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Legislative/Administrative Committee

Minutes of the July 16, 2020 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Calkins at 1:00 pm.

- **Roll Call**

On the call: Kurt Calkins Chair (Columbia), Greg Baneck (Outagamie), Paul Daigle (Marathon), Scott Frank (Shawano), Brian Haase (Waupaca), Erin Hanson Vice Chair/Secretary (Door), Perry Lindquist (Waukesha), Melissa Luck (Richland), Dan Masterpole (Chippewa), Monte Osterman (Racine), Amy Piaget (Dane), Carolyn Scholl (Vilas), Melissa Schlupp (Sauk), Paul Tollard (Fond du Lac), Matt Krueger (WLWCA), Christina Anderson (WLWCA), and Coreen Fallat (DATCP).

Also for portion of the call: Shawn Pfaff (contract lobbyist).

- **Adopt Agenda/Additions** (July 16, 2020)

MOTION (Piaget, Scholl) to approve the agenda. Motion carried, no negative vote.

- **Approve Previous Mtg Minutes** (June 11, 2020)

MOTION (Osterman, Piaget) to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting. Motion carried, no negative vote.

- **Overview of Current Legislative & State Budget Landscape – Shawn Pfaff**

DISCUSSION: Unlikely that the senate or assembly will return to session and take up the Speaker's Water Quality Task Force bills. Evers cut 5% in the first year of the biennium, no decisions about cuts for Year 2 announced yet. As state budgets get built for 2021-2023, WLWCA strategy can be to work both with the Governor's office and directly with DATCP/DNR to advocate for both additional funding for County Conservation staffing (staffing grant) and Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) bill. Could poll counties to get impact of pandemic on County LCD 2021 budgets. Suggest leg/adm discuss and set priorities before Labor Day.

- **Discuss Association Budget & Legislative Priorities**

DISCUSSION: Need to have focused priorities this budget cycle and start with staffing grant. Frame message that LCDs are problem solvers that are essential during COVID time. Chronic problems need to become acute; i.e. water issues become health issues. Need to decide if also advocating for cost-share is a priority. FPP bill to increase tax credit died although had lots of support, may still be a priority. Concern that staffing support also needed if FPP bill increases program participation.

- **Update on Resolution Process Review Ad hoc Committee**

DISCUSSION: Anderson will poll volunteers to get meeting scheduled.

- **Agency/Partner Reports**

DATCP – Coreen Fallat

- Onboarding new staff
- Virtual partner meetings tentative dates Sept 2, 3, 15. Topics may include NR 151 implementation survey, using SEG funds.

- **Continue “Area” Representative to Committee Discussion**

DISCUSSION: May be part of revised resolution process to task leg/adm committee with communicating with area associations. Calkins will send email to make sure all area associations are actively represented at leg/adm meetings.

- **Next Meeting Date**

Budget focused meeting(s) in next several weeks. Watch for emails.

October 14 – include update on DNR/UW-Extension review of NR 151 implementation and Lindquist ordinance survey discussion.

- **Adjourn**

MOTION (Lindquist, Frank) to adjourn at 3:05 pm.