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**WALCE Board Agenda  
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 15, 2009**

**Portage County Annex Building  
Stevens Point, WI**

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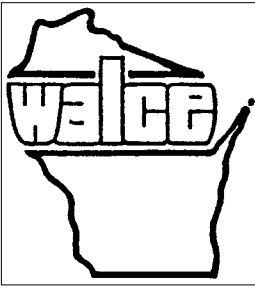
- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from April 2nd, 2009 Board Meeting.**
- 3. President's Report.**
- 4. Treasurer's Report.**
- 5. Approval of expense vouchers.**
- 6. Administrative Committee Report - Baneck.**
- 7. Professional Improvement Committee Report - Eggers.**
- 8. Technical Committee Report- Micheel.**
- 9. Discuss Support for continued financial support for WI Standards Oversight Council (SOC)**
- 10. Update on the Ad-hoc Staff Funding Committee.**
- 11. Discussion/Update on the budget**
  - 10a. Update on 2009-2011 state budget**
  - 10b. Budget Amendment discussion – Lobbying.**
  - 10c. Discussion on stimulus bill**
  - 10d. 2010 allocation/strategy**
- 12. Agency and Association Reports.**
- 13. LWCB status**
- 14. Discuss/approve access to additional funds to cover Lobby agreement bills with WLWCA. This will include a discussion about current funding shortfalls and anticipated future funding needs.**
- 15. WALCE Newsletter/Membership Updates**
- 16. Update on opportunity to have discussion time on Wisconsin Public Radio to discuss LWCD Issues etc.**
- 17. Update on Wisconsin Outdoor News Media Project**
- 18. Website Status/Update - What's new & what needs updating.**
- 19. Establish next meeting date and location.**
- 20. Adjourn.**

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*To represent and serve the interests of county land conservation employees by facilitating the exchange of information and ideas, supporting locally-led conservation programs and services, providing professional improvement opportunities, working with other agencies and organizations and providing input on proposed conservation legislation, program rules, policies and standards*

***Kurt Calkins, President • Greg Baneck, Vice President • Derek Kavanaugh, Secretary • Ed Hernandez, Treasurer***



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**WALCE Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT  
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***Present: Kurt Calkins, Keith Marquardt, Pat Murphy, Bob Micheel, Steve Bradley (on behalf Chris Murphy), Mary Jo Gingras, Shawn Esser, Diane Hansen, Ed Hernandez, Derek Kavanaugh, John White, Greg Baneck, Julian (by phone), Richard (by phone), Tom Ward arrived at 10:45am.***

- 1. Call to order 9:46am by Calkins.**
- 9. Item #9 moved to the top of the agenda to accommodate Pat Murphy's schedule. The SOC annual budget is \$85,000. There is a \$10,000 budget shortfall for 2009, and a \$26,000 projected shortfall for 2010. DNR is contributing \$18,000-\$24,000. NRCS is contributing \$25,000 to \$35,000. \$12,000 is being allocated from segregated county funds (SOC - \$50,000 pot) to cover part of the shortfall.**

**Request WALCE to send letters to DATCP and DNR regarding funding of SOC.**

**Motion to approve a letter be sent by WALCE to the secretaries of DNR and DATCP, Russ Rasmussen, and Dave Jelinski. Marquardt/Gingras. All in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Any county that is willing to provide individual letters of support would be encouraged.**

- 2. Motion to approve minutes of April 2nd 2009 WALCE Board Meeting. Hernandez/Baneck. Approved as printed. Motion Carried. All in favor.**
- 3. President's Report. (Calkins) Climatology Project – How changing climate is affecting BMPs. Micheel will sit in on the meetings; The LWCB is holding a conference call on July 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future of the Board. ; Calkins discussed what role WLWCA and WALCE will play in the budget process.**
- 4. Treasurer's Report. (Hernandez) Not much activity since conference. \$500 moved to conservation camp funds. Written report was sent via email to board. Motion to approve the treasurer's report. Bradley/Gingras. All in Favor. Motion Carried.**

5. **Motion to approve expense voucher for Hernandez. Bradley/Baneck. All in Favor. Motion Carried.**
6. **Administrative Committee Report. Next meeting July 29<sup>th</sup>. No meeting since last Board meeting. Issues – Preliminary allocation plan from DATCP.**
7. **PIC Report. (Eggers) – report sent via email to Board, Hernandez presented an oral report on behalf of Eggers. Scholarship Guidelines are being updated. Two - \$500 scholarships have been awarded this fiscal year. Reviewed PIC membership changes. WALCE membership – need to increase. Discussion ensued regarding how to increase membership.**

**Motion to approve Rod Engh to PIC. Marquardt/Hernandez. All in Favor. Motion Carried.**

8. **TC Report (Micheel) - report sent to the board via email. Micheel presented an oral report. New FSA program BCAP is a cost-share program for the harvest, storage, transport of biomass products – FSA continuous signup. (Wood chip biomass). {Forestry subcommittee}.**
9. **<Moved to the top of the agenda>**
12. **<Agency reports moved up on the agenda>**

**12a. NRCS – report was emailed to Board, and written report was distributed. John White presented an oral report. Topics included: EQIP Organic signup, Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, EQIP Hypoxia Initiative. CSP, Floodplain Easements, Contribution agreements.**

**12b. DATCP – report emailed to board. Written report was distributed. Richard presented an oral report via teleconference. LWCB Board was maintained but funding was cut. Board’s role changed from Administrative to Advisory.**

**Allocation numbers are not available; however individual counties can contact Richard directly to get an idea of funding levels. ; Preliminary Allocation deadline – Oct 09, Final Allocation deadline – Dec 09, unless an extension is issued.**

**NMP training programs from increased from 19 to 35 counties in 2009.;  
NMP planned acreage increased from 80k to 270k acres in 2009.**

**12c. WLWCA – Julian by teleconference. Lobbying attempts were successful in legislature. Lobbying budget is overspent. – Costs are split with WALCE. Conservation camp is complete. Envirothon is coming up. COLIP is underway. Conservation observance day was very successful, attendance was good.**

- 12d. DNR – No report presented.
- 12e. GLNC – Tom Ward – facing problems with participation from staff and supervisors. Presented information on compressed video technology. It would include four 2 hour sessions at 8 locations within the basin Great Lakes Basin (driving reduced to nearest UW broadcast center). It was suggested for Ward to contact SITCOM for cooperative effort.

<Break for Lunch @ 12:10pm>

<Called to Order at 1:10pm>

*Afternoon Attendees: Greg Baneck, Kurt Calkins, Keith Marquardt, Bob Micheel, Steve Bradley, Mary Jo Gingras, Shawn Esser, Diane Hansen, Ed Hernandez, Derek Kavanaugh*

10. Ad-hoc committee will be meeting next week. Email should be sent to all CC to involve them in the process.

11a. Discussion was held about obtaining a seat at the table when budget discussions are being held. A legislature approach may be more effective than going directly through DATCP. Recent lobbying efforts were very successful in maintaining funding levels and maintaining the LWCB. The \$9.3 million for staff funding for LCDs is now a line item in the DATCP budget.

Discussion was held regarding if the allocation plan deadline date can be moved up to give the counties more time for completing budgets.

11b. <See Item #14>

11c. No updates.

11d. Previously Discussed.

12 <Moved up>

13. LWCB has been maintained, but funding was cut. The role is now mainly advisory.

14. \$4473.48 over budget in lobbying budget. (Bill split with WLWCA). Motion to approve to approve \$4478.38 Bradley/Marquardt. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

15. Discussion regarding producing a fall newsletter (email version) to all WALCE members/LCD employees. Calkins will send an email to seek an editor.

16. Contacted Larry Mueller show on WPR – Topics: Northern issues (Gingras), stormwater/ag (Calkins). Scheduled for Wed. Aug 12 11:45-12:30. A notice will be sent out to WALCE members.

17. Nothing to report.

**18. Continue to update mailing lists**

**19. Next meeting 9:00am Sept 10.**

**20. Adjourned 2:25pm**

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