



# Intercounty Coordinating Committee

Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Marquette, Sauk & Waushara Counties

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DATE:	Monday, August 15, 2022
TIME:	9:30 AM
PLACE:	Columbia County Board Room Administration Building 112 E Edgewater St., Portage, WI 53901

9:00 AM	Gathering
9:30 AM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order</li> <li>2. Pledge of Allegiance</li> <li>3. Certification of Open Meeting Notice</li> <li>4. Adoption of Agenda</li> <li>5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</li> <li>6. Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials</li> <li>7. Update of County Issues - WCA</li> </ol> <p><b>Program: "Rural Broadband Update, Perspectives and Best Practices"; Bill Esbeck, WI State Telecommunications Assn.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Open Discussion of County Issues</li> <li>9. Adjourn</li> </ol> <p><b>Mailing Address</b> UW-Extension, 127 E Oak Street, Juneau, WI 53039</p>

## **Intercounty Coordinating Committee – 8.15.2022**

The meeting was called to order by Tim McCumber at 9:30 a.m. Attendance is on the attached sheet.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the certification of open meeting notice was acknowledged.

The meeting's agenda was adopted as published.

Chair McCumber noted that he neglected to send out the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Ness and seconded by Polzer to table accepting minutes of previous meeting until next meeting. Motion carried.

A Report from Visiting Legislative Official, Senator Joan Ballweg, was given. See attached handout.

Update of County Issues – Wisconsin Counties Association by Daniel Bahr.

- Federal earmarks are being applied. Please contact Bahr if you have a project and he will help you through the process.
- WCA created a proactive legislative agenda and it includes:
  - Wisconsin County Forestry Association– would like more hours dedicated to county forests;
  - Utility Aids– counties (local governments) would like a bigger share of utility;
  - Establish Fee into transportation fund for transitioning from gas to electric vehicles; and
  - A study to take inventory of bridges which are 20 feet long or less in order to develop funding sources for repairs to these smaller bridges that are not eligible for STP dollars.

**Program: “Rural Broadband Update, Perspectives and Best Practices” by Bill Esbeck, WI State Telecommunications Association ([bill.esbeck@wsta.info](mailto:bill.esbeck@wsta.info))**

Bill Esbeck gave his presentation and it included a PowerPoint presentation. It is attached.

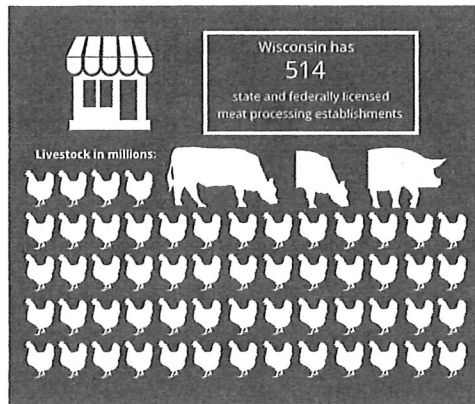
Next meetings are October 17, 2022 in Marquette County and December 19, 2022 in Jefferson County. The October program will be presented by Seth Lentz, CEO of Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin (WDBSCW). The December meeting topic will be Criminal Justice and Drug Treatment Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director, substitute secretary

# AGRICULTURE INVESTMENTS

As a small business owner in the agriculture industry, I was excited to be appointed chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Tourism. I also had the opportunity to lead my Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) colleagues in investments for this important industry during the budget process. Agriculture is the backbone of Wisconsin's economy and contributes over \$104 billion annually. This session, the legislature was successful in implementing and expanding programs that will have an industry-wide impact.



500 state and federally licensed meat processors. That might seem like a lot, however, our state is also home to a robust variety of livestock. In Wisconsin, there are approximately 1.4 million beef cattle, 732,000 hogs and 56 million chicken broilers across the state. Supporting this industry means producing more safe and high-quality Wisconsin meat products.

JFC provided \$400,000 in additional funding for the popular Dairy Processor Grant program. This program fosters innovation, makes investments to improve profitability and supports the long-term viability of Wisconsin's dairy processing facilities. Wisconsin is known as America's Dairyland, and this program helps ensure we are known for our dairy products for years to come.



**\$5 Million Over 5 Years**

I provided funding in the state budget and authored legislation which creates the structure for the Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports. This program will provide \$5 million over 5 years to increase agribusiness exports in important areas from cranberries to bovine genetics. In 2021, Wisconsin exported \$3.96 billion in agricultural and food products to 146 countries. This program will continue to increase stability and secure new market footholds for one of our most important industries.

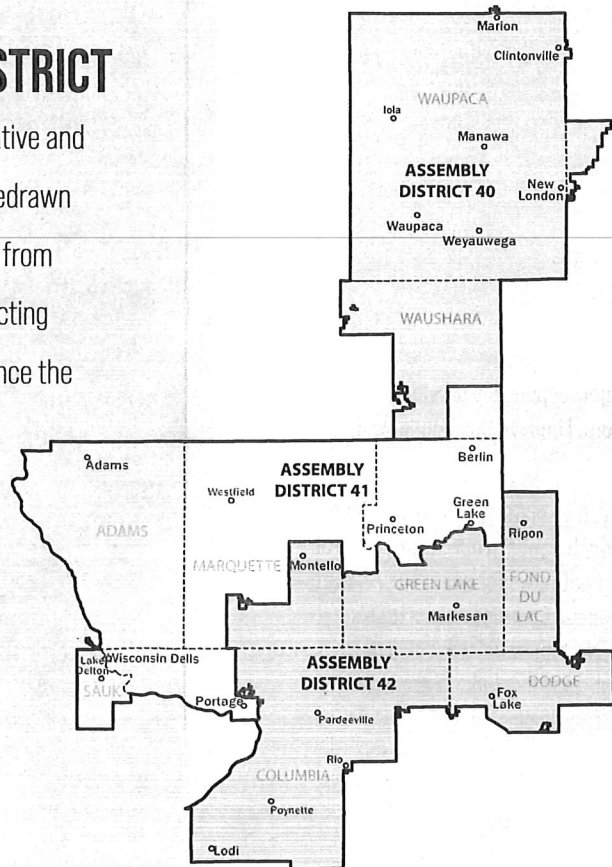
JFC allocated \$400,000 for a new Meat Processor Grant program. Wisconsin currently has just over

In previous years, I led a task force on suicide prevention which focused on supporting certain at-risk populations, including those who work in the agriculture industry. This session, JFC secured \$200,000 to support initiatives surrounding farmer mental health. One state-led resource for this community is the Wisconsin Farm Center which offers assistance with transition planning, financial consulting, herd-based diagnostics and farmer wellness services. They now have a 24/7 farmer wellness hotline which offers counseling vouchers and support groups.



## 14TH SENATE DISTRICT

Every ten years, local, legislative and congressional districts are redrawn to account for updated data from the U.S. Census Bureau reflecting changes in the population since the previous census. Here is a map of the 14th Senate District following recent redistricting, which will go into effect January of 2023.



# LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

The Wisconsin legislature was successful in accomplishing a lot of great things for our state. My office was busy this session and saw 21 pieces of legislation I authored signed into law, which:

### AGRICULTURE

- Wisconsin Initiative for Agriculture Exports
- Dairy Export Funding
- Farm Implement Transfer

Provide support to all sectors of Wisconsin's agriculture economy to increase our exports and international footprint. I also authored legislation that will make it easier for family farms to transfer important farm equipment without delay following a death.

### HOUSING

- Homeowners Associations
- Condominiums
- Private Roads
- Real Estate Disclosure Reports

Clarify our housing statutes and provide transparency to all parties.

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Annual Exchange of Financial Information
- Stipulated Legal Separations
- Name Change for Minors
- Safe Haven Instruction Requirements
- Contingent Placement

Protect our most vulnerable by clarifying court processes, provide educational materials to parents and create an avenue for a parent whose former partner has been convicted of a heinous crime to change their children's name.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

- Urban Search and Rescue
- Emergency Zones

Allow for additional protections for our first responders when they are responding to incidents on the side of the road. I also authored a bill which transforms Wisconsin's Structural Collapse Team into a nationally-designated Urban Search and Rescue Team. This designation enables them to respond to a wider variety of emergency situations.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Transportation Aids
- Non-Profit Sales Tax Exemption
- Room Tax Revenue
- Wisconsin Dells Tax Incremental District
- Department of Corrections Investigative Services (vetoed)

Support our local governments by reducing financial strain when performing necessary duties and incentivizing tourism to stimulate the local and state economy.

I had the opportunity to tour the Veterans Home at King with Department of Veteran Affairs Secretary Mary Kolar. It is important our state provides quality care to those who served our country.



I presented the Cambria Fire Department with a copy of our Urban Search and Rescue legislation. The Cambria Fire Department utilized the prior state Structural Collapse Team to assist in the response of the 2017 explosion at the Didion Milling plant.

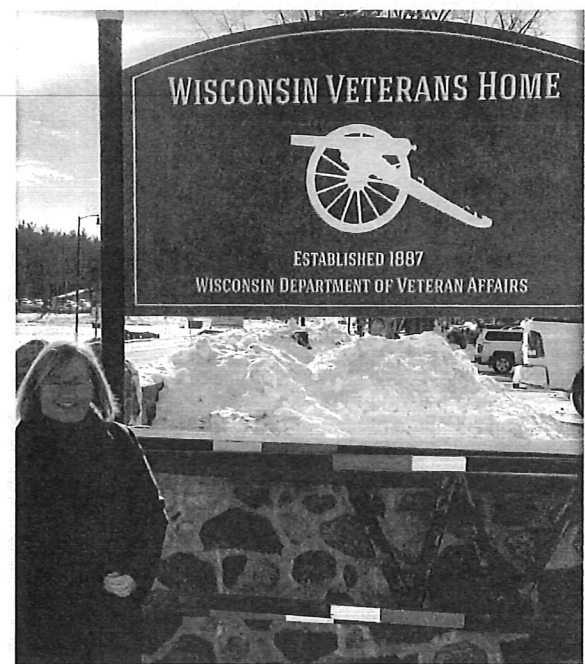
### EDUCATION

- Virtual Open Enrollment
- Open Enrollment Application Limit

Provide greater flexibility to students and their families to choose the school that best meets their needs.

### HEALTH

- Occupational Therapy Compact
- Authorize Wisconsin to join the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact, which provides more flexibility for practitioners and improved access for patients who require specialized care.



## OFFICE SERVICES

In addition to helping you advocate for policies and answering questions on proposals you may have, there are many other services my office can assist with, including:

- **Navigating State Programs:** From obtaining state licenses to applying for state grants, my office can connect you with departments to make sure you receive a timely response.
- **Meeting with 4th Grade Classes:** Students typically learn about state government in 4th grade. I enjoy meeting with classes that either visit the Capitol for tours or invite me to their classroom. Call my office to schedule a tour or presentation.
- **Joan Ballweg Leadership Scholarship:** Encouraging young leaders is something I am passionate about. Each year since I have been in elected office, I have offered a Joan Ballweg Leadership Scholarship to eligible high school seniors looking to continue their education. Look for applications around the New Year. The 2022 scholarship recipients were announced in May.
- **Internships/Job Shadowing:** High school or college students looking to gain state government job experience are welcome to contact my office for internship or job shadowing opportunities.
- **Senate Scholar Program:** The Wisconsin State Senate offers a competitive program for high school juniors and seniors called the Wisconsin Senate Scholars. This week-long intensive educational program allows students to receive a hands-on, close-up view of the Legislature's role in our democracy. The Senate Scholars gain experience working with Senators and legislative staff in diverse areas such as policy development, constituent relations and processing of legislation. Application materials for this program can be found at [www.senatescholar.com](http://www.senatescholar.com).
- **Citations:** My office can help you commemorate events like Eagle Scout presentations, business milestones or retirements.
- **State Flags:** For a fee, my office can order official U.S. or Wisconsin flags for your civic organizations, businesses or homes.

## BUDGET OVERVIEW

As a member of the Joint Committee on Finance, I was glad to see the legislature's priorities approved in the state budget. This budget responsibly provides investments for industries across the state including tourism, long-term care, transportation, natural resources, broadband and more. I believe this budget will create a better quality of life for our friends, families and neighbors.

### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- \$3.4 billion middle class tax cut. This means \$1,200 in savings for an average family.
- \$85.4 million for general special education aids and \$4 million for high-cost special education aids.
- \$100 million for local road aids and a 2% increase to general transportation aids.
- Four year, \$3.25 million reauthorization of the Knowles Nelson Stewardship program.

- \$125 million for the Rural Broadband Expansion Grant program.
- \$78 million for personal care workers and \$104 million for direct care workers.

For a full overview of the state budget, my office produced **THE BALLWEG BUDGET BULLETIN**, which can be found on my website.

By completing this budget, the Republican legislature was able to build our rainy day fund to

the highest level in state history, and we continue to maintain a healthy balance in our state's general fund. While this is great news for our state, Forward Analytics, the Wisconsin Counties Association's nonpartisan research arm, noted we would need to nearly double our rainy day fund to properly withstand a future recession.



Senate "Page for a Day" Jesse Ramsey met with me in the Senate Parlor. Jesse is from Westfield, and he has also job shadowed my office.



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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SUMMER 2022

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As another legislative session draws to a close, I would like to express my sincere gratitude that you chose me to represent the 14th Senate District. This was my first term in the State Senate, and I am proud to say we got a lot accomplished. I was able to get important legislation signed into law which continues to make Wisconsin a desirable place to live, work and raise a family.

This was also my first session on the Joint Committee on Finance. We crafted a responsible budget that invests in long-term solutions for our state without implementing divisive policy items. Wrapping up the budget, we approved many of our priorities all while keeping a healthy balance in our general fund.

As I look forward to next session, I hope to hear from you. I always appreciate learning more about the important work you do, what is most impactful for your communities and how our state can better support you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with your thoughts, questions and concerns.

I'm excited to share with you the successes we achieved this legislative session, and I look forward to seeing many of you around the district in the future.

Best regards,

*Joan Ballweg*  
Joan Ballweg  
State Senator

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