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## WCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday, October 17, 2014

The Iron Horse Hotel  
500 West Florida Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53204

### MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Willie Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** PRESENT: Marty Krueger, Willie Johnson, Jr., Lee Rymer (via conference call), Randy Tatur, David Albrecht, John West, Shelia Stubbs, Gus Wirth, Jr., Russ Podzilni, O. Philip Idsvoog, Lance Pliml, Marge Bostelmann, Paul Decker, David Frohling, Peter Hansen, Steven Rasmussen, Colleen Bates, Dick Koeppen, Paul Susienka, Allen Buechel, Staci Hoffman, Troy Streckenbach, Dennis O'Loughlin, Peggy Romo West, Gregg Moore, Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., and Herb Tennes. EXCUSED: Jeff Pertl. WCA STAFF: Mark D. O'Connell, J. Michael Blaska, Lyn Bradstreet, Kyle Christianson, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Dan Bahr and Amy Dias.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Board and others present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WELCOME:** Milwaukee County Board Chair, Marina Dimitrijevic, welcomed everyone to Milwaukee County. The Milwaukee County Board is in the midst of approving the 2015 budget. Milwaukee County's biggest challenge is to continue to serve over one million people with decreased state funding. Currently the Board is working on some very bold ideas to move Milwaukee forward including a transit system to Menomonie and Waukesha County. The county is having a regional discussion on finding ways to maintain the many cultural assets and building a new arena to keep the Bucks in Milwaukee. Ms. Dimitrijevic expressed great pride in having Willie Johnson, Jr. as President of WCA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by KRUEGER, second by RASMUSSEN, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Willie Johnson, Jr. welcomed everyone. The Milwaukee County Board honored President Johnson, Jr. by holding a reception prior to its Board meeting on September 25. President Johnson, Jr. was extremely appreciative of all those that attended including many WCA staff, WCA Board members Peter Hansen and Paul Decker, legislators, CEOs, Supreme Court Justice Louis Butler, County Supervisor Peter Sorce, and many Milwaukee county citizens. An interview and photo shoot was held recently with Jennifer

Bock and Michelle Thompson, which will be featured in the November issue of the WCA magazine. Mr. Johnson, Jr. also attended a recent GHT Board meeting and a fundraiser for a cancer charity, Angel On My Shoulder, at the Sprecher Brewery in Milwaukee.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Mark O'Connell reported he was recently the master of ceremonies for an Angel On My Shoulder fundraiser, raising over \$25,000 for children affected by cancer. Last June, the organization raised over \$180,000 at their annual fundraiser. The new marketing brochure was unveiled which includes a full summary of the programs and services offered by WCA and WCA Services, Inc. Revenue generated from these programs and services enabled WCA to freeze membership dues for the last 12 years. The 2014 WCA Annual Conference in the Wisconsin Dells had a 10 percent increase in attendance over last year. The conference will be in La Crosse in 2015, Milwaukee in 2016 and back in the Wisconsin Dells in 2017. Green Bay may make its way into the conference location rotation if they proceed with a proposed conference facility expansion project. There is a proposal to expand the basket of goods that pays sales tax and reduce the overall rate, which is something WCA proposed several years ago. The State Appellate Court concurred with the Dane County Circuit Court that WCA is not subject to the state public records law. WPPA has until October 20 to appeal to the Supreme Court, which seems unlikely. Kyle Christianson is the proud father of a new son, Cole James Christianson.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Kyle Christianson, Director of Government Affairs, distributed the 2015-2016 WCA Legislative Agenda, a compilation of legislative proactive priorities the team will focus on over the next two years. The Government Affairs team is laying the groundwork for the next session by meeting with legislators in their district, meeting with legislative leaders, meeting with the Governor's office and conducting county 911 Center tours with legislators. All state department budget requests are due on November 20. A recent Marquette Law School poll showed the Governor's race a dead heat.

**NACo DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Dennis O'Loughlin reported that it was truly an honor to have both the NACo Executive Director and newly elected NACo President attend the WCA Annual Conference this past September. This is a reflection of the respect they have for Mark O'Connell and the Association. A recent NACo Judicial and Public Safety Steering Committee focused on expungement, ways to get foolish illegal acts, committed by young adults, off their permanent records which can have an adverse effect on their future. Mr. O'Loughlin was reappointed to the NACo Judicial and Public Safety Steering Committee and appointed to the Large Urban County Caucus.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. "Enbridge in Wisconsin: Our Liquids Operations and Expansion Projects," Becky Haase, Stakeholder Relations Specialist, Enbridge. Becky Haase spoke about the need for pipelines and the safety features of the system.

- b. “Filling the Potholes: Addressing Local Transportation Funding Needs in Wisconsin,” Todd Berry, President, Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance. Todd Berry talked about the condition of the state’s transportation system and the need for a sustainable funding program.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE PAPER ON LATE AND CONFERENCE-REFERRED RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. Resolution 8 - Opposing Senate Bill 349 and Assembly Bill 476 Limiting Local Control Regarding Nonmetallic Mining, Air and Water Quality and Highway Damage and Use Contracts (Eau Claire County)
- b. Resolution 9 - Opposition to SB 349 Limiting Local Control Regarding Highway Damage and Use Contracts (Eau Claire County)
- c. Late Resolution 1 - Opposing Extension of the “Diminishing Asset Rule” (Eau Claire County)
- d. Late Resolution 2 - Opposing Extension of the “Diminishing Asset Rule” (Dunn County)
- e. Late Resolution 3 - Supporting Efforts to Maintain County Share of Utility Tax Sharing (Columbia County)

Motion by RASMUSSEN, second by WIRTH, JR. to refer to the Board of Directors for additional study and action on WCA Conference Resolutions 8, 9 and Late Conference Resolutions 1, 2, and to adopt Late Conference Resolution 3. Motion carried.

### **PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION REGARDING TO NONMETALLIC MINING:**

- a. **Police Powers – Speaker: Andy Phillips, Phillips Borowski, S.C.**  
Andy Phillips presentation was entitled “A County’s Authority to Regulate Non-Metallic Mines – Police Powers and the Diminishing Asset Rule.” Andy Phillips talked about the county’s authority to regulate mines as it relates to police powers.
- b. **Diminishing Assets Rule – Speaker: Andy Phillips, Phillips Borowski, S.C.**  
Andy Phillips discussed the effects of the diminishing assets rule.
- c. **Road Use Agreements – Speaker: Bruce Stelzner, Chippewa County Highway Commissioner**  
Bruce Stelzner presentation was entitled, “Industrial Sand Mining in Wisconsin – County Highway Perspective. Mr. Stelzner talked about the amount of truck traffic, potential road damage and compensation and the development of a model ordinance and road use agreement.

- d. **Air and Water Quality Standards – Speakers: Paul Kent, Stafford Rosenbaum, LLP; Jim Steinhoff, La Crosse County Environment Health Manager**  
“Health Issues Related to Sand Mining” was the combined topic of the presenters. Jim Steinhoff addressed the potential health risks surrounding a frac sand operation. Paul Kent addressed local government’s authority to set and enforce air and water quality standards.

**OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by WIRTH, JR., second by HANSEN, to adjourn. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.