

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Wisconsin Utility Tax Association**  
**Held at the Esquire Club – 1025 North Sherman, Madison, WI**  
**Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 11 AM**  
*(due to inclement weather, date changed from 4/20 to 4/27)*

Present:           City of Alma (2)           Town of Carlton (3)  
                  Town of Two Creeks (2)   Town of Brillion (2)  
                  Town of Paris (1)       Town of Wheaton (1)  
                  Town of Genoa (2)       Town of Neenah (1)  
                  Town of Watertown (1)   Jefferson County (1)  
                  Town of Morrison (1)   Village of Pleasant Prairie (1)  
                  Lobbyist Jolene Plautz

Meeting called to order at 11 AM by Chairman Bob Oium. Roll call was taken by sign-in.

Motion by R. Gimler (Watertown), second by V. Gentz (Paris), to approve the **meeting minutes** of November 17, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2011 **membership** list provided via email prior to the meeting was reviewed. It is noted we have 31 members and all have paid their 2011 dues.

Motion by L. Engelbrecht (Two Creeks), second by K. Poplham (Carlton) to accept the 2010-11 **Financial Status** Summary as prepared by Marge Pearce. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no report on the **Wisconsin Generation Construction** Report other than to review the hand-out dated 2/18/10. J. Plautz reported that the **Wind Siting Rules** are drafted, but are in need of co-signers, and there could be changes.

R. Oium advised the **WUTA By-Laws** we have been operating with have been around since perhaps the beginning of the Association and were in need of updating. The committee consisting of he, Jan DeKeyser, Mike Polocoff and Marge Pearce made recommended changes and copies were provided to the membership via email for today's meeting. He noted some things we have done have been outside of the by-laws which generated the need for clean-up and to recognize what we have actually been doing for the last 10-12 years. K. Poplham asked if we were paying Jan for substituting for Marge today (answer: no) and asked if we need both Marge and Jan. J. DeKeyser advised it would be difficult for her to take on another assignment at this time as she is currently a town board supervisor, park board chairman, sanitary district administrator, and on two board of directors. She advised she is pleased to accommodate WUTA needs when Marge is absent, but to be responsible for what Marge does would be time-consuming, particularly keeping track of activity coming from Madison, learning past history, and searching the "web" for appropriate emails to send the membership. Motion by R. Gimler, second by L. Engelbrecht, to accept the By-Laws of the Wisconsin Utility Tax Association as revised. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote with one absent.

**Elections** – Motion by K. Poplham, second by T. Christensen (Morrison), to elect Jan DeKeyser for Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by L. Engelbrecht, second by R. Gimler, to elect Mike Pollocoff for Vice President. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by L. Engelbrecht, second by G. Kruck (Genoa), to elect Bob Oium for President. Motion carried unanimously.

**Compensation** – J. Plautz stated she did not feel a raise was justified for her due to the way the economy is at this time. Motion by L. Engelbrecht, second by V. Gentz to pay J. Plautz at the rate of \$2,200 per month, plus expenses, for 2010-11. Motion carried unanimously. Due to the previous conversation (above under By-Laws) regarding need for an administrative assistant and a secretary/treasurer, R. Oium called for a vote on keeping the administrative assistant position. Motion by M. Pollocoff, second by T. Christensen, to retain the administrative assistant position. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by R. Gimler, second by K. Poplham, to leave the pay for M. Pearce the same. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Plautz introduced Assembly Representatives Andre Jacque and Mark Honadel. The following legislative points were made by the three of them:

- Removing the utility payment from shared revenue became more of an exercise than anyone anticipated. A Bill has been drafted by Representative Andre Jacque, which is currently seven pages long. Removing words from the budget line presents a risk of losing money due to some of the suggested wording that has come up. It has been complicated and the seven pages makes people think there is something hidden. She is recommending we not move forward with this Bill until she is confident it will be the way we want it to be.
- The Wind Bill changing the payment to 1/3 payment to the County and 2/3 payment to the local municipality is being drafted. We are encouraged to ask our legislators to sign on.
- The exact same bill as we had the last time regarding dry cask storage will come forward. This affects a small number of legislators state-wide. Removing the cap entirely appears to be something we will have the ability to accomplish. She stated an email will be sent asking for help calling to get co-authors. She will check with the fiscal bureau when it comes out and will relay information to Genoa.
- Lifting the moratorium on nuclear energy was moving along until the recent events in Japan slowed it down considerably, if not halting the efforts altogether until fall. The timeline is currently uncertain.  
L. Engelbrecht advised it takes 13-17 years to get a nuclear plant up and running.
- Getting cell phone service to all areas of Wisconsin is a necessity. The telecom industry is ready for some type of telecommunications action. Power line siting will be an issue due to DNR and environmental issues.
- Rep. Honadel stated the economy and energy is their committee's focus. He anticipates no big changes. All aspects of energy are on the table. What gets the job done in Wisconsin is the focus. Biomass is also on the table, albeit very expensive. He stated the wind blows only 27% of the time in Wisconsin, making him question how viable is wind energy. His mission is: Low Cost, Good Reliable Energy, and it must be Sustainable.
- J. Plautz will help Genoa with drafting a Bill, hearings, getting it to the floor, etc., when an agreement has been reached between the Town and Village of Genoa.
- Questions followed regarding prevailing wage, tipping fees, and other issues not specifically related to WUTA.

J. Plautz will be requesting our membership to testify and help with some of the Bills coming up. She recommends a WUTA meeting prior to the September 28 date only if necessary. If so, it will be by call of the Chairman. She will have someone from Fiscal Bureau speak to us at the September meeting.

There being no other old or new business, motion by R. Gimler at 12:50 PM to adjourn. Second by K. Poplham. Motion carried unanimously. The next meeting of the Wisconsin Utility Tax Association is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at the Esquire Club, Madison.

Jan DeKeyser, Secretary  
(in absence of Marge Pearce)

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