



**WISCONSIN COUNTIES UTILITY TAX ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Friday, March 10, 2023
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; Jerry Guth, Green County; Vern Koch, Sheboygan County; Shonna Neary & Chris Polzer, Columbia County; Robert Keeney, Grant County; Anita Martin, Jefferson County; Melissa Pingel, Waushara County; Roger Calkins, Chippewa County; Erik Pritzl, Oconto County; Lee Engfer, Buffalo County; Lee Engelbrecht, Manitowoc County; Thomas Rosenberg, Marathon County. **OTHERS:** George Klaetsch, Klaetsch Public Affairs; Zach Hill, Alliant Energy; and Mark Wadium, Outagamie County. **WCA STAFF:** Mark O'Connell, Kyle Christianson, Dan Bahr, and Robyn Voss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 16, 2022 MEETING: Motion by Aasen, second by Koch, to approve the December 16, 2022 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Goehring welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting.

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 provided an update to the Board. Mr. Klaetsch talked about the plan agreed upon at the previous meeting and stated it was a two-part ask. Mr. Klaetsch suggested drafting a memo to send to the members of the Joint Finance. Discussion followed. Motion by Polzer, second by Pritzl, to draft and send a letter to the Joint Finance Committee detailing the two-part ask. Motion carried.

INCLUSION OF BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES AS SHARED

REVENUE/UTILITY AID: Zach Hill, Sr. Public & Community Affairs Manager, Alliant Energy introduced himself and thanked everyone for allowing him time to speak. Mr. Hill provided information on shared revenue and the goals set by Alliant to be carbon neutral by 2050. Mr. Hill also spoke about powerplant shutdowns and when they might occur, and what that could mean for Columbia and Sheboygan counties. Mr. Hill also talked about solar projects around the state. Discussion followed.

WCA REPORT: Dan Bahr provided an overview of what the State Budget will look like and how the WCUTA asks will be affected. Mr. Bahr also said the JFC road show will take place in April. Mark O'Connell, WCA President & CEO, provided an update on different aspects of the State Budget as well as a WCA update. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Goehring said that in his more than ten years with this association that WCUTA is closer than ever to seeing a real change. Discussion followed.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TOPICS: May 12, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Polzer, second by Engelbrecht, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried.

