

**Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday April 18, 2005
Columbia County Annex, Portage, Wisconsin**

Call to Order:

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

Attendance:

Pat Walsh, UW-Extension; Gene Hahn, WI State Representative; John H. Tramburg, Columbia County; Harlan Baumgarten, Columbia County; Daniel See, Columbia County; Kathleen Haas, Columbia County UW Extension; Russell Kolthe, Dodge County; Orrin Helmer, Green Lake County; Bernie Kasierski, Green Lake County; Jeff Hoffman, Green Lake County; Steve Nass, Jefferson County; Steve Grabow, Jefferson County UW Extension; Jenny Erickson, Sauk County UW Extension; Halsey Sprecher, Sauk County; Bill Wenzel, Sauk County; Gene Wiegand, Sauk County Administrative Coordinator

The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.

The agenda was approved. (Sauk/Columbia)

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

Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials:

Representative Gene Hahn

- Budget Update
- WCA 2005 April Election Referendum -- State should take on Court and Human Services Costs instead of County
- TABOR is being reintroduced and some sort of tax levy freeze
- Cigarette Sales Tax Increase proposal
- Health Insurance Containment proposal
- Jefferson Co.: Proposed DD unit downsizing will affect Jefferson Co. greatly, estimated impact \$12 million
- Columbia Co.: Medical Assistance proposal will negatively affect nursing homes

Approve 2005 ICC member dues – as of 4/05 ICC has spent \$173.72 with \$587 in the account. Records show that member fees (\$150.00) have not been received by Sauk Co.

Program: Energy Issues and Program Overview and Update/Pat Walsh, UW-Extension Specialists, Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center and UW-Madison Dept. of Biological Systems Engineering – refer to handouts. To receive a copy of handouts please contact Kathleen Haas, Columbia County UW-Extension (Kathleen.haas@ces.uwex.edu).

Open Discussion of County Issues

- At the WCA board of directors meeting last month, discussion focused on a bill to crack down on the production of crystal-meth by limiting the retail sale of ingredients of the drug.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m. (Green Lake/Jefferson)

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Haas

Columbia County UW-Extension