



WISCONSIN COUNTIES  
UTILITY TAX ASSOCIATION

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### AGENDA

Friday, May 12, 2023  
**10:00 a.m.**

Wisconsin Counties Association  
22 E Mifflin Street, Ste. 900  
Madison, WI 53703

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81724223537?pwd=UU9lbUpwTWc2SWJGeUlaeDZ5Y3BkUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 817 2422 3537

**Passcode:** 954403

#### Join Via Teleconference

1-305-224-1968

1. Call to Order  
*William Goehring, WCUTA President*
2. Roll Call  
*Robyn Voss, WCA Government Affairs & Project Manager*
3. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2023 Meeting
4. Comments by the President
5. Financial Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Lobbyist Report  
*George Klaetsch, Klaetsch Public Affairs*
8. WCA Report  
*Dan Bahr, Government Affairs Associate*
9. New Business
10. WCUTA Budget Engagement
  - a. Joint Finance Committee Public Hearing Representation (Goehring Polzer, Gibbs)
  - b. Coalition Recruitment and Engagement
  - c. Targeted Joint Finance Committee Meetings
  - d. WCUTA Membership Outreach to JFC Membership
  - e. WCUTA Membership Message to JFC Membership
11. Next Meeting Date/Topics
12. Adjourn



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**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.

<b>WCUTA</b>			
2023 Revenues/Expenses			
5/4/23			
<b><u>2023 REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	
Add'l 2023 Membership Dues Paid	\$ 29,772.90	1/1/23 - 4/6/23	
<b>2023 TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 29,772.90</b>		
<b><u>EXPENSES PAID IN 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Date Paid</u></b>	<b><u>Payable to</u></b>
Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies - 1/2023 invoice	\$ 4,024.70	1/12/23	Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies, LLC
Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies - 2/2023 invoice	\$ 3,504.50	2/9/23	Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies, LLC
Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies - 3/2023 invoice	\$ 3,505.50	3/9/23	Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies, LLC
Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies - 4/2023 invoice	\$ 3,505.40	4/6/23	Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies, LLC
Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies - 5/2023 invoice	\$ 3,504.30	5/4/23	Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies, LLC
<b>Total Expenses paid in 2023</b>	<b>\$ 18,044.40</b>		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 11,728.50</b>		
2022 Balance Forwarded	\$ 66,355.23		
<b>2023 WCUTA Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 78,083.73</b>		

2023 WCUTA DUES						
4/6/23						
<u>County</u>	<u>DOR 2022 Estimated Utility Tax Payments</u>	<u>DOR 2023 Estimated Utility Tax Payments</u>	<u>2023 Dues (.00225 of Estimated Utility Tax Payments)</u>	<u>Amount Pd.</u>	<u>Date Pd.</u>	<u>CK#</u>
ASHLAND	\$ 196,086.03	\$ 196,255.16	\$ 441.57	\$ 441.57	1/9/23	108149
BUFFALO	\$ 477,767.50	\$ 458,865.52	\$ 1,032.45	\$ 1,032.45	1/23/23	199663
CHIPPEWA	\$ 1,332,150.27	\$ 1,305,500.98	\$ 2,937.38	\$ 2,937.38	1/17/23	308362
COLUMBIA	\$ 2,131,123.26	\$ 2,133,207.00	\$ 4,799.72	\$ 4,799.72	12/5/22	2116961
DOUGLAS	\$ 110,099.17	\$ 114,884.15	\$ 258.49	\$ 258.49	11/7/22	319847
DUNN	\$ 154,664.10	\$ 170,150.21	\$ 382.84	\$ 382.84	1/19/23	240791
FOREST	\$ 19,022.27	\$ 19,969.80	\$ 44.93	\$ 44.93	12/5/22	110793
GRANT	\$ 314,714.78	\$ 357,783.02	\$ 805.01	\$ 805.01	1/17/23	195357
GREEN	\$ 101,263.44	\$ 106,008.50	\$ 238.52	\$ 238.52	11/2/22	125914
JACKSON	\$ 73,530.50	\$ 73,540.31	\$ 165.47	\$ 165.47	1/11/23	185702
JEFFERSON	\$ 902,329.12	\$ 910,954.35	\$ 2,049.65	\$ 2,049.65	4/6/23	4777991
JUNEAU	\$ 149,038.90	\$ 131,529.04	\$ 295.94	\$ 295.94	11/7/22	253497
KENOSHA	\$ 1,726,765.42	\$ 1,748,124.27	\$ 3,933.28	\$ 3,933.28	1/23/23	823239
KEWAUNEE	\$ 229,129.08	\$ 217,604.77	\$ 489.61	\$ 489.61	3/27/23	171702
LA CROSSE	\$ 568,993.02	\$ 563,329.68	\$ 1,267.49	\$ 1,267.49	11/7/22	481402
MANITOWOC	\$ 2,454,796.04	\$ 2,781,075.61	\$ 6,257.42	\$ 6,257.42	1/9/23	675595
MARATHON	\$ 1,854,135.41	\$ 1,864,465.08	\$ 4,195.05	\$ 4,195.05	3/13/23	1002288
MARINETTE	\$ 792,668.54	\$ 767,372.89	\$ 1,726.59	\$ 1,726.59	11/7/22	43328
MARQUETTE	\$ 39,613.82	\$ 40,461.27	\$ 91.04	\$ 91.04	3/13/23	221757
OCONTO	\$ 195,074.34	\$ 228,701.42	\$ 514.58	\$ 514.58	1/9/23	193695
OZAUKEE	\$ 1,532,932.93	\$ 1,570,594.26	\$ 3,533.84	\$ 3,533.84	3/6/23	544007
ROCK	\$ 3,611,294.08	\$ 3,665,561.60	\$ 8,247.51			
SHEBOYGAN	\$ 1,046,623.48	\$ 1,064,254.69	\$ 2,394.57	\$ 2,394.57	1/30/23	429762
TREMPEALEAU	\$ 129,133.86	\$ 131,557.86	\$ 296.01	\$ 296.01	1/30/23	327750
VERNON	\$ 604,024.81	\$ 604,262.21	\$ 1,359.59	\$ 1,359.59	11/28/22	204706
WASHBURN	\$ 32,338.13	\$ 32,002.73	\$ 72.01	\$ 72.01	11/14/22	239808
WASHINGTON	\$ 450,343.10	\$ 456,160.22	\$ 1,026.36	\$ 1,026.36	11/7/22	533931
WAUSHARA	\$ 115,958.45	\$ 112,503.35	\$ 253.13	\$ 253.13	1/17/23	160311
WOOD	\$ 243,764.24	\$ 282,158.96	\$ 634.86	\$ 634.86	11/7/22	587179
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 21,589,378.09</b>	<b>\$ 22,108,838.91</b>	<b>\$ 49,744.89</b>	<b>\$ 41,497.40</b>		

11/16/22 Ltr - Not  
Joining in 2023.



**Date:** Friday, May 05, 2023

**To:** Members of the Joint Finance Committee

**From:** WI Counties Utility Tax Association

**Re:** Requested Utility Aid Updates – 2023-25 Biennial Budget

On behalf of the above-listed Wisconsin-based associations and investor-owned utilities representing hundreds of employers, thousands of your constituents, and several million taxpayers and ratepayers, we are respectfully requesting the first significant update to the Utility Aid formula since the mid-2000s. We encourage the Joint Finance Committee to adopt the following changes to the Utility Aid formula to ensure that the quality services provided by local units of government that host energy-generating infrastructure delivering heat and electricity are executed in a cost-effective manner as new energy-providing resources come online. These modest updates would benefit Wisconsin taxpayers, ratepayers, and municipal governments.

Please include the two primary updates/modifications to the current Utility Aid formula in the Joint Finance Committee’s 2023-25 biennial budget proposal:

1. Include Utility Aid for energy storage facilities hosted by counties and municipalities.
  - a. This would apply to the current and future construction of facilities necessary for renewable energy storage and incentivize local governments to host this form of utility property in their communities. Wisconsin utilities have announced plans to add more than 500 megawatts of energy storage technologies over the next few years. The current Utility Aid statutes do not contemplate energy storage because they have advanced significantly since state statutes were last updated.
2. Update existing Incentive Aid Payments to keep pace with municipal service costs.
  - a. 50% adjustment to incentive aid payment provision of \$600 per megawatt to \$900 per megawatt on the site of: or adjacent to an existing or decommissioned plant or on a brownfield or adjacent to a brownfield.
  - b. 50% adjustment to incentive aid payment provision of \$1,000 per megawatt to \$1,500 per megawatt that derives energy from an alternative energy resource.

On behalf of our coalition, we sincerely appreciate your time and consideration of our request. We encourage you to use our coalition during your budget discussions and decisions. Please contact Zack Hill at [ZacharyHill@alliantenergy.com](mailto:ZacharyHill@alliantenergy.com) or George Klaetsch at [gklaetsch@kpasllc.com](mailto:gklaetsch@kpasllc.com) for additional information or questions. We look forward to working with you.