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### MINUTES

Friday, December 3, 2021

Wisconsin Counties Association  
Madison, Wisconsin

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Goehring called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** William Goehring, Sheboygan County; Thomas Rosenberg, Marathon County; Walt Christensen, Jefferson County; Mark Wadium, Outagamie County, Lee Engelbrecht, Manitowoc County; Ray Ransom, Jackson County; Sonya Hansen, Buffalo County; Vern Koch, Sheboygan County; Robert Keeney, Grant County; Charlene Kervina, Chippewa County; Roger Call, Vernon County; Vern Gove, Columbia County; Donna Kalata, Waushara County; John Kriefall, Washington County. **WCA STAFF:** Kyle Christianson and Chelsea Fibert. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Alice O'Connor, Constituency Services Inc; James Boullion, Renew Wisconsin; Jason Mugnaini, Senator Rob Cowles' Office.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Rosenberg, second by Engelbrecht to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bob Keeney, WCUTA Treasurer, shared a dues update with the board, discussed the financial status of the association and discussed the meetings taking place to transition WCUTA's financials to WCA. Motion by Rosenberg, second by Christensen to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Alice discussed the transition for her retirement and strategic efforts that are in place to have WCA take over administrative duties. She discussed the status of certain legislation and the efforts she has taken to push WCUTA's legislative agenda forward. Alice pledged to work with WCA and the new lobbyist before the end of the year to result in a smooth transition of duties.

**SOLAR UPDATE:** Jason Mugnaini, Chief of Staff for Senator Rob Cowles, discussed legislation with the board related to solar programs and granting rule-making authority (SB 490 & SB 522). He shared the status of the legislation and discussed the impacts that this legislation would have if passed.

#### MEMBER COUNTIES

ASHLAND	CRAWFORD	GRANT	JUNEAU	MANITOWOC	OCONTO	SAUK	WASHBURN
BUFFALO	DOUGLAS	GREEN	KENOSHA	MARATHON	OZAUKEE	SHEBOYGAN	WASHINGTON
CHIPPEWA	DUNN	JACKSON	KEWAUNEE	MARINETTE	PEPIN	TREMPEALEAU	WAUSHARA
COLUMBIA	FOREST	JEFFERSON	LA CROSSE	MARQUETTE	ROCK	VERNON	WOOD

**RENEW WISCONSIN UPDATE:** Jim Bouillon, Director of Government Relations at Renew Wisconsin discussed the status of solar projects and legislation that has been introduced to create more incentives toward renewable energy. He shared his thoughts on current legislation and how the association can play a role in pushing efforts at the state level.

**WCA UPDATE:** Kyle Christianson spoke to the board about the current legislature and their focus on redistricting. He shared his advice for the board to work on a bill draft with the new lobbyist in the first quarter of 2022 and start pushing the legislation throughout the year. Kyle reported that WCA is focusing on the benefits of using local workers on solar projects and the economic benefits explained in Forward Analytics' new report *Capturing the Sun*. Kyle suggested Dale Knapp, Director of Research and Analytics at WCA give a report at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting date for the WCUTA Board of Directors is scheduled for January 21, 2022 at the WCA office.

**ADJOURNED**