



WISCONSIN COUNTIES
UTILITY TAX ASSOCIATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Friday, December 16, 2022
10:00 a.m.

ZOOM MEETING

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 (VIRTUAL): William Goehring, Sheboygan County; John Aasen, Trempealeau County; Vernon Koch, Sheboygan County; Shonna Neary & Chris Polzer, Columbia County; Robert Keeney, Grant County; Anita Martin, Jefferson County; Jeff Amo, Jackson County; Roger Calkins, Chippewa County; Erik Pritzl, Oconto County; Lee Engfer, Buffalo County; Stan Gruszynski, Marinette County; Cari Redington, Vernon County; Lee Engelbrecht, Manitowoc County; Thomas Rosenberg, Marathon County. **OTHERS:** George Klaetsch, Klaetsch Public Affairs; and Mark Wadium, Outagamie County. **WCA STAFF:** Kyle Christianson, Kevin Dospoy, Dan Bahr, and Robyn Voss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 7, 2022 MEETING: Motion by Koch, second by Englebrecht, to approve the October 7, 2022 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Goehring welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that this was the most important meeting of the year.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Goehring reviewed the financial report, no action was taken.

GUEST SPEAKER KEVIN DOSPOY: Mr. Dospoy spoke about the impact of inflation on county budgets, specifically how the annual consumer price index doesn't capture the entire impact to counties. Discussion followed.

LOBBYIST REPORT: George Klaetsch discussed the three options for the Legislative Priority.

- Option A: Ensure Continued Increases in Utility Aid & Monitor Budget to Defund Current Funding
- Option B: Propose Increase Mill Payment from 9 to 10 Mills
- Option C: Update/Revise "Incentive Aid" Portion of UA Payments. Discussion followed.

Motion by Engelbrecht, second by Polzer, to use Option C. Motion carried.

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WCA REPORT: Kyle Christianson briefed the Board on the issue areas the WCA is working on such as the Local Government Funding reform package. Mr. Christianson said he is working closely with the Towns Association as well as the League of Municipalities. Discussion followed.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TOPICS: February 17, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Polzer, second by Koch, to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m.
Motion carried.