



**Wisconsin County Highway Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
 Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM  
 Hotel Retlaw  
 Fond du Lac, WI

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Present	Name	Position	Present	Name	Position
x	Roland Hawk – Wood County	President		Allison Bussler – Waukesha County	Commissioner
x	Jon Johnson – Eau Claire County	Past President	x	Nathan Check – Portage County	Commissioner
x	Robbie Krejci – St. Croix County	Secretary	x	Brian Duell – Clark County	Commissioner
x	Jim Griesbach – Marathon County	Treasurer	x	Craig Hardy – Iowa County	Commissioner
	Tim Kessler – Washburn County	Chairman		Kyle Kozelka – Crawford County	Commissioner
x	Hans Guderyon	LDG Representative	x	Emil “Moe” Norby – Polk County	Commissioner
x	Patrick Vander Sanden	Executive Director	x	Troy Schalinske – Vilas County	Commissioner
x	Gary Kennedy	Professional Development Director	x	Greg Schnell – Sheboygan County	Commissioner
x	April Corrao	Impact	x	Travis Schultz – Juneau County	Commissioner
x	Ron Chamberlain	Associate Member Rep	x	Jake Hahn – Wood County	
x	Steve Warndell		x	Mark Servi – Barron County	Commissioner
x	Matt Erickson - Ashland		x	Larry Hoeskstra – Eau Claire	

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call of Board Members – President, R. Hawk, Wood Co.
  - a. Meeting started at 9:34 am

- II. Consider Minutes from Previous Meeting - President, R. Hawk, Wood Co. (attached)
  - a. Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes by T. Schultz, Juneau Co., 2nd by G. Schnell, Sheboygan Co., Motion Carried
- III. Consider Treasurer's Report and Budget Review - Treasurer, J. Griesbach, Marathon Co.
  - a. Updated 2023 budget (attached)
    - i. Motion to approve the 2023 budget by R. Krejci, St. Croix Co., 2nd by T. Schalinske, Vilas Co., Motion Carried
  - b. Letter of Support from Professional Fire Fighters-Burn Camp (attached)
- IV. Professional Development Director's Report – G. Kennedy
  - a. Flagger Training
    - i. Successful training session
  - b. Spring Commissioner's Training
    - i. 77 total-great turnout and great agenda
  - c. Pesticide Training
    - i. Gary is handing out the training books and they will need to be studied for the exam
  - d. Summer Road School – June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Registration will open on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> on the website, Registration is due by May 12
    - ii. Roland mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce was asking about their 2024 events. Roland sent an email and included Patrick, Gary, Jim and Rich. Rich at Impact to reach out to them for availability and pricing.
- V. Review of Legislative Issues - R. Krejci, WCHA Legislative Committee Chairman
  - a. Issue Papers-Patrick/Impact to send out to everyone
- VI. IRS Designation Update
  - a. Jake Curtis, Attolles Law
    - i. 2 different paths WCHA can take for their status
      - 1. 501C3 – Pro is that if anyone gives WCHA a donation, they can use that as a tax deduction and WCHA does not have to pay sales/use tax. Con is that you cannot lobby. You can only lobby 5 days max with this.
        - a. Can add the 501C4 to the 501C3
          - i. WCHA will have to create a 2<sup>nd</sup> organization if they want to go this way. Could mean that WCHA has 2 separate Exec meetings and 2 separate Board meetings, 2 separate accounts, etc.
            - 1. Per Chapter 181 you must have an annual meeting
      - 2. 501C6 – Pro is that WCHA can lobby. Con is that WCHA will have to pay sales/use tax and no tax deductions for anyone that donates.
    - ii. Discussion:
      - 1. Craig Hardy – can we get WCA to do more lobbying and use the 501C3 status?

2. Robbie Krejci – would like to see lobbying stay with WCHA and not each county on its own. Would like to see whatever we do for lobbying be legal going forward.
3. Jon Johnson - WCA does not always have the same stance on issues as WCHA.
4. WCHA will reach out to Wipfli to see what the sales and use tax will look like and will have more information for the June BOD meeting.
5. What is the downside to having 2 organizations?
  - a. Funding??
6. If WCHA does nothing, they are still going to get hit with sales and use tax.

VII. WCHA President and Chairman's Report of Activities

- a. Presidents Report (attached)
  - i. Opinion of Davis Bacon wage-it was not a good idea for the counties to pay the Davis Bacon wage. Patrick followed up and said that it is now fully understood from everyone's perspective and this shouldn't be an issue any longer.
  - ii. WisDOT policies-will have WisDOT members back at the April Executive Committee meeting to follow up on changes. Patrick to send a copy of the report/notes to Craig Hardy.

VIII. WCHA Executive Director's Report of Activities

- a. Review and discuss for WisDOT LRIP Pilot Program
  - i. Review and Take Action on WCHA Contracts tied to WisDOT LRIP Pilot Program
    1. Patrick and Roland have been involved in the process of prepping for the Pilot Program in the Fall
    2. WTA has 4 training sessions in May
    3. Why is WCHA in the middle of this?
      - a. DOT wanted WCHA to be involved so that they are working with one person, instead of all counties
      - b. There are a lot of concerns about WCHA taking this on
      - c. Motion to have towns and counties in charge of LRIP and to remove WCHA by C. Hardy, Iowa Co., 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Johnson, Eau Claire Co., Motion Carried.
- b. Milk Haulers-wanted to request weight limit exemptions to the Governor. WCHA and WTA both sent letters against this.
  - i. Farm Bureau proposed legislation for Ag roads or routes - specific to roads that go to ag industries
- c. Tim Kessler attended the Legislative Day with the Utilities – the Utilities would like to take on the use of Green lights. WCHA would like to keep it to only the municipality vehicles. Robbie thinks we should have announcements sent out twice a year for reminders.
  1. Utilities will have a meeting next week and Patrick asked if someone on the Board could attend the meeting. Patrick to confirm meeting date and time. Robbie Krejci would be willing to go to the meeting.

IX. Board of Directors District Reports

- a. North Central – Nathan Check gave a report

- i. The following items were discussed at the Northcentral Region meeting: Herbicide control the state system for wild parsnip and woody vegetation, PSC Broadband Forward Community ordinance, review of brine costs for rock salt versus solar salt, topics for future Road School and Commissioner training events, HR recruitment and retention issues.
  - b. Northeast – Gregg Schnell gave a report
  - c. Northwest - N/A
  - d. South Central – N/A
  - e. Southeast – Hans Guderyon gave a report
  - f. Southwest - N/A
  - g. West Central – Brian Duell gave a report
- X. Any Other Business Items for Discussion Only –
  - a. 5 new Commissioners in June
  - b. DNR & DOT – DNR has (2) Notice of Public Intents right now. Can the WCHA Executive Committee will look into these and send something out to the association? Craig Hardy will forward these notices to Patrick.
  - c. DNR is now saying that treated lumber on bridges is now hazardous waste. Can the WCHA Executive Committee will look into these and send something out to the association?
  - d. Incident reporting-report incidents to Patrick or Craig Hardy
- XI. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting -
- XII. Next meeting Date & Location – April (Virtual) at 11am
- XIII. Adjournment at 11:44 am