



## *Intercounty Coordinating Committee*

Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson & Sauk Counties  
ICC Minutes for 11/17/2008  
West Square Building, Baraboo, WI

**ICC Participants:** **Columbia County** –John Tramburg, Debra Wopat, Patrick Beghin; **Dodge County** – Russell Kottke, Ray Seaholm, Jeff Hoffman, Joe Meagher, Amy Nehls; **Green Lake County** – Orrin Helmer, Jason Kauffeld, Dan Priske; **Jefferson County** – Steve Nass, Steve Grabow; **Marquette County** – Marty Havlovic; **Sauk County** –Jen Erickson, Judy Ashford, Jeff Jelinek, Megan Harrison, John Exo, Joe Van Berkel, Mark Steward; **WCA** – David Callender; **State Representatives** – Ed Brooks - Representative-elect 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Sheryl Albers – 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Joan Ballweg - 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District; **UW-Cooperative Extension (Madison)** – Steve Vavrus, speaker; **Columbia County Economic Development Corporation** – Nancy Elsing; **WI Emergency Management** – Paul France; **City of Baraboo** – Kevin Stieve; **Baraboo Range Preservation Association** – Dave Wernecke **Town of Prairie du Sac** – Bob Weiss; **WI Department of Natural Resources** – Jean Unmuth; **Baraboo News Republic** – Brian Bridgeford

**Call to Order @ 9:30 a.m.** by ICC Chair Russell Kottke

### **Certification of Open Meeting Notice**

The Secretary confirmed that the requirements of the WI Open Meetings Law were met.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Green Lake, second by Columbia County to approve the agenda. Approved.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Dodge County, second by Columbia County to approve the minutes of the October 2008 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee. Approved.

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

#### *Representative Albers*

- Representative Elect, Ed Brooks was introduced.
- The Governor's proposed budget is estimated to be five billion dollars short to cover the cost to continue Wisconsin state services for the 2009-2011.
- The counties need to stay connected with their representatives like Brooks to make sure the State of Wisconsin is aware of the issues they are facing at the local level.

#### *Representative Ballweg*

- The new leadership for the majority and minority caucuses was elected and they have statewide representation.
- Representative Ballweg is a member of the Region V FEMA advisory board. Suggestions on how FEMA could better serve local communities should be directed at her.

## **Wisconsin Counties Association Update**

*John Reinemann/Legislative Director*

- Democrats have control of the State Assembly and Senate.
- The state is facing major challenges with an estimated five billion dollar deficit in the budget. The original three billion dollar projected deficit was based on no revenue growth. The five billion dollar deficit projection is based on a 2% drop in revenue. Both of these projections are extremely significant.
- The State may look to the hospital tax and the Las Vegas exemption to help fill the gap.
- Counties need to work with their State Representatives to ensure that the State is maintaining their partnerships with the counties.
- The WCA legislative agenda will be published in the January edition of WCA magazine.
- The October 31, 2008 Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance handout on Multiple Views of State Finances was distributed.

### **Open Discussion of County Issues - None**

#### **Program: Floods and Natural Disasters**

- **“A Warming, a Warning and a Caveat”**

Steve Vavrus, Interim Director and Research Scientist, UW-Madison Center for Climatic Research

- Significant warming expected in all seasons
- Greater total precipitation in Wisconsin (spring, winter)
- Summer precipitation changes are much less certain
- Shift toward more heavy precipitation events, fewer light events
- Enhanced extremes associated with more moisture in the air
- Modeled changes in mean, extreme precipitation very similar
- Observed trends show more heavy precipitation events (Madison, WI)
- Climate models still being evaluated with regards to extreme precipitation

(Steve can be reached at [sjvavrus@wisc.edu](mailto:sjvavrus@wisc.edu) if there are additional questions. His presentation is posted at: [http://guava.aos.wisc.edu/~vavrus/Intercounty\\_Coord\\_Committe.ppt](http://guava.aos.wisc.edu/~vavrus/Intercounty_Coord_Committe.ppt))

- Panel discussion with Emergency Management Directors from each ICC county on lessons learned from the 2008 summer floods.
  - Most counties are in long term recovery mode.
  - Mold is a major issue and there is not enough funding for trained mold teams
  - A pre flood warning system is needed
  - Better communication with citizen regarding FEMA registration is also needed
  - The networking, relationships and training held prior to the floods was very valuable

### **Open Discussion of County Issues**

All counties indicated that they were finished or nearly finished with the 2009 budget process.

**Adjourn @ 11:32 a.m.** approved by Green Lake and Dodge

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Erickson

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