Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Nass at 9:30 a.m.

Attendance:
Debra Wobat, Columbia County; John H. Tramburg, Columbia County; Kathleen Haas, Columbia County UW Extension; Dave Neuendorf, Dodge County UW-Extension; Russell Kolthe, Dodge County; Orrin Helmer, Green Lake County; John Brennen, Green Lake County; Jeff Hoffman, Green Lake County; Steve Nass, Jefferson County; Steve Grabow, Jefferson County UW Extension; Jenny Erickson, Sauk County UW Extension; Judy Ashford, Sauk County; Kathy Schauf, Sauk County; Marty Kueger, Sauk County; Jamie Allen

The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.

The agenda was approved. (Dodge/Columbia)

The March 2005 minutes were approved. (Green Lake/Columbia)

Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials:
US Sen Fiengold (Katie C)
• More monies for farmers markets, bio-fuels, small farms, broadband in rural areas.
• Funds
• Cut in wildlife funds and support

Approve 2005 ICC member dues – as of 2/07 ICC has spent $14.18 with $466.84 in the account. $369.29 was spent in 2006. New dues will be $100.00 and will be due in 2008. Approved.

Program: Organizational Structure and Management of UW-Extension: The Wisconsin Idea. To receive a copy of the presentation please contact Kathleen Haas, Columbia County UW-Extension (Kathleen.haas@ces.uwex.edu).

WI County Association Update:
• Gov introduced his budget –
  o WCA has concerns about shared revenues (real estate transfer fee is being increased). Some funds have been transferred.
  o Changes to the levy limit has been made, 65 counties will be affected by this change.
  o Library changes will not affect levy limits.
  o Vital records fees will increase.
  o WCA is still sifting thru the budget.
  o There have been many tax fee increases (e.g., cigarette, hospital tax, oil companies, etc.).
  o Transportation budget received some increases ($66 mil for maintenance).
  o Gov’s budget will attempt to provide health insurance to those that want it

Open Discussion of County Issues
• 5 of 6 legislators attended a Jefferson Co. forum
• ICC snow storm policy, you will be called if the meeting is to be cancelled
Executive summary for new county board supervisors, created by Jefferson Co.. Columbia County also provides an executive summary of county affairs.

Planning and Zoning committee, 1000 Friends publications -- “Planning Eco-communities”, “Landscapes”

Labor negotiations – Jefferson County just settled for 2006 & 2007 with a 2 12% increase; health insurance premiums & deductibles increased. Green Lake also came out w/ a 2 1/2% increase for ’07-’09, one group the county is still bargaining with. Dodge county is still going to arbitration. Columbia County is going to mediation but will probably end up in arbitration. Sauk is still negotiating.

**Next Meeting** in Sauk County on 3/19/07 @ Livestock siting and Planned Unit Developments

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am** (Sauk/Dodge)

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Haas
Columbia County UW-Extension