

# ICC Meeting Notes

July 21, 2008 @ 9:30 AM

Columbia County Annex, WI @ Fox River Rooms

120 W. Conant Street, Portage, WI 53901

**Participants:** Jefferson: Steve Grabow, Steve Nass, Gary Petak, Paula Sumpter; UWEX: Pat Walsh; Legislators: Sheryl Albers, Gene Hahn; WCA: John Remimann, David Callender; Dodge Co: Jeff Hoffman, Russell Kottke, Ray Seaholm; Green Lake: Orrin Helmer, Dan Priske; Columbia County: Debbie Wopat, John Tramberg, Bob Westby, Kathleen Haas (scribe), Nancy Elsing; Sauk County: Jenny Erickson, Paul Endres.

◆ **Call to Order** @ 9:30 am by Chair Kottke

◆ **Certification of Open Meeting Notice** verified that open meetings requirement has been met

◆ **Adoption of Agenda:** approved by Green Lake and Dodge Co.

◆ **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** approved by Jefferson and Sauk Co.

## ◆ **Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials**

- Representative Gene Hahn
  - Regional Planning
  - MATC board
  - Alternative Energy: Wind Towers, Nuclear power
  - 5 republicans, 2 democrats, 1 independent running for Gene's seat
  - Medicare payments to nursing homes
  - Gene's 79<sup>th</sup> B-day
- Representative Sheryl Albers from the 50<sup>th</sup> Distr. confirmed that she is also retiring.

## ◆ **Update of County Issues – WCA**

- New WCA representative: David Calendar
  - WCA Steering Committees: Finance and Co. Personnel
- Report by John Reinemann -- Utility payments will not occur until Jan.
- Budget adjustment bill did not leave a big balance in reserves
- Most elected officials are in campaign mode
- Supreme Court has ruled that customized software is now taxable
- Have issued more options notes due to slow economy
- Great Lakes compact has been passed, MI has signed on
- WCA is going to continue to try unpassed bills
- Speculation about presidential election and how that might affect the WI governorship & possible appointment in Washington DC
- Legislative councils: when a bill is unresolvable an attorney from leg council will pull together a study committee. The study committee tries to figure out how to make the unpassable bills passable.
- WTC is follow 7 of 15 committees:
  - Building WI's workforce focusing on education and trade
  - Difference of laws overseeing cities and villages
  - Domestic bio-fuels
  - Emergency management and continuity of government

- Recreational trails for motorized use
- Juvenile offenders – 17 year olds, 18 year old transitioning out of foster care
- Law revisions for performance based disease management for large populations
- Regional transportation authority
- School safety
- State tribal relations
- Strengthening WI family
- Fundamental imbalance between State's expenses and revenues, how this problem affects local government – what should be taxable, at what rate? *Peterson Foundation* is looking at this issue from a national viewpoint. In WI the organization taking the lead on this issue is *The WI Way*

### ◆Open Discussion of County Issues

- ICC cancellation policy – the host county (either the Co. Bd. Chair and/or the UWEX educator) will make the call whether to host the ICC meeting or not. If the host county's schools are closed then the ICC meeting will be cancelled. The host county will then notify the other Co. Bd. Representative and the UWEX educators to notify the cancellation of the meeting.
- ICC supports drainage districts that may need FEMA assistance

### ◆Program: Going Green: Alternative & Renewable Energy Options for Counties

*With Professor Patrick Walsh, UW-Extension Energy and SHWEC Specialist*

*See PowerPoint presentation on Col. Co. UWEX web site under CRD homepage:*

<http://columbia.uwex.edu>

### ◆Open Discussion of County Issues (continued)

- Columbia Co. has asked for how the other ICC counties are conducting department head performance evaluation. Samples were shared from Jefferson and Sauk. It was suggested to review Marathon Co. performance review process.
- County Victim Witness Coordinators -- how are Counties funding this position(s), with consideration of state dollar offset (appx. 80-60% reimbursement)
- 70 applications came in for the Dodge co. Admin. Position.
- 2009 budget in Green Lake may require layoffs, how do you determine who you cut & how do you deal w/ unions?

### ◆Adjourn @ 11:56 am approved by Green Lake and Dodge

- Next ICC meeting is scheduled in **Jefferson Co. on Aug 18** with Prof. Paulson and will be discussing Ag Preservation