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Legislative/Administrative Committee

Minutes of the September 16, 2020 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Calkins at 9:00 am.

- **Roll Call**

On the call: Kurt Calkins Chair (Columbia), Greg Baneck (Outagamie), Paul Daigle and Jana Suriano (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), Lynda Schweikert (Grant), Melissa Schlupp (Sauk), Paul Tollard (Fond du Lac), Matt Krueger (WLWCA), Christina Anderson (WLWCA), Jenni Heaton (DATCP) and Coreen Fallat (DATCP).

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

- **Adopt Agenda/Additions (09/16/2020)**

MOTION (Osterman, Baneck) to approve the agenda. Motion carried, no negative vote.

- **Approve Previous Mtg Minutes (07/16/2020)**

MOTION (Schlupp, Baneck) to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting. Motion carried, no negative vote.

- **Developing 2021-2023 State Budget Priorities, Including Overall Legislative Priorities Shawn Pfaff**

DISCUSSION: Pfaff gave presentation of current political landscape. WLWCA should be prepared to reiterate to the Governor that County LCDs are important and advocate for staffing grant and clean water bills. Clean water issues remain despite concerns about COVID, economy, etc. Priority needs to be to get funding into the Governor's budget. At a minimum need to maintain staffing, counties are funding programs in tough times banking on the fact that the state will be there for support. Do not go into meeting with compromised position rather one of strength.

Pfaff and Krueger will focus on immediate priorities:

- 1) Increase staffing to base allocation in statutes 100-70-50% (was \$12.4 Million in 2019, \$12.8M in 2020, will be more in 2021). Avoid using term "full funding" remembering program has never been fully funded. Maintenance of effort provision reasonable and can be worked out with DATCP.
- 2) SWRM bond funding (DATCP could provide numbers of unmet requests)

3) Still support FPP and package of water quality task force clean water bills if they come back to life. Future items – need to coordinate with WCA, develop supporting documents (dollars leveraged, wish list of projects can't get to, other?)

- **Flexibility with DATCP SEG Funding**

DISCUSSION: Jenni Heaton says DATCP hasn't heard a lot from counties not being able to install projects in 2020. Policies remain the same, contact Kim and Susan with questions. Won't be holding unspent extended funding against counties as part of a pilot project for 3 years. Waivers reviewed on case-case basis. Future goal to better allocate SEG funding so that it's spent – will review information provided at virtual partner meetings to look for changes in 2022. DATCP is also in early stages of review of Nutrient Management program.

No lapses in preliminary joint allocation plan. Materials on website Friday Sept. 25.

- **DATCP Ordinance/Moratoria**

DISCUSSION: Request to figure out where counties are related to adopting the performance standards into ordinance and CAFO moratorium follow up actions that counties have taken. Coreen and Matt were talking about best way to pull together available information. May be able to discuss in small groups in December county con meeting. Suggest doing a detailed survey ahead of Dec County Con meeting so that there's information available with carefully phrased questions (maybe ask extension to help craft questions), want to know about enforcement process, how ordinances lead to practices installed, and level of support to implement them.

- **Status of December County Con Meeting**

DISCUSSION: Given that there will be a virtual conference in March, there is opportunity to have a different type of county con meeting in December. May focus specifically on small group discussions for county cons. Other suggestions: steer away from breakout tracks, see ordinance discussion above.

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

DISCUSSION: The subcommittee will give summary to full committee at the Oct. 16 meeting. Anderson reviewed proposed changes and will send out draft report to all prior to meeting. Proposed change would be to review with leg/adm committee prior to advancing resolution. Encourage having a leg/adm agenda item on area association meetings to better connect area policy discussions with committee. Resolutions related to legislative priorities or policy would come through leg/adm committee to vet and discuss prior to voting on at the annual conference IF the resolutions are new direction. Executive committee will need to approve change in process through by-laws. For 2021 encourage using new process but old process will still be available.

- **Agency/Partner Reports** – covered above

- **Next Meeting Date and Topics (10/14/2020)**

WLWCA and counties could be making more effort with agency partners to keep relationships strong while COVID has many working from home. Suggest reaching out to DNR and federal partners to attend next meeting.

- **Adjourn**

MOTION (Baneck, Frank) to adjourn at 12:08 pm.