

# WCSWMA

(Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association)

## WCSWMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 8:00 AM  
WebEx Meeting

**PRESENT:** Gerry Neuser (Manitowoc), Meleesa Johnson (Marathon), Vinnie Miresse (Portage), Pat O'Brien (Winnebago), Christine Miller (Adams), Karin Sieg-staff (Recycling Connections)

**ABSENT:** Fred Zaug (Waupaca), John Welch (Dane), Florence Johnson (Adams)

1. Call to Order and Approval/Modification of Agenda:
  - a. Meeting was called to order by G. Neuser at 8:13 am
  - b. **Motion by P. O'Brien, seconded by M. Johnson, to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. 2021 WIRMC Conference: discussion regarding in-person conference, virtual conference, or event cancellation
  - a. M. Johnson shared the AROW board's unanimous decision to cancel the in-person conference at the Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells, and switch to a virtual conference. Their actual motion was provided to the WCSWMA board prior to the meeting.
  - b. P. O'Brien shared the SWANA-Badger Chapter board's unanimous decision to cancel the in-person conference at the Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells, and switch to a virtual conference. Their decision and recommendations were also provided to the WCSWMA board prior to the meeting.
  - c. Further discussion:
    - i. WCSWMA would not be as financially impacted as the other two organizations, but especially AROW. All three organizations have a valuable niche in the state, and their combined efforts have resulted in many positive outcomes. WCSWMA doesn't want to see the others take such a financial hit if we tried to do an in-person event that wasn't successful, or we had completely cancel and pay fees.
    - ii. The need for obtaining CEU credits will be a large draw for potential attendees.
    - iii. The host organizations should try to negotiate with the Chula Vista to reduce the cancellation fees. This could have strong possibilities.
  - d. **Motion by M. Johnson, seconded by C. Miller, to Recommend canceling in-person WIRMC 2021 and request that RC switch to planning a virtual conference. Furthermore, that any changes to the scope of services for the current contract with RC to coordinate the WIRMC-2021 should be forwarded to the AROW president, SWANA president and WCSMWA chairperson for consideration. As well, we ask that RC, to the extent possible, discuss with Chula Vista any possible reduction in the cancellation fee. Finally, any negotiations with Chula Vista for future conferences shall come back to the three organizations for consideration and will be under a separate RC contract. All in favor, motion carried.**
  - e. For the future, the WCSWMA executive committee may want to consider helping with the conference's cash flow if needed during this switch to a new format, and of course get reimbursed later. WCSWMA is fortunate to have larger reserves than the other two organizations.
3. Other Matters as Allowed by Law: None discussed.
4. Adjourn: **Motion by V. Miresse, seconded by P. O'Brien, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:39 am.