called the meeting to order and requested introductions as well as passed the attendance sheet around for people to sign (attached to original minutes). Chairman Rayala presented the agenda and requested possible items for the next meeting. Motion to approve agenda as presented made by J. Holub, Sheboygan Co, 2nd by M. Hemp, Jackson Co. Motion Passed.
- II.) **Review and Approve Minutes from June Board Meeting** – Motion to approve the minutes from the June 2008 Board meeting as presented to the Board made by K. Pesch Washington Co. 2nd, J. Holub, Sheboygan Co. Motion Passed.
- III.) **Treasurer’s Report** – T. Ramberg, St. Croix Co., reviewed the treasurer’s report. Motion to approve made by J. Holub Sheboygan Co., 2nd by M. Hemp, Jackson Co. Motion Passed.
- IV.) **Update 2008 patrolman’s & Superintendents Conference Planning**–. DJ Fedderly updated the group on the current planning status of the conference, all seems to be moving along good and the preliminary agenda seems okay with good topics, the agenda has been sent to the board prior for their review.
- V.) **WCHA scholarship program update** – DJ Fedderly updated the group on the WCHA scholarship program status, with 6 awards made 3 - \$1000 and 3 - \$500. G. Kennedy is currently arranging to meet the applicants to award in person with the WCHA executive committee. T. Ramberg has cut the checks as reflected in the financial report.
- VI.) **Consider Invasive Species Legislation status** – WCHA Secretary A. Geurts reported on the proposed invasive species legislation and the proposed action plan by WCHA. Al encouraged everyone to attend one of the scheduled hearings around the state as well as provide input to the BMP group at WCHA.
- VII.) **Consider WisDOT STH Maintenance issues** – DJ Fedderly updated the group on recent discussions with Dave Vieth. Due to the extensive flooding and resultant work in this department, Dave has requested to be on the next board agenda to review the current status of the STH maintenance funds and schedule for 2009 RMA’s.
- VIII.) **Consider LRSC GTA Incentive proposal** – M. Forlenza updated the group on the LRSC GTA proposal and indicated that based on the feedback from leadership of the Transportation Associations in Wisconsin. WisDOT is not proposing any GTA incentives in the next WisDOT budget proposal.

XI.) **Discuss Status of US Forest Service bridges to the local bridge program** – M. Forlenza distributed an information packet to the board indicating state law does not allow forest service bridges to be funded out of the local bridge program. There is no WisDOT effort at this time to change state law. WisDOT has requested additional direction from FHWA.

X.) **Discuss 2010-2011 Local Program Status** –

- Review current federal program status and future program cycles. - M. Forlenza reviewed the current local program schedule and status. Current indications are that there may not be any additional federal funds with as much as a 30% reduction to Wisconsin. Current solicitation is planned for January 2009 for 2011-2014 program.
- Review current LRIP Program Status and proposed changes- M. Forlenza reviewed the current status of the trans206 re-write and the efforts regarding the WCHA technical advisory committee. Goal to have clear rule draft out by end of July. Mary also updated the group on approval or allowing pug mill vs. cold mix vs. hot mix.

XI.) **Consider Legislative review** –

1. WCHA Transportation resolutions
2. WCA Conference review
3. Floodplain management issues

M. Groves-Batiza updated the group on current WCA activities and the WCA transportation steering committee meeting schedule, possible constitutional amendments to firewall the transportation fund, and the upcoming WCA conference, along with WCHA/WCA efforts that relate to DNR/County flood plain management and a meeting with DNR on 08/27/08

XII.) **Executive Director's activities** – DJ Fedderly updated the board on the following:

1. NACo Legislative Policy review and possible WCHA adoption
2. TDA Sponsorships – fall funding summit, TDA fly-in schedule
3. NACo Conference Attendance review – waters of the US position and support
4. WCHA Directory update is in process to be ready by winter conference
5. Summer Conference wrap up - all is final we should receive funds shortly
6. Winter Conference 2009 planning timeline – WE are currently looking at possible topics for the agenda

XIII) **Any other business for discussion only** – K. Pesch asked when should commissioner members to the board be elected. (this fall before Jan 2009). K. Pesch informed the board that the WisDOT compass committee.. is looking for a commissioner member. Ken volunteered. With Board support.

M. Servi reported on the NACE board of directors meeting. In Kansas City at the NACO conference.

XIV.) **Select Next Meeting Date & Location** – Wausau, August 18th, 9:30am

XV.) **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn. Motion approved.