



**Wisconsin County Highway Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, August 22, 10:00 am

In Person – Portage County Highway Department – 800 Plover Rd, Plover, WI

Present	Name	Position	Present	Name	Position
X	Roland Hawk – Wood County	President	X	Donna Brown-Martin – Milwaukee County	Commissioner
X	Jon Johnson – Eau Claire County	Past President	X	Kyle Kozelka – Crawford County	Commissioner
X	Robbie Krejci – St. Croix County	Secretary		Tom Cornford – Crawford County	Committee Member
X	Jim Griesbach – Marathon County	Treasurer	X	Craig Hardy – Iowa County	Commissioner
X	Marv Thompson- Barron County	Chairman	X	Darren Schroeder – Columbia County	Committee Member
X	Tim Kessler – Washburn County	Past-Chair	X	Nathan Check – Portage County	Commissioner
X	Matthew Budde – Calumet County	Vice Chair		Jake Hahn – Wood County	Committee Member
X	Hans Guderyon	LDG Representative	X	Brian Duell – Clark County	Commissioner
X	Patrick Vander Sanden	Executive Director		Larry Hoekstra – Eau Claire County	Committee Member
	Gary Kennedy	Professional Development Director	X	Dean Steingraber – Outagamie County	Commissioner
X	Whitney Wilgus	Impact		Roger Te Stroete – Sheboygan County	Committee member
X	Ron Chamberlain		X	Troy Schalinske – Vilas County	Commissioner
			X	Ted Cushing – Oneida County	Committee Member
				Emil “Moe” Norby – Polk County	Commissioner

			X	Steve Warndahl – Polk County	Committee Member
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Agenda:

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call of Board Members - Chair, M. Thompson

*The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am CT.*

- II. Consider Minutes from Previous Meeting - Chair, M. Thompson (attached)

*A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by St. Croix and seconded by Vilas. The motion carried.*

- III. Treasurer’s Report – J. Griesbach

*Griesbach provided a detailed treasurer’s report of the association’s finances through July 2023. Griesbach noted that, as part of the reinstatement of the 501c status, a mission statement should be drafted for the association. A motion was made by Wood County and seconded by Washburn to approve the treasurer’s report. The motion carried.*

- IV. Professional Development Director’s Report – G. Kennedy

*Vander Sanden provided a report on Kennedy’s behalf. Over 200 attendees are registered for the LDG Road School, and the deadline has been extended to the end of the week. The LDG planning group will be meeting in the next week to go over final details and prepare for the event. The fall Commissioner’s Training dates have been set for October 9-10, and registration for that event is being built out by Impact.*

- V. Discussion of WCHA Deputy Director position

- a. Job description and salary for new position

*The Board of Directors discussed the job description and salary for the Deputy Director position. Each region will be asked to sit on the interview panel, and the names of those representatives should be sent to Vander Sanden. The posting will be advertised within the next week, and applications will be taken through the end of September. The hope is to hold interviews on October 11<sup>th</sup>, after the Commissioners Training. A motion to approve the job description with modifications proposed by Vander Sanden was made by St. Croix and seconded by Oneida. The motion carried.*

*After additional discussion, a motion was made by St. Croix and seconded by Eau Claire for the salary range to be posted at \$65,000 - \$90,000, with a disclaimer that total compensation can be negotiated. The motion carried.*

- VI. Snowfighter – L3Harris – Training Dates

*During the last Executive Committee meeting, WisDOT has pledged to cover half of costs for Snowfighter training this year. September 20-29 are the available dates given. After discussion, Vander Sanden will confirm the dates and locations, then send out information to potential attendees.*

- VII. Review of Legislative Issues - WCHA Legislative Committee Chairman, R. Krejci

- a. Green Light Legislation

*Vander Sanden provided an update on the Green Light legislation. The Executive Committee recently met with Senator Tomczyk, and Sen. Tomczyk and Rep. Callahan both have indicated they will move forward with the bill, but if WCHA could provide something agreeable to the various parties involved, they might be willing to amend the bill. The Board then discussed that, if they do not have enough support against the bill, they could then focus on work zone flagging. Vander Sanden will reach out to WECA, Towns and the League to have further conversations.*

*There was also discussion on potential changes to public works bid requirements. WTBA has been doing work on this initiative. Several Board members have reviewed Bid Express as a possible option to track projects, materials etc. This initiative is still in its infancy with no draft bill yet.*

VIII. WCHA President and Chairman's Report of Activities – R. Hawk & M. Thompson

a. President's Report

*Hawk provided a summary of his activities since the last meeting.*

IX. WCHA Executive Director's Report of Activities – Patrick Vander Sanden

a. LRIP Pilot and Updates

*The final hurdles have been cleared on the LRIP pilot. A webinar was scheduled for this Thursday, but that has been postponed. There will likely be additional information from WisDOT or the League on the rescheduling of the webinar to next week. For the counties not in the LRIP Pilot, LRIP will be business as usual, and WisDOT is preparing for that.*

b. WisDOT Updates: Working on trainings for Office Managers/HMM Policies/AVL GPS Cameras

*Various proposed changes to HMM policies have been put on hold as the Bureau is dealing with staff turnover. The Bureau Director, David Stertz, has introduced John Marchewka as his replacement.*

c. Other activities-updates

*Vander Sanden attended Mark Servi's retirement party in early August. He also was invited to a stakeholder conversation regarding winter maintenance. WCHA will continue to be represented in this group as additional meetings are planned.*

X. Board of Directors District Reports

a. North Central – *The district met last Wednesday, and they are planning a fall legislative meeting. Dates are TBD.*

b. Northeast - *Northeast did not have a meeting in August. They discussed the mowing policy, which is an issue for their district. They would like to further discuss at a Level of Service Committee meeting.*

c. Northwest – *Mark Servi retired. They are meeting Thursday to meet with three new commissioners.*

d. South Central – *Nothing to report.*

e. Southeast – *Southeast is looking to meet virtually in September. They also plan to meeting either prior to or directly after LDG Road School.*

f. Southwest – *Southwest is scheduled to meet this Thursday.*

g. West Central – *West Central met in July in Eau Claire to discuss LRIP.*

XI. Any Other Business Items for Discussion Only - Chair, M. Thompson

a. *Hawk noted that he received an email from Milwaukee County asking if any county has a process by which they are checking physical fitness of employees after they have gone through their initial assessment. Brown-Martin provided context based on several incidents. The topic will be discussed at the Commissioners Training.*

*Barron County had a board meeting last night, and a new commissioner was approved.*

*The statewide real estate coordinator will be at the Commissioners Training, and this would be an opportunity to bring up any concerns.*

XII. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting - All

XIII. Next meeting Date & Location – September 26, 2023 @ 10 am (virtual)

XIV. Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m. CT.*