

WCHA - Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 3, 2022

Committee Attendees: A Rinka – Trempealeau County/ A Bussler - Waukesha County/ C Narveson –

Green County/ J Griesbach - Marathon County/ J Johnson - Eau Claire County/ K

Kozelka – Sauk County/ R Krejci – St. Croix County

Also Attending D Fedderly – Executive Director WCHA/ D Brown-Martin – Milwaukee County

1. Legislative Update – What's been working/What hasn't been.

D Fedderly provided a synopsis of the previous legislative session and discussed what did and did not work with the WCHA legislative agenda. D Fedderly discussed the Work Zone Legislation and the concerns brought forward by legislators and what the WCHA can do to further its efforts with Work Zone legislation. D Fedderly discussed the requests to reduce the impact of the legislation and that it was important for the WCHA to keep its priorities within proposed bill. The group discussed the challenges in the last legislative session and potential strategy to continue to advance its Work Zone priorities.

- 2. Consider Legislative Priorities Group
 - a. Work Zone Safety
 - b. Local Authority of Traffic Signal Pre-emption
 - c. OWI ATV/UTV Law update
 - d. LRIP Potential Administrative Code Update
 - e. Hands-Free Driving
 - f. Public Works Bid Advertisement Requirements
 - g. Other Priorities

The group discussed the list of proposed legislative priorities on the agenda. It was noted by several members that the WCHA needs to work with the Wisconsin Towns Association on the ATV/UTV and LRIP legislation. Discussion continued regarding the remaining topics and developing issue papers to define the potential topics. General Transportation Aids and the Routine Maintenance Agreements between Counties and WisDOT were discussed and the importance of the WCHA supporting funding

increases for those programs. Engaging potential partners on various legislation was discussed and noted that outreach should begin in the upcoming months.

A Bussler discussed the concern of fitting Local Roads into funding programs. Potential program changes, expansion of STP-Local and other funding options for low-volume County Roads classified as Local was discussed.

It was noted that the Legislative Committee would need to continue to work with Dan Fedderly and Dan Bahr to update and ensure the WCHA Issue Papers are available on the website. D Brown-Martin noted that their availability would help with talking points when opportunities to discuss the legislation were present.

3. Consider Date of next meeting - Group

Discussion that the next meeting should occur after the governor's election in November and continue progress in defining the WCHA legislative priorities.

4. Future Agenda Items - Group

Issue Papers – Updates/Development