

COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 31, 2022

Executive Committee

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Wineke at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Joan Fitzgerald, Steve Nass, Blane Poulson, Brandon White, Michael Wineke

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator, J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel, Matt Zangl, Zoning Director; Patricia Cicero, Land and Water Conservation Director, Supervisor Anita Martin; Victor Karaliunis, Kim Naber.

Others Present via ZOOM: Sarana Stolar, Corporation Counsel; Supervisor Joan Callan; Supervisor Walt Christensen.

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review of Agenda

No changes.

5. Public Comment

Victor Karaliunis spoke in favor of WCA Resolutions 5, 6, 7; Anita Martin spoke in favor of WCA Resolutions 3, 6, 7, 13, She mentioned that WCA recommended Resolution 5 be postponed indefinitely but she would like to see it should go forward; Kim Naber said her farm is CAFO, requires clean water and they do what is needed to protect the environment.

6. Written Comment

Janet Foust provided written comment in support of WCA Resolutions 5,6,7

Leslie Ott provided written comment in support of WCA Resolutions 5,6,7

7. Approval of the June 29, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Fitzgerald/Poulson to approve the June 29, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Approval of July 20, 2022 Joint Committee minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Poulson/Fitzgerald to approve the July 20 2022 Joint Committee minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Approval of August 13, 2022 County Board meeting minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by White/Poulson to approve the August 13, 2022 Joint Committee minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Discussion and possible action related to next steps following joint meeting concerning CAFOs and other agriculture operations

Wehmeier said that staff met after the last meeting and are looking for guidance for next steps. Staff suggested that a set of questions be brought to the related committees, including Planning and Zoning, Land and Water Conservation, Board of Health, Executive and Solid Waste Committees. The committee supports this approach. The No action taken.

11. Discussion and possible recommendations on 2022 Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Resolutions

- Resolution 1 – Opposing Pending Legislation That Would Make Changes to the State Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. (Adopt)
- Resolution 2 – Encouraging Changes to State Legislation Allowing for an Increased Number of State Meat Processors (Indefinitely Postpone) Support if brought back
- Resolution 3 – Enacting Stronger Regulations to Limit the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (Adopt as Amended)
- Resolution 4 – Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population and Requesting Revision to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Wolf Management Plan (Indefinitely Postpone)
- Resolution 5 – Authorizing a Countywide Advisory Referendum on Clean Water Now for Wisconsin (Indefinitely Postpone) Support if brought back
- Resolution 6 – Urging the State of Wisconsin to Adequately Fund State Agencies Regarding CAFO Regulations to Protect Groundwater and Air Quality (Adopt)
- Resolution 7 – Supporting a Change in State Regulations and Legislation to Require Meaningful Local Input in the Siting of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) (Adopt as amended)
- Resolution 8 – Supporting Increased County Child Support Funding (Adopt as amended)
- Resolution 9 – Restructuring of Community Support Programs (CSP) for Mental Health and Substance Abuse (Adopt as amended)
- Resolution 10 – Advocating for County Supervision Options for Public Safety (Adopt)
- Resolution 11 – Addressing the Statewide District Attorney Staffing Crisis (Adopt)
- Resolution 12 – Supporting Changes in State Regulations and Legislation to Support Emergency Medical Services in Rural Areas (Refer to Board of Directors) Support if brought back
- Resolution 13 – Urging State Elected Officials to Use Expected 2021-2023 Budget Surplus to Fund Rural Fire and Ambulance Emergency Services (Adopt)
- Resolution 14 – Supporting the Need for Statewide Efforts for Enhanced Regulation and Enforcement Prohibiting Puppy Mills (Indefinitely Postpone)
- Resolution 15 – Supporting the American Police Officer (Adopt)
- Resolution 16 – Requesting that the State Legislature Modify Levy Limits (Adopt)
- Resolution 17 – Imploring the State of Wisconsin to Increase State Shared Revenues and State Highway Aids for Richland County (Adopt)
- Resolution 18 – Supporting Counties During Labor and Housing Shortages (Refer to Board of Directors) Support if brought back
- Resolution 19 – Supporting Pending Legislation that Would Allow the University of Wisconsin Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project (MIA Recovery Project) to Request the Joint Committee on Finance to Provide State Funding Allocations (Indefinitely Postpone) Support if brought back
- Resolution 20 – Requesting the State of Wisconsin Support the UW-Colleges to Where it Was Supporting Them in 2015 (Adopt)

- Resolution 21 – Conducting Additional Research on Chronic Wasting Disease to Improve Testing, Treatment, and Management Options (Adopt)
- Resolution 22 – Supporting the Continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program (Adopt)
- Resolution 23 – Supporting Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (Adopt)
- Resolution 24 – Supporting Medicaid Expansion (Adopt)
- Resolution 25 – Supporting Medicaid Expansion (Adopt)
- Resolution 26 – Supporting the Elimination of the BadgerCare Eligibility Cliff (Adopt)
- Resolution 27 – Requesting Elimination of BadgerCare Eligibility Cliff (Adopt)
- Resolution 28 – Supporting Legislation to Provide an Increase in Criminal and Ordinance Violation Surcharge Retained by the Clerk of Courts (Adopt)
- Resolution 29 – Requesting the State of Wisconsin Allow Counties to Impose a Sales Tax to Support County Government Services (Adopt)

12. Financial Reports

- Clerk of Courts
- Corporation Counsel
- County Administrator
- County Board
- County Clerk

Financial Reports were provided for review. No action taken.

13. County Administrator's monthly report

Wehmeier gave a verbal report highlighting the following: Securitization of Opioids Settlement, 2023 Budget, Watertown Regional Foundation - housing issues, Bug Tussel/Broadband, Rock River Free Clinic, Building Project, Debt Issuance, Economic Development Strategic Plan, Updating Intergovernmental Agreement, Revolving Loan Fund, Human Services Director search, Watertown Health Foundation purchased Bethesda in Watertown, Towns Association meeting to discuss Broadband, WMMIC Meetings, Dispatch/Fire Chief's Association meeting, Discover Wisconsin episode planned for September 7th. No action taken.

14. Discussion and possible action on tentative future meeting schedule and agenda items

September 28, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Items:

- Approval of August 31, 2022 Executive Committee minutes
- Approval of September 13, 2022 County Board minutes
- Follow up discussion on CAFO
- Report from Supervisor Poulson on WCA
- Financial Reports
- County Administrator's Monthly Report

15. Adjourn

Motion by Poulson/Nass to adjourn at 9:43 a.m. Motion passed 5-0.