

Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2009
Green Lake County Courthouse
Green Lake, Wisconsin

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kottke at 9:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Jason Kauffeld-GL UWEX, Troy Torgerson-Samuels Group, Matt Dahlke-Samuels Group, Dan Priske-GL, Orrin Helmer-GL, Debra Wopat-Columbia, Russell Kottke-Dodge, John Lanley-Columbia, Sharon Schmeling-Jefferson, David Callender-WCA, Bob Westby-Columbia, Harlan Baumgart-Columbia, Martin Havlovic-Marquette UWEX, Susan McConnell-GL, Paul Endres-Sauk, Ray Seaholm-Dodge, Jeff Hoffman-Dodge UWEX, Marge Bostelmann-GL, Kurt Berner-Samuels Group, Paul Brummund-Potter Lawson, Senator Luther Olsen, Brian Driscoll-Office of Energy Independence, Diana Tscheschlok-FDL UWEX.

The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.

The agenda was approved (motion 1st Green Lake - 2nd Sauk)

The minutes were approved (motion 1st Green Lake - 2nd Dodge)

Green Lake stated: please disregard bills for dues that might have been received – they will be sent out in 2010.

Legislative Report

Senator Olsen spoke briefly about the Governor's race now that Governor Doyle has announced he will not be seeking reelection.

Wisconsin Counties Association, WCA Report

Doyle's \$2 million war chest must be spent on political purposes. Drunk driving bills-how do penalties affect costs incurred by counties. 2011-2013 budget will be even more of a challenge. \$76 million in stimulus funds going to the counties, must report to the state how it is spent: "salaries" is the correct answer. Sept 13 WCA conference will be discussing furloughs, records.

Program:

Samuels Group and Potter Lawson discussed LEED / Sustainable Design. What is achievable within a budget? Working with Focus On Energy incentives, it costs less than 1/3rd of 1 percent of the total project cost to go with LEED. Without the incentives, it costs less than 2/3rds of 1 percent. For GL New Justice Center, the total cost for LEED certification is around \$90,000. This small extra cost is a big hurdle- a lot of counties won't do it.

Diana Tscheschlok spoke of Transportation Alternatives. For 20 years, Jefferson County has used propane for squad cars. Biodiesel is another option, which can be made from soybeans

or veggie oil. E85. Compressed Natural Gas. NEVs (electric vehicles) – made in Reedsburg. Gas tax goes down with ethanol blends and affects gas tax revenue for counties.

Jason Kauffeld led discussion on compressed work weeks: money saved, worker satisfaction, effect on services. Utah's experiment with the 4-day week was presented.

Brian Driscoll spoke of the Recovery Act. The State Energy Office is receiving \$85 million from the federal government. That breaks down in 3 ways. 1) \$55 million available to manufacturing businesses at 2% interest to create a State RLF for renewable energy (RE). Businesses must make renewable energy products, increase efficiencies, or be part of a supply chain working in RE. 2) \$11.7 million for communities for EE and Conservation block grants to make buildings more efficient, especially in lighting. Around 40 awards will be given, maximum award of around \$250,000. 3) \$5.6 million for FOE Energy Star Rebates for residential appliance rebates.

Open Discussion on County Issues:

Budgets: how are the counties cutting back. Suggestion this should be the October ICC topic. Rural Internet access. Employee Trust Funds. Co-op department heads and / or equipment. Lean.

The meeting was adjourned at (motion 1st Dodge - 2nd Jefferson)

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Kauffeld
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