

MINUTES

WCSWMA BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

2018 WIRM CONFERENCE

Osthoff Resort & Conference Center, Elkhart Lake, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Meleesa Johnson, Pat O'Brien, Florence Johnson, Gerry Neuser, John Welch, Karin Sieg, various County representatives, and other Conference attendees.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Gerry Neuser, at 10:15 AM. Members introduced themselves.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF 10/13/17 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINTUES:** *Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Welch, to approve the meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- 3) **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:**
 - i) Terms for Professionals Randy Nedrolo, Gerry Neuser, and John Welch are expiring. Gerry and John are interested in renewing, but Randy is not due to work limitations. The terms for Policymaker Florence Johnson, Gene Sorenson and Jerry Finch are also expiring. Florence and Jerry are interested in renewing, but Gene is not due to retirement.
 - ii) Nominations were accepted from the floor. Gerry, John and new candidate Chris Miller (Outagamie County) were nominated for the Professionals positions. For the Policymaker positions, Florence, Jerry and new candidate Fred Zaug (Waupaca County) were nominated. *Motion by O'Brien, second by Johnson, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Gerry Neuser, John Welch, Chris Miller, Florence Johnson, Jerry Finch and Fred Zaug for new two year terms.*
 - iii) The Officers will be elected at the next WCSWMA Executive Board meeting.
- 4) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Meleesa Johnson
 - i) Meleesa presented the Financial Report showing expenses and revenues for 2017. Update was provided on the smooth transition of all WCSWMA funds from BMO Harris Bank to Associated Bank (into checking and savings accounts) to provide better access to, and security for, the accounts. *Motion by O'Brien, second by Miller, to approve the Financial Report and as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - ii) Meleesa reported that the 990-Report for 2017 has been filed. No report on D&O insurance.
 - iii) The membership were also informed about the state-wide project with Discover Media Works and the Into the Outdoors program for an educational video and curricula. WCSWMA is the fiscal agent for the project.
- 5) **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/SUGGESTED BY-LAW CHANGES:**
 - i) SB646 – Pyrolysis: John Welch.
AROW was asked by Sen. Cowles' office to provide input on this. Some of the issues with the bill include; not requiring any long-term care or closure funds and not requiring any licensing or

permitting as a waste processing facility or for storage. However, the American Chemistry Council is highly in support of this and it appears it will be signed as is.

- ii) E-Cycle Law: Changes have been proposed to address the unforeseen market conditions since the original law was passed.
- iii) AROW Initiative: paint stewardship: WCSWMA and AROW are partnering to get Paint Care to go through in WI. Under this program, manufacturers would pay fees to help offset the costs of the program.
- iv) AROW Initiative - Survey of RUs and MRFs regarding China's National Sword: A survey will be developed to better assess the impacts.

6) **WCSWMA WEBSITE UPDATE:** Karin Sieg, Recycling Connections

- i) WCSWMA's new website has recently been launched and will be a dynamic site with information about WCSWMA and its programs added whenever possible. The web address is www.wcswma.org.

7) **"INTO THE OUTDOORS" PROJECT UPDATE:** Karin Sieg, Recycling Connections

- i) The project has a new name; *Becoming Stewards: Uncovering our Solid Waste Story* with its own website, www.becomingstewards.org. We all need to drive traffic to the website to help with funding. A video trailer was created that will be used to help raise funds.

8) **WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION:**

- i) Meleesa and Gerry gave a brief presentation about WCSWMA at their fall 2017 meeting, and received a lot of questions and interest. They plan to have a WCSWMA booth at the Sept. 2018 conference in LaCrosse.

9) **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

- i) 2017 Scholarship recipients are featured on a poster, congratulations again to them.
- ii) The Scholarship Committee for 2018 will include Meleesa Johnson, Pat O'Brien, Gerry Neuser, and Chris Miller.
- iii) The SWANA / ISWA Scholarship for getting kids living on landfills to go to school: WCSWMA sponsored two kids in 2017 and hopes to sponsor two more in 2018.

10) **2019 WI INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE:** The 2019 WIRM Conference will be held on 2/27 – 3/1 at the Holiday Inn, Stevens Point.

11) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** none

12) **ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion by O'Brien, second by F. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

13) The next Executive Board Meeting date will be determined (but in late April or early May).

Respectfully submitted: Karin Sieg, Executive Director