



Intercounty Coordinating Committee

Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Marquette & Sauk Counties
ICC Minutes for 4/20/2009
West Square Building, Baraboo, WI

ICC Participants: **Columbia County** –John Tramburg, Debra Wopat, Bob Westby;
Dodge County – Russell Kottke, Ray Seaholm, Jeff Hoffman; **Green Lake County** – Orrin Helmer, Jason Kauffeld, Dan Priske; **Jefferson County** – Steve Nass, Steve Grabow; **Marquette County** – Marty Havlovic, Brian Miller; **Sauk County** –Jen Erickson, Paul Endres; **WCA** – John Reinemann; **State Representatives** – Ed Brooks - Representative 50th Assembly District, **Other Guests** - Karna Hanna, Sauk County Development Corporation; Greg Lawless, Thrive; Mark Olson, Renaissance Farm

Call to Order @ 9:30 a.m. by ICC Chair Russell Kottke

Certification of Open Meeting Notice

The Secretary confirmed that the requirements of the WI Open Meetings Law were met.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Green Lake, second by Columbia County to approve the agenda. Approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Sauk County, second by Dodge County to approve the minutes of the March 2009 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee. Approved.

Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials

Representative Brooks

- Representative Brooks addressed questions regarding state budget cuts to Health and Human Services and legislation on prevailing wage.

Wisconsin Counties Association Update

John Reinemann/Legislative Director

- Thanked ICC members for contacting their state representatives.
- Many stakeholders are upset with the Governor's proposed budget.
- WCA has taking a more proactive lobbying effort and they feel they are making progress because some cuts may be restored (including money back to social services).
- More state funds will be distributed to Milwaukee.
- Democrats want a quick budget with support from Republicans.
- The E911 surcharge on cell phones (\$25million) will be including in shared revenue dollars.
- PACE is an emerging program with many issues.
- The PSC would like to see a bill on wind and solar ordinances that support these renewable energy sources.
- Also discussed who receives the carbon credits for wind farms.

Open Discussion of County Issues - None

Program: Regional Food Opportunities Presented by Lawless and Olson.

- Presented an overview of Thrive including the work plan for the agriculture sector.
- Lawless will focus on regional food emphasizing the role of local groceries.
- Lawless identified the following goals and strategies to grow a regional food system in the South Central Wisconsin:
 - 1 million in new sales (local foods)
 - Focus on food distribution
 - Utilize existing marketing resources like “Something Special from Wisconsin” and www.localdirt.com.
 - Build the local food supply chain

Open Discussion of County Issues - None

Adjourn @ 11:35 a.m. approved by Green Lake and Dodge

Respectfully submitted,

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