

Annual Meeting of the **Wisconsin Utility Tax Association** held Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at the Esquire Club – Madison.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Oium at 11:02am.

Present:	City of Alma (2)	Town of Watertown	Jefferson County
	Village of Kronenwetter	Town of Neenah	Town of Lincoln
	Town of Two Creeks (2)	Town of Carlton (3)	Town of Genoa (3)
	Village of Genoa	Village of Pleasant Prairie	Lobbyist Jolene Plautz
	Administrative Assistant Marge Pearce		Guests (1)

2009-10 Membership lists a total of thirty-one (31) paid members. Background information as to the Village of Germantown (new member in 2010) was provided. 2009-10 Financial summary shows a total income of \$42,957.50 and expenditures of \$33,315.82. Motion Town Watertown, second Town Two Creeks to accept and approve the 2009-10 Annual Membership [31] and Financial Summary with a balance of \$9,641.82. Motion unanimously approved.

Lobbyist Jolene Plautz stated the Legislature will be completing its Sessions for this year no later than Thursday. Bills that are not addressed by closing will 'die' but could be re-introduced in the next Session. Though some are currently not 'dead' there is no assurance they will be addressed before the end of the session. She pointed out that there will be a new Governor at the next Session and could be a number of new Legislators.

- According to information received by Pearce, the PSC Committee assigned the task of writing the wind power rules has held only one meeting to-date. No further information was available.
- AB49 and SB450 Green Jobs / Global Warming Bill is on the calendar for Thursday.
- LRB4309 has become AB309 re Waste Storage Fund and will not be addressed this session. The Bill is actually in two parts: (1) to change the formula for dry cask storage payments to municipalities and (2) to mandate the companies pay for outside storage. Plautz will have it re-introduced in the next Session but will wait to see what the election outcomes are before recommending a procedure.
- Reversing current determination of wind turbine payments of 2/3 county and 1/3 municipality 'died'.

Village of Genoa raised a question [based on information [LRB 0039/p1 referring to WI Stat 79.04(4)(a) received from Representative Nerison's office] about the payments for dry cask storage when five casks are moved to the Town of Genoa. The provisions were not introduced as or part of the WUTA Bill and do not appear to have been included in AB309. Plautz will research to determine where they came from and if they are part of AB309.

Village of Pleasant Prairie asked if any proposals have been received from other communities regarding the siting of generation towers in Lake Michigan. Not to the knowledge of anyone present.

Weston has indicated they will bring suit against the Village of Rothschild regarding utility payments. Facilities in that area cross the borders of Weston, Rothschild and the Village of Kronenwetter.

Wisconsin Generation Report [received from the Dept of Revenue] as of February 18, 2010 was reviewed.

Proposed Windpower in Wisconsin Report [obtained from RENEW Wisconsin website] was reviewed. It was noted the Patten Energy project in Manitowoc Co is dead but may have been taken up by another developer. Projects in Mishicot and Casco are reportedly in litigation.

Jean Murphy, representative from the Town of Beloit and member of the WUTA Board of Directors, retired as of April 1, 2010.

Current compensation of the two paid personnel was reviewed and discussed. Motion Town Genoa, second Village of Pleasant Prairie to increase the compensation of Lobbyist Jolene Plautz from \$2,100 per month to \$2,200 per month. And, the compensation of Administrative Assistant Marge Pearce from \$400 per month to \$500 per month. Motion carried with one vote in opposition.

Motion Town Watertown, second Jefferson County to elect George Kruck, Town of Genoa, to the WUTA Board of Directors for term April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Unanimously approved.

Motion Town of Two Creeks, second Town of Lincoln to re-appoint the following representatives to the Board of Directors for April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010: Robert Oium – City of Alma, Buffalo County; Mike Pollocoff – Village of Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha County; Lee Engelbrecht – Town of Two Creeks Manitowoc County; Ken Papham – Town of Carlton, Kewaunee County; Richard Gimler – Town of Watertown, Jefferson County; Greg Torres – Jefferson County; Arlin Monfils – Town of Lincoln, Kewaunee County; Jan DeKeyser – Town of Neenah, Winnebago County. Unanimously approved.

Motion Town of Neenah, second Town of Carlton to re-elect Robert Oium as WUTA Chair and Mike Pollocoff as Vice-Chair for the term April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Unanimously approved.

Motion Town of Watertown, second Town of Two Creeks to elect Jan DeKeyser as Secretary/Treasurer for the term April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Unanimously approved.

2011 Annual Meeting will be held on April 20, 2011.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45am

Marge Pearce
WUTA Administrative Assistant
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