



WISCONSIN COUNTIES
UTILITY TAX ASSOCIATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Wisconsin Counties Association
Madison, WI

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association (WCUTA) President William Goehring called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: William Goehring, Thomas Rosenberg, Christopher Polzer, Robert Keeney, Anita Martin, Lee Engelbrecht. **VIRTUALLY:** Roger Calkins, Jim Farrell, Melissa Pingel. **EXCUSED:** Jerry Guth, Erik Pritzl. **OTHERS PRESENT:** George Klaetsch, Klaetsch Public Affairs; Mark Wadium, Outagamie County; David Specht, Senator Ballweg's Office. **OTHERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Al Runde; Legislative Fiscal Bureau. **WCA STAFF:** Robyn Voss, Wisconsin Counties Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, 2022 MEETING: Motion by Rosenberg, second by Polzer, to approve the July 14, 2022 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Goehring thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Mr. Goehring also commented on the interesting election season taking place.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board reviewed the financial reported. Discussion followed. Motion by Keeney, second by Englebrecht, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF 2023 WCUTA DUES SCHEDULE: Mr. Goehring proposed keeping the same formula that was used for the 2022 dues for 2023 (.00225). Discussion followed. Motion by Keeney, second by Rosenberg, to approve the 2023 WCUTA dues. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Mr. Klaetsch introduced David Specht who is attending on behalf of Senator Joan Ballweg. Mr. Klaetsch also introduced Al Runde who appeared via Zoom. Mr. Runde told the Board about how the payments have gone up over the last five years. Mr. Runde also talked about the change in payments with the solar farms going up. He explained that the payments from solar farms will likely increase due to the reduction in coal plants. Discussion followed.

LOBBYIST REPORT: Mr. Klaetsch said he was trying to catch up with everyone on the Board. Mr. Klaetsch said he has been gathering intel and building a case to bring to the legislators. Lee Englebrecht had a few corrections on Mr. Klaetsch's report stating this is a very complex issue. Discussion followed.

DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE BILL DRAFT: Mr. Klaetsch said he will have a bill draft by the next meeting with three different options by the next meeting in December. He plans to work with the WCA to come up with the draft. Discussion followed.

KLAETSCH PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONTRACT RENEWAL DISCUSSION: Mr. Goehring asked for a motion to renew George's contract. Motion by Engelbrecht, second by Rosenberg, to extend the contract between George Klaetsch and WCUTA, with the same rate, for 12 more months. Motion carried.

WCA REPORT: Kyle Christianson was unable to attend today's meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TOPICS: The Board agreed they would like Mr. Klaetsch to have a bill draft at the next meeting. The Board planned to meet in December.

ADJOURN: Motion by Polzer, second by Rosenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion carried.