

Inter-county Coordinating Committee (ICC)
December 19, 2011
Green Lake County Government Center
Green Lake, Wisconsin

Meeting Minutes

County Members present

Columbia County – Bob Westby, Andy Ross, John Tramberg
Green Lake County – Dan Priske, Joanne Guden, Marge Bostelmann
Dodge County – Russ Kottke, Dave Frohling
Jefferson County – John Molinaro, Greg David
Marquette County – Howard Zellmer, Paul Wade, Brent Miller
Sauk County – Bill Wenzel

Others present

Nancy Elsing – Columbia County Economic Development Corporation
Gene Dalhoff – Sauk County Economic Development Corporation
John Reinemann – WCA
Senator Luther Olsen
Mark Hatzenbeller – Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WMEP)
Michael Reisner - UW Stevens Point and Center for Land Use Education
Jeff Hoffman – Dodge County UWEX, Steve Grabow – Jefferson County UWEX, Jason Kauffeld – Green Lake County UWEX, Marty Havlovic – Marquette County UWEX, Jen Erickson – Sauk County UWEX

Call to Order

Chair Russ Kottke called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Certification of Open Meeting Notice

Recording secretary Kauffeld confirmed that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law were met.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Columbia County to adopt the agenda; second by Sauk County. Motion passed on voice vote.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Marquette County to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2011 meeting; second by Green Lake County. Motion passed on voice vote.

Visiting Officials

Luther Olsen reported that the legislature is working to get a mining bill passed and that revenue for this year is on target. Revenue in the 2nd year of the budget may fall short, so lapses are being put into effect. The state is being sued regarding the voter ID bill.

Update of County Issues – WCA Report

John Reinemann reported that a lobbyist has left so the WCA is down to three lobbyists. There is interest in firming up frac sand mining regulations- Wood County has templates and WCA has Power Points on this topic. An emerging issue is youth aid - child supports will be cut. WCA's legislative exchange will be in February. Walworth, Milwaukee, and Outagamie counties have pulled out of WCA.

Open Discussion of County Issues

General discussion on what John Reinemann had shared.

Program – Alternative Energy and Economic Development – Dr. Michael Reisner of UW Stevens Point and Mark Hatzenbeller of WMEP

Mike asked that the counties share their relevant activities:

Green Lake: LEED Silver Government Center and Jail built; 25by25 plan adopted in 2010; track energy and fuel use; buildings and fleet account for 46%/54% of energy use, respectively.

Jefferson: completed a comprehensive plan last year and alternative energy is a component; fair park has test wind turbines' county interested in one large turbine to provide all county's energy needs; many efficiency measure implemented.

Dodge: Energy studies when new senior care facility was built; 25 years was the cut-off for ROI decisions.

Sauk: Incorporate LEED into new construction; digital controls; capture methane at landfill.

Columbia: 90+ wind turbines recently installed; two ethanol plants (currently getting 1.3 BTUs out for every 1 BTU in); remodeling nursing home to be more EE.

Marquette: Saving \$24,000 a year by using 'unoccupied' controls.

Mike then taught about trends and opportunities for building economic development around renewable energy technologies. He shared relevant legislative updates and the role that incentives can play to launch new/immature fields to help them grow into viable segments of the economy.

Mark Hatzenbeller shared that WMEP has invested \$1.7 million in Profitable Sustainability Initiatives with 45 companies. This linkage between profitability and sustainability has a \$54 million ROI over 5 years. WMEP recently received funding to work with another 30 companies.

Adjournment

Moved by Jefferson County to adjourn; second by Dodge County. Chair Russ Kottke adjourned the meeting at 11:45am.

Submitted by
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