



**Wisconsin County Highway Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – 10 a.m.

VIRTUAL

See Invite from Patrick for Teams meeting link

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call of Board Members - Chair, M. Thompson, Barron Co.
- II. Consider Minutes from January 22, 2024 Meeting - Chair, M. Thompson, Barron Co.
- III. Consider Treasurer's Report and Budget Review - Treasurer, J. Griesbach, Marathon Co.
- IV. WCHA Professional Development Update – T. Every, WCHA Deputy Director
- V. 6-20ft Bridge Assessment, Update
- VI. Consider President appointment of members, Employee Advisory Committee: D. Steingraber, A. Bussler, B. Field, and J. Johnson
- VII. WCHA Vice-President and 4-year commitment for Executive Committee update; Consider Secretary as non-voting member
- VIII. Discuss general WCHA Bylaw changes – and consider creation of Bylaw Review Subcommittee
- IX. Consider Executive Committee Recommendation of Chris Bates and Jeff Breselow for WCHA/TDA DC Fly-In Scholarships
- X. WCHA President Report – R. Krejci
- XI. WCHA Executive Director's Report of Activities – P. Vander Sanden
 - a. Policy/Legislative Items
 - b. Large Event RFP
 - c. CHEMS/Financial Group Partnership
 - d. Other
- XII. Board of Directors District Reports
- XIII. Any Other Business Items for Discussion Only – M. Thompson, WCHA Chair
- XIV. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting - All
- XV. Next meeting Date & Location - March 26, 2024/April 2, 2024 (Spring Commissioner Training?)
- XVI. Adjournment



Wisconsin County Highway Association

Board of Directors Meeting - MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 2024 (Winter Road School) - **9:00 a.m.**

Chula Vista Resort – Sierra Room

1000 Chula Vista Parkway

Wisconsin Dells, WI

Virtual Link option: **Microsoft Teams Meeting**

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Present	Name	Position	Present	Name	Position
x	Roland Hawk – Wood County	President	x	Donna Brown-Martin – Milwaukee County	Commissioner
x	Jon Johnson – Eau Claire County	Past President	x	Kyle Kozelka – Crawford County	Commissioner
x	Robbie Krejci – St. Croix County	Secretary	x	Tom Cornford – Crawford County	Committee Member
x	Jim Griesbach – Marathon County	Treasurer	x	Craig Hardy – Iowa County	Commissioner
x	Marv Thompson- Barron County	Chairman	x	Darren Schroeder – Columbia County	Committee Member
x	Tim Kessler – Washburn County	Past-Chair	x	Nathan Check – Portage County	Commissioner
x	Matthew Budde – Calumet County	Vice Chair	x	Jake Hahn – Wood County	Committee Member
x	Hans Guderyon	LDG Representative	x	Brian Duell – Clark County	Commissioner
x	Patrick Vander Sanden	Executive Director	x	Larry Hoekstra – Eau Claire County	Committee Member
x	Todd Every	Deputy Director	x	Dean Steingraber – Outagamie County	Commissioner
	Gary Kennedy	Professional Development Director		Roger Te Stroete – Sheboygan County	Committee member
			x	Troy Schalinske – Vilas County	Commissioner
			x	Ted Cushing – Oneida County	Committee Member

			x	Brian Danielsen – Washburn County	Commissioner
			x	Steve Warndahl – Polk County	Committee Member

- I. Agenda: Call to Order, Roll Call of Board Members - Chair, M. Thompson
 - a. Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.
- II. Consider Minutes from Previous Meeting (12/19) - Chair, M. Thompson (attached)
 - a. Mtn by Wood, 2nd by Washburn to approved the minutes of 12/19. Motion carried.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – J. Griesbach
 - a. Treasurer Griesbach presented the December 2023 and 2024 year-end financial reports. Mtn by Oneida, 2nd by Calumet to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.
- IV. Professional Development Director’s Report – Gary Kennedy (and Todd Every, WCHA Deputy Director)
 - a. Vander Sanden gave a brief report on the planned trainings and events for 2024.
- V. Review and discuss 6-20ft Bridge Inventory and Assessment Program
 - a. Discussion and questions were asked about the WisDOT 6-20ft Bridge Inventory/Assessment. Vander Sanden and Hawk talked about what was planned but that information was slated to be presented during the Winter Road School. It was acknowledged that members had a number of questions and concern about the proposed rollout of the program.
- VI. Review and consider request by WTBA/WCA for Work Zone Safety Curriculum
 - a. Vander Sanden presented follow up information regarding support opportunities on the WTBA/WCA effort to bring in Work Zone Safe, the OK safety curriculum into WI Driving Schools. WCHA leadership met with WTBA about the opportunity for WCHA to sponsor a \$500/mo scholarship and be front and center on this program. There were some questions about logistics with the program. Mtn made by St. Croix, 2nd by Wood to commit to the \$500/mo scholarship for 2024 with Work Zone Safety as part of the partnerships with WTBA and WCA. Motion carried.
- VII. Consider Request of WC District to Appoint member to Bridge Committee
 - a. A very qualified candidate, Greg Haig from St. Croix County emerged as a new member of the WCHA Bridge Committee, considering his experience and expertise. Since Greg was not currently a County Highway Commissioner, his appointment needed approval by the WCHA Board of Directors. Mtn by Clark, 2nd by Milwaukee to approve Greg Haig as the WC District representative to the WCHA Bridge Committee. Motion carried.
- VIII. Review and consider NACE Representative process for WCHA
 - a. Johnson (Eau Claire) provided background on the traditional way that the WCHA has determined a NACE Wisconsin Representative was to have the Past-President. Since the NACE rep deals considerably in engineering issues, and as part of the effort to lessen the commitment in our officer structure, perhaps the NACE Rep should be from the ACME Committee. After discussion it was determined that to make this change, it would need a Bylaw change at the WCHA Summer Road School. WCHA Executive Committee will formally propose the change after speaking with ACME Committee representatives.
- IX. Review of Legislative Issues - WCHA Legislative Committee Chairman, R. Krejci
 - a. Krejci (St. Croix) deferred report to the joint WCHA Legislative/WCA Transportation Steering Committee meeting, coming at noon today as part of the Winter Road School.
- X. WCHA President Report – Roland Hawk

- a. WCHA President Hawk (Wood) provided an update on his activities since the last meeting and will be reporting further at the WCHA Business meeting on Wednesday at Winter Road School.

XI. WCHA Executive Director Report of Activities – Patrick Vander Sanden

- a. Legislative/Policy Updates – Vander Sanden reported on a handful of legislative bills that WCHA was monitoring.
- b. IRS Certification Update – Final submittal to the IRS for WCHA Certification was imminent, and WCHA worked with WIPFLI on compiling the final documents.
- c. Update – exploring partnerships with CHEMS/Financial Group – Vander Sanden reported that there is mutual interest in working with the CHEMS/Financial group to hold a conference, possibly more. He will continue to speak with the group about setting that up.
- d. WCHA future conference event venues – Vander Sanden talked about review of the RFP for event venues and the next steps to determine future locations for WCHA Conferences.
- e. Other

XII. Board of Directors District Reports

- a. North Central - none.
- b. Northeast = none.
- c. Northwest - none.
- d. South Central - recent discussions have included RMA and Salt Shed construction.
- e. Southeast - recent discussions included RMA and STP funding.
- f. Southwest - none.
- g. West Central - appreciation was conveyed for support for the Binder family, including the plans for fundraising at Winter Road School and overall.

XIII. Any Other Business Items for Discussion Only - Chair, M. Thompson

XIV. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting – All

- a. Digging into issues between WisDOT and WDNR on their agreements/partnerships. A possible Summer Road School topic.

XV. Next meeting Date & Location – February 27, 2024 (Virtual)

XVI. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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Expenditures by Vendor Summary

January 2024

	TOTAL
Affinipay	1,250.66
Associated Bank	7.00
Cardmember Services	2,056.78
Chula Vista	60.00
Dave Bell	800.00
Gary Kennedy	12,000.00
Gilner & Sons Self Storage	440.00
Impact AMC	3,980.19
Joe Schmit LLC	6,500.00
Kaminski's Chop House	18.54
Kathy Hendricks	800.00
Manitowoc Trophy	260.00
Melio (QB)	19.50
Memorial Drive Veterinary Clinic	256.83
Soozii Madden	1,634.00
Walmart	599.98
WI Dells Legion	300.00
Zoom	33.58
TOTAL	\$31,017.06

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Statement of Activity

January 2024

	TOTAL
Revenue	
01 Associate Member Dues	25,800.00
02 Winter Road School	157,819.00
Winter Road School - Auction	6,174.00
Total 02 Winter Road School	163,993.00
11 Miscellaneous Income	10.47
11A Interest Income	51.47
Total 11 Miscellaneous Income	61.94
Total Revenue	\$189,854.94
GROSS PROFIT	\$189,854.94
Expenditures	
02E Winter Road School Expenses	10,712.52
12 Events Coordinator Expense	12,000.00
15 Executive Director Expense	59.20
18 Deputy Director Expense	49.31
19 Association Management Expense	3,866.69
27 Office Supplies Expense	1,775.35
36 Professional Services Expense	1,020.00
41 Bank & Credit Card Fees	1,277.16
42 Miscellaneous Expenses	256.83
Payroll Expenses	
1316 Wages	15,323.08
Health Reimbursements	941.54
Total 1316 Wages	16,264.62
1417 Taxes	3,010.98
Total Payroll Expenses	19,275.60
Total Expenditures	\$50,292.66
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$139,562.28
NET REVENUE	\$139,562.28

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Statement of Financial Position

As of January 31, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
AffiniPay Clearing	600.00
Associated Checking	220,057.90
Associated Conference Checking	259,851.19
Associated Money Market	202,611.47
Road School Checking	2,000.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$685,120.56
Total Current Assets	\$685,120.56
TOTAL ASSETS	\$685,120.56
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Direct Deposit Payable	2,137.70
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Taxes (941/943/944)	24,799.42
Federal Unemployment (940)	24.00
WI Income Tax	5,494.70
WI SUI Employer	3,934.15
Total Payroll Liabilities	34,252.27
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$36,389.97
Total Current Liabilities	\$36,389.97
Total Liabilities	\$36,389.97
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	549,205.73
Retained Earnings	-40,037.42
Net Revenue	139,562.28
Total Equity	\$648,730.59
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$685,120.56

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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY24_P&L - FY24 P&L

January 2024

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue				
01 Associate Member Dues	25,800.00	60,000.00	-34,200.00	43.00 %
02 Winter Road School	157,819.00	130,000.00	27,819.00	121.40 %
Winter Road School - Auction	6,174.00		6,174.00	
Total 02 Winter Road School	163,993.00	130,000.00	33,993.00	126.15 %
03 Summer Road School		120,000.00	-120,000.00	
04 LDG Road School		105,000.00	-105,000.00	
05 WCHA Commissioner Training		7,500.00	-7,500.00	
07 Miscellaneous Trainings		17,000.00	-17,000.00	
08 NACE Dues		18,000.00	-18,000.00	
09 Special Revenue (US Communities)		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
11 Miscellaneous Income	10.47		10.47	
11A Interest Income	51.47		51.47	
Total 11 Miscellaneous Income	61.94		61.94	
6.5 Auction Scholarship		20,000.00	-20,000.00	
Total Revenue	\$189,854.94	\$479,500.00	\$ -289,645.06	39.59 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$189,854.94	\$479,500.00	\$ -289,645.06	39.59 %
Expenditures				
02E Winter Road School Expenses	10,712.52	40,000.00	-29,287.48	26.78 %
03E Summer Road School Expense		40,000.00	-40,000.00	
04E LDG Road School Expenses		40,000.00	-40,000.00	
05E WCHA Commissioner Training Expense		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
07E Miscellaneous Training Expenses		7,000.00	-7,000.00	
12 Events Coordinator Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	100.00 %
15 Executive Director Expense	59.20	8,400.00	-8,340.80	0.70 %
18 Deputy Director Expense	49.31	8,400.00	-8,350.69	0.59 %
19 Association Management Expense	3,866.69	70,000.00	-66,133.31	5.52 %
21 TDA Dues Expense		235.00	-235.00	
22 TDA Sponsorships		700.00	-700.00	
23 TDA Fly In Expenses (Executive)		14,000.00	-14,000.00	
24 TDA Fly In Expenses (BOD)		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
24.5 TDA Fly In (DC Scholarship Slit with TDA)		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
26 Conference Plaques		500.00	-500.00	
27 Office Supplies Expense	1,775.35	7,500.00	-5,724.65	23.67 %
29 NACO Conference Expense		1,800.00	-1,800.00	
30 NACE Conferences (Annual) Executive Expense		12,500.00	-12,500.00	
32 NACE Conference Director and Deputy Director		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
32.5 NACE Conference (Annual) 1/2 of BOD		2,500.00	-2,500.00	
33 NACE Board Meetings		1,500.00	-1,500.00	
34 NACE Dues Expense		18,000.00	-18,000.00	
36 Professional Services Expense	1,020.00	5,000.00	-3,980.00	20.40 %
37 CHAPPS Scholarships Expense		20,000.00	-20,000.00	
38 ATSSA Expense		425.00	-425.00	

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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY24_P&L - FY24 P&L

January 2024

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
39 Work Zone Safety Comm. Expense		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
40 Committee Meeting Expenses		3,250.00	-3,250.00	
41 Bank & Credit Card Fees	1,277.16		1,277.16	
42 Miscellaneous Expenses	256.83		256.83	
Payroll Expenses				
1316 Wages	15,323.08	222,300.26	-206,977.18	6.89 %
Health Reimbursements	941.54		941.54	
Total 1316 Wages	16,264.62	222,300.26	-206,035.64	7.32 %
1417 Taxes	3,010.98	69,639.96	-66,628.98	4.32 %
Total Payroll Expenses	19,275.60	291,940.22	-272,664.62	6.60 %
Total Expenditures	\$50,292.66	\$623,650.22	\$ -573,357.56	8.06 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$139,562.28	\$ -144,150.22	\$283,712.50	-96.82 %
NET REVENUE	\$139,562.28	\$ -144,150.22	\$283,712.50	-96.82 %



TO: WCHA Board of Directors
FR: Patrick Vander Sanden
DATE: February 27, 2023
RE: WCHA Board Meeting Items

WCHA Executive Committee,

Below are summaries tied to items on our Board agenda for February.

- Training and Events Update: Todd Every will provide a report on the recent 2024 WCHA Winter Road School. We will also talk about the upcoming WCHA events for 2024, including the location and dates for the Spring Commissioner's Training.
- 6-20ft Bridge Assessment Project: I will provide an update on the status of the WisDOT 6-20ft Bridge Inventory and Inspection program. Counties should be assessing how to and whether to inspect their own systems or their entire local systems if they have on-staff certified bridge inspectors. A plethora of information has been released to the Commissioners on the status of the project and the pair of WisDOT webinars that will be taking place on Friday, February 9th – one dedicated to the inventory and one to the inspection.
- Consideration of WCHA President Appointments to the WCHA Employee Advisory Committee: WCHA President Robbie Krejci has selected Jon Johnson (Eau Claire), Allison Bussler (Waukesha), Dean Steingraber (Outagamie) and Brian Field (Dodge) as his appointments to the new WCHA Employee Advisory Committee. If approved by the Board of Directors, they would join Robbie to comprise the committee, which will serve an HR function for WCHA, dealing with evaluations and other personnel issues.
- WCHA Vice-President Position and proposed Bylaw Changes: At the December Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved moving forward on a change to the WCHA Bylaws that would create a new official position, Vice-President, and then changing all the terms of each position on the Executive Committee from two years to one, thus changing the full commitment to the Executive Committee from 6 to 4 years. Further discussion at the Executive Committee addressed the issue of the balance on the committee between the Commissioners and the Highway Committee members. Currently, there is a 3-3 balance between the two groups. At the February Exec meeting, there was conversation that suggested once the Vice-President is put in place, the Secretary could move to a non-voting status on the Committee. The Board is asked to discuss and possibly determine how this issue should be resolved.
- Bylaw Changes Summary: With the recent Association approval of the Employee Advisory Committee creation, the creation (and hire) of a Deputy Director, and the possible changes to the Executive Official rosters, the Executive Committee discussed the need for an overall Bylaws review and revision. Reviews of the current bylaws have uncovered a number of outdated and obsolete items. The Executive Committee directed me to place this item on the agenda for discussion on how to address this. One suggestion was to create and appoint a Bylaw Review Subcommittee to take up this task.
- TDA/WCHA DC Fly-In Scholarships: Last year, WCHA worked with TDA to where two, \$2000 scholarships would be created and offered to two individuals who wished to attend the TDA DC Fly-In for the first. WCHA and TDA would devote \$1000 each for the two scholarships. The criteria to realize a scholarship includes: the candidate must be part of a full county member of TDA, and the candidate needs to attend at least two TDA events during the year in which they are awarded the scholarship. After sending out a call for candidates, two have emerged, and were recommended by the Executive Committee at their February meeting: Pepin County Highway Commissioner Chris Bates, and Dodge County Highway Committee Member Jeff Breselow. The Executive Committee forwards these individuals to the Board for review and consideration.

WCHA Executive Director Report of Activities

Policy/Legislative Items: General update on Legislative and Policy items been developed, supported and monitored. The attached list is those bills WCHA has been following this session, and their current status.

Executive Director Activities: updates on activities, including training events, planning, etc, since the last Board meeting

IRS Certification Update: I will provide an update on WCHA's efforts to finish up the IRS certification process

CHEMS/Financial Group Partnerships: Since the last Board meeting, I have met with the current President of CHEMS to discuss an arrangement where CHEMS/Financial Group would come under the WCHA umbrella in terms of assistance with conference planning, and some coordination of training and support opportunities. I will provide an update.



To: Wisconsin County Highway Association
From: Robbie Krejci
Re: President's Report/February Board of Directors Meeting

Monthly Activity Report - February 2024

The past month has been marked by significant activity within the Wisconsin Legislature, with our organization actively engaged in various initiatives and partnerships. Below is a concise overview of key activities and developments, aimed at providing clarity and transparency regarding our ongoing efforts.

Activities:

1. **Local Small Structures 6-20 ft Program:**

- Collaborated with WisDOT, WCA, WTA, and the LWM to advocate for adjustments to the program ensuring a successful rollout. Continued efforts are focused on refining the program for its initial cycle.

2. **WisDOT HMM Updates:**

- Presented proposed changes to the HMM at the February Executive Meeting. Sections under review include:
 - 02-20-15: GPL Insurance
 - 02-20-20: Eligible Costs/Field Small Tools
 - 06-20-86: Snow Removal Materials/Salt Shed and Load Building Designs
 - 07-01-25: Adopt A Highway Program
- Members will have the opportunity to provide feedback before final review and acceptance.

3. **Employee Review Committee:**

- Executive committee reviewed and endorsed recommendations for the Employee Committee formation, including Allison Bussler, Brian Field, Dean Steingraber, and Jon Johnson.

4. **Mentoring Program:**

- Initiating a mentoring program aimed at supporting new commissioners. Proposed structure to be determined, with initial focus on assigning 1-2 mentors per district. A proposal will be drafted for review by the Board of Directors within the next 60 days.

5. **Bylaws/Constitution Update:**

- Roland Hawk volunteered to chair a committee tasked with reviewing and recommending updates to the WCHA Bylaws and Constitution. Objective is to reflect current practices, with finalization targeted for approval at Winter Road School in 2025.
6. **WCA Meetings/Discussions:**
- Continued engagement with the WCA on various topics, emphasizing collaboration and partnership for mutual success. Strengthening communication channels remains a priority.
7. **RMA Deferred Maintenance Costs:**
- WisDOT identified 5 Counties for an activity to assess deferred maintenance on the STH system due to RMA funding gaps. The Counties involved are Marathon, Outagamie, Rock, St. Croix, and Waukesha. Appreciation extended to the participating Counties for their efforts, with data compilation ongoing for future funding considerations.
8. **TDA Fly-In Scholarship:**
- Congratulations to both candidates recommended by the Executive Committee for the TDA Fly-In Scholarship. Approval awaited at the February Board of Directors meeting. Encouragement given for future participation in this opportunity.

In conclusion, these activities underscore our commitment to proactive engagement, collaboration, and continuous improvement. We remain dedicated to serving our members and advancing our shared objectives in the coming months.

Current WI Legislation - WCHA

Senate Bill 591/Assembly Bill 624: This bill would require a minimum of 30 minutes of instruction dedicated to work zone safety awareness as part of the driver's education curriculum in Wisconsin.

- SB 591 has passed the full Senate on a voice vote
- AB 629 was given a public hearing on 2/6 in the Assm Transportation Committee (Jim Griesbach, Dan Bahr and I testified in support)
- SB 591 is on the Assembly calendar for full consideration on 2/22. If approved, it would need the Governor's signature to become law.

Senate Bill 614/Assembly Bill 651: This Senate Bill is introduced by Senator Cory Tomczyk (Mosinee), the proposal would allow a local government unit to install and maintain cameras in highway work zones to capture video or photographic evidence of traffic accidents. The companion bill in the State Assembly is AB 651, and is authored by State Representative Todd Novak (Dodgeville). Footage can be accessed by law enforcement to investigate.

- SB 614 had a public hearing on the bill on 1/17
- NOTE: The Wisconsin Legislative Council uncovered that under current state statute, camera already can be installed in work zones. Further, the language in SB 614/AB 651 would lessen the ability to install cameras.
- The Legislative Council memo is being reviewed so that information can be provided to WCHA relating to any actions that could be taken to improve safety through the use of cameras. WCHA will prepare information for commissioner on any appropriate next steps as a result of this development.

Assembly Bill 514/Senate Bill 491: The bill would prohibit indemnification of state or local governments in design professional service contracts. We are currently reviewing the legislation and getting a sense of it as it moves forward. This bill has been approved by both the full State Assembly and State Senate. The Governor has approved the bill (AB 514) and it will become law.

- The bill has been shared with the WCHA membership when it was discovered in mid-January.
- There has not been any feedback on the bill positive or negative.
- The City of Madison, City of Milwaukee, the League, and the Municipal Environmental Group all have come out against the bill.

Senate Bill 753/Assembly Bill 808: This newly introduced bill (Senator Jesse James) would clarify the issue regarding the use of County Bridge Aid as the local share of the WisDOT Local Bridge program. Questions regarding this issue have risen after a legal opinion had been shared that would go against this practice (note: county bridge aid is ok to be used under LRIP, but the

fuzziness of the issue remains for programs that utilize federal funding, like the Local Bridge Program).

- SB 753 was given a public hearing in the Senate Transportation and Local Govt Committee on 1/17/24.
- An executive session on SB 753 was scheduled for 2/8/24 in the committee
- AB 808 was given a public hearing in Assembly Transportation on 1/30/24, and was passed out of the Assembly Transportation Committee on 2/6/24
- SB 753 has passed out of the Senate (2/20), and the Assembly (2/21). It awaits action from the Governor.

Senate Bill 840/Assembly Bill 869: This bill was brought to my attention by Milwaukee County Director of Transportation Donna Brown-Martin, whose county was in full support of this bill, which would allow operators of local government snow removal vehicles to request green light priority at traffic signals (they operators of these vehicles could control the turn of signals to green while they are addressing a snow emergency). This is similar to the access that other emergency vehicles, like police, fire and ems have.

- SB 840 was given a public hearing in the Senate Transportation and Local Government Committee on January 17th and was passed out of the Committee on 2/8/24
- AB 869 was given a public hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee on 1/30/24, and passed out of the committee in Executive Session on 2/6/24.
- SB 840 was approved by the full State Assembly (2/15) and also approved by the Senate (2/20). It awaits action by the Governor.

Senate Bill 959/Assembly Bill 1039: This bill was introduced 1/26/24. It appears to be a comprehensive ATV/UTV piece of legislation that both expands and restricts what an operator of an ATV/UTV can do. It also affects permitting and general use. Concerns with this bill include:

- ATV/UTV speed limits. The bill eliminates the requirement that a highway have a speed limit of 35 mph or less for ATV/UTVs.
 - After appealing to the main author on the bill (Senator Howard Marklein), he proposed an amendment that takes our this provision, and restores the '35 mph or less' rule in statute.
- Tinkering with the HMM – state trunk highways/connecting highways are not allowed to be designated as an ATV route without WisDOT approval. The bill appears to remove this requirement from the HMM manual.
- SB 959 was given a hearing on 2/14/24 in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage. I testified for Information Purposes Only, but included in my comments that the WCHA would strongly oppose had the amendment not been offered. I also extended an offer to assist the stakeholders involved in ATV/UTV regulation to assist in the development of future policy regulations tied to ATU/UTV use in Wisconsin.
- It appears that neither of these bills will be taken up any further before the end of the legislative session.

Overweight Bills in circulation:

Senate Bill 431/Assembly Bill 440: relates to the permitting for the overweight transport of certain fluid milk products. It would expand the allowable access for overweight permits for the transport of certain milk products (liquid whey/whey byproducts). The bill has since been amended to narrow that the permits are only allowed for transport to processing facilities and impose penalties if a permit holder violates their permit by over 10,000 pounds more than twice. It also removes a current law requirement to weigh axles as one unit if they are less than six feet apart.

- AB 440 has been heard in the Assembly Committee on Agriculture and was passed out of committee on 1/4/24. As of today, the bill has not been scheduled for the full Assembly Floor.
- SB 431 was move through the process and has been approved by both the full Senate (11/14) and Assembly (1/25). Both were approved on voice votes (meaning no roll call and thus assumed little or no opposition)

Senate Bill 363/Assembly Bill 365: relates to the permitting for the overweight transport of pig iron. If approved, the allowed materials for transport under “recyclable scrap” metal would include pig iron as something that can be provided with an overweight permit under WisDOT rules.

- SB 363 has been heard and passed out of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Local Government, and then passed out of the full Senate on a voice vote.
- AB 365 has been heard and passed out of the Assembly Committee on Transportation (unanimous approval) and is currently awaiting scheduling in the Assembly.
- SB 363 was taken up in the State Senate and approved (11/14/23), then approved by the State Assembly (2/14).

Assembly Bill 511/Senate Bill 484: relating to permits for certain oversize or overweight vehicles transporting forest products. It designates certain state highways as allowable for transportation of forestry products from Michigan, and limits travel on state highways, and expands what is included in the “Michigan border agreement” for transport of forestry products between the states.

- AB 511 has been heard and passed out of the Assembly Committee on Transportation and was approved by voice vote in the State Assembly (1/18/24). The bill is currently in the Senate Committee on Organization, where it could be scheduled for a vote in the full Senate.