

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Monday, December 3, 2007

Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors Jim Dwyer, Jim Behrend, Pat Haukohl, Ken Herro, Bill Mitchell, Bonnie Morris, Duane Paulson.

Also Present: Land Resources Manager Perry Lindquist, WCFLS Director Tom Hennen, Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Office Services Coordinator Windy Jicha, Nate Rice, Nancy Fletcher.

Correspondence

Dwyer distributed and reviewed the list of correspondence. He said supervisors should request copies of listed items from Jicha.

Approve Minutes of November 19, 2007

MOTION: Herro moved, Paulson second, to approve the minutes of November 19, 2007. Motion carried 7-0.

Legislative Update

Krahn distributed and reviewed a handout titled *2007 State Legislation 12.3.07 Key Legislation to Monitor as Session Winds Down* specifically SB 13 (AB 39), SB 321 (AB 576) and AB 582 (SB 335).

Public Comment

Rice said creating the Silver Lake Management District will provide lots of opportunities and preserve the lake and water quality. It will be a pseudo-government body with taxing ability to best care for the lake.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 162-O-076: Order Creating Silver Lake Management District

MOTION: Mitchell moved, Haukohl second, to approve Ordinance 162-O-076.

Lindquist said a petition signed by approximately 70% of the Silver Lake landowners covering nearly 90% of the lands within the proposed district was filed September 19, 2007 to develop the Silver Lake Management District to include all properties around Silver Lake in the Town of Summit with riparian rights to Silver Lake including properties with significant wetland and groundwater recharge areas that feed Silver Lake. The public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district is necessary to define the present and anticipated problems of Silver Lake and identify the causes of those problems, implement various remedial measures to deal with the problems and undertake activities such as protection of the fishery, management of aquatic plants and reduction of sedimentation. The Silver Lake Management District will promote public health, comfort, convenience, necessity and public welfare. The formation of the district will not cause or contribute to long-range environmental pollution. The Silver Lake Environmental Association recommended Eric Jensen (east shore), Nate Rice (north shore) and Matt Thiele (south shore) to serve as commissioners for the district and Sandra Murray and Sean Osborne to serve as alternates. A public hearing was held on October 16, 2007 with no one showing opposition and few questions were asked.

Haukohl asked how were the district boundaries determined? Morris said the district consists of land owners with rights/access to the lake. Mitchell said properties in the City of Oconomowoc are not included in the lake management district. Lindquist said lake management districts may also include

lands that provide ground water recharge to the lake. Haukohl asked how come the City of Oconomowoc is not included? Lindquist said according to statute the city council has to approve membership. The issue failed. Herro said the City of Oconomowoc turned it down.

Mader said Rice spearheaded this event. Mader has never seen anyone as prepared as Rice on the formation of a lake management district.

Morris said when Mayor Sullivan was asked at a public hearing why it was turned down he replied the City of Oconomowoc has no problem with the lake management district. There's a lawsuit between an environmental group and the City of Oconomowoc. Once the legal issue is done, the city will pursue this. Rice said there are two ways the lake residents could become part of the lake management district. The city could pass a resolution or the property owners with more than a 51% agreement could petition the district.

Herro asked if the condos being built on Silver Lake will be part of any lake management district? Lindquist said he's not sure if the City of Oconomowoc includes all residents as part of the Fowler Lake Management District. It's not clear to him. Herro asked how did the city justify 36 condos with boat slips and a restaurant not being included in the Silver Lake Management District especially since they're connected to the lake? Lindquist said Fowler Lake is odd because the city acts as the lake management district. If all City of Oconomowoc residents are part of the Fowler Lake Management District, they may not be able to join the Silver Lake Management District. He doesn't know if you can be part of two lake management districts.

Rice said he hoped this would have gone for a vote in the City of Oconomowoc but it never happened. The group waited for the city but couldn't wait any longer. The condo owners can petition to join the lake management district. Sometimes there are watershed issues. One home can be part of two watersheds or lake management districts. All the citizens of Oconomowoc have an interest in the Fowler Lake Management District.

Motion carried: 6-1 (Herro voted no).

Discuss and Consider 162-A-009: Appointment of Eric Jensen, Nate Rice and Matt Thiele to the Silver Lake Management District

MOTION: Morris moved, Behrend second, to approve Appointment 162-A-009.

Morris commented the appointees have done a lot of work to get this running. She commended them for their work.

Motion carried 7-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 162-O-083: Accept Gates Foundation Spanish Language Outreach Program Grant and Modify the 2007 Federated Library Budget to Appropriate Grant Revenues and Expenditures

MOTION: Behrend moved, Mitchell second, to approve Ordinance 162-O-083.

Hennen explained that this ordinance will authorize WCFLS to accept \$5,700 from the Gates Foundation for the Spanish outreach program. The program will increase library staffs' knowledge and skills to better serve technology needs of Spanish speakers at the libraries. The program will allow one staff person to attend the Outreach Training Institute conducted by WebJunction, conduct three outreach workshops and provide pre-workshop assessments and post-workshop evaluations. The funding will be used to purchase meeting supplies, reimburse speakers costs and print workshop

handouts. No local matching funds are required and no county indirect costs are recovered. Because this grant is being received so late in the year, the department is requesting the ability to carryover unexpended 2007 expenditure authority and revenues to the 2008 budget.

Fletcher said the State of Wisconsin applied for the Gates Foundation grant to provide training for four people on how libraries can better reach out to the Hispanic community. Hennen said Fletcher was selected because she's won awards for her programs. It's important to reach out to the community and to connect librarians and staff to share ideas.

Herro asked what will the grant provide? Fletcher said there will be three, full day workshops for librarians and library staff at three libraries (Washington Park, Waterford and Janesville) focusing on cultural beliefs, how to reach out to the community, how to help people assimilate into the culture, etc. Waukesha librarians will be participating in the Milwaukee training session.

Motion carried 7-0.

Update on the Act 150 Formula Funding Committee

Dwyer said the Act 150 Committee made a recommendation to re-examine the funding formula. The county executive also wanted to form a group so Bussler and Dwyer agreed it would make sense to have one combined study group.

Hennen said periodically funding assumptions should be reviewed. To determine and declare the funding distribution formula the county needs to conform with state law, guarantee universal library access to all residents in the county, provide stable funding (receiving and paying) and encourage efficiency. The main reason for the change is the passage of Act 420 allowing the county to develop a plan to deal with TNR and crossover borrowing. Act 420 makes it legal to get rid of the TNR issue with teeth coming from the ability to be exempted from the county levy. The Executive Committee needs to develop a mission statement, discuss the committee make up and timeframe for completion.

Herro said he disagrees with Hennen's reason why the funding formula is being reviewed. Wally Thiel from Hartland pushed for the formula review because his village is being hurt by it. His community is angry, doesn't understand the formula and feels powerless. The community doesn't feel like they are a part of how the formula was created. Once the local municipalities talk about this, there will be a fight. The Act 150 Committee always had fights and nothing was resolved. The make up of the funding review committee should include Wally Thiel, Paul Kanter, representatives from the City of Waukesha and a TNR community, etc.

Dwyer said he would like this task completed by the end of board year.

Herro asked if the mission of the group will be to only review funding distribution? Hennen said yes. He will be shocked if they don't stray the conversation to collection.

Committee Reports by Committee Chairs for the Following Meetings:

November 20, 2007 – Land Use – Mitchell said the committee considered three resolutions and an ordinance for the City of Oconomowoc. They had a farewell gathering for Supervisor Harenda.

November 20, 2007 – Personnel – Paulson said vice chair Schellinger led the meeting. The committee reviewed a report on worker's compensation claims and the qualifications for deputy county treasurer.

November 21, 2007 – Finance – Haukohl said the committee heard reports on proprietary funds, in-rem foreclosure actions and general funds. They approved fund transfers for DOA, Corporation

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Counsel for the Child Support Division and the County Board Office. They approved two ordinances that went to the board on November 27th and the contract procurement process for GIS address support.

November 29, 2007 – Public Works – Herro said the committee considered three ordinances, discussed the county's energy conservation campaign/plan versus energy performance contracting and approved contracts for route 10 and Milwaukee County Transit route 79.

November 29, 2007 – HHS – Behrend said the committee approved an ordinance to receive grant funding.

November 30, 2007 – Judiciary – Morris said the committee elected Dave Swan vice chair of the committee. They also approved Ordinances 162-O-084 and 162-O-085 to appropriate revenues/expenditures/transfer funds for the Sheriff's Department and Circuit Court 2007 budgets.

MOTION: Behrend moved, Paulson second, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Morris
Secretary