

# Wisconsin County Surveyors Association, Inc.

Minutes of the WCSA March 5, 2021, BOD Meeting  
Neillsville, WI – Clark County Courthouse



### Board of Directors Attending

Ryan Duckart	Brown County	Joe Nelsen	Trempealeau County
Laurence Johns	Vernon County	Tom Carlson	Dunn County
Tom Leslie	Brown County	Bryan Meyer	La Crosse County
Ron Merry	SEWRPC		

### WCSA Members/Others Attending

Glen Schaefer	Retired	Wade Petit	Clark County
Cody Brommerich	Jackson County	Terry Lueschow	Seiler Instruments
Tom Brueggeman	Jackson County	Gregg Batzer	Dunn County
Tony Dallmann	Lincoln County	Dave Yurk	Shawano County
Jason Bolz	Manitowoc County	Dean Roth	Eau Claire County
Sam Wenz	Chippewa County	Mark Netterlund	Barron County
Dave Vogel	SCO	Gary Dechant	Juneau & Monroe Counties
Mick Heberlein	WISDOT	Corey Hughes	La Crosse County

**President Ryan Duckart called the meeting to order at 10:07 am**

*Thank you to Wade Petit for hosting the meeting thru Clark County*

Introductions were made with no additions to the agenda

**Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Minutes from the November 6, 2020 Board meeting**

**Secretary’s Report:** Tom Leslie reported on preparing the last Board minutes; emailing updated paid dues list & related paid map to members, including Membership renewal form. He also forwarded several informational emails submitted by members. Discussed website updating with SCO. Nothing else to report at this time

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Carlson stated there are 54 current members as of 2-24-21. He also gave the following report:

## **Wisconsin County Surveyors Assoc. Inc.**

Treasurer’s Report - March 5, 2021

**Current Balances (Westconsin Credit Union)** Balances as of March 2, 2021

Checking.....	\$5721.10
Savings.....	\$5652.45

**Expenditures 2021** since January Report - None

**Dues collected for 2021** through March 2, 2021: **\$4300.00**

On February 12, 2021, 2020 WCSA taxes were filed electronically with the IRS by completing a Form 990-N postcard. On February 13, 2021, received confirmation from IRS that submission was accepted

**Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports**

**Correspondence:**

- Forwarded several emails from Mick Heberlein to the membership concerning GPS on Benchmark Regional Workshop and various links discussed at Annual Meeting in January

- Bryan Meyer reported on the Minnesota County Surveyors meeting on February 11, 2021 concerning the State Line issue – at a standstill right now, similar to Wisconsin. News is slow
- National Surveyors Week is coming up soon: March 21-27, 2021

### **WLIC Report:**

- Mark Netterlund discussed the last meeting on February 26, 2021, including:
  - WLIC appointees: received three applications for Council positions, including one for a new utility industry representative
  - WLIP Program Update including the continuation of fully funding WLIP in the next Executive Budget for 2021-2023; an item for the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) relating to Next Generation 9-1-1, in which there is a line of connection between the WLIP and proposed DMA GIS grants to counties. The language indicates there will be coordination between DMA and Land Information Program on the grants; interest in the GIS community relates to snowmobile trail mapping
  - WLIP grants and program: For the 2021 grant year, all counties are eligible for WLIP Strategic Initiative grants, which were able to be funded at the \$50,000 level. Counties are also eligible for Base Budget grants
  - Lidar status and hydrography updates
  - New opportunities for collective action for state, local, and federal land information partners including Updating the Wisconsin Emergency Management's State Hazard Mitigation Plan, GIS needs for Wisconsin DNR's Climate Task Force and Related Initiatives and Discussion of possible collaborative projects and funding sources
- Mark also announced that he will be retiring on June 11

## **Education Segment**

### **Miscellaneous WISDOT Updates – Mick Heberlein, WisDOT**

- Nothing new to report on GPS on Benchmark but want to keep the topic at the forefront of discussions. There were some questions from the membership on the process, including:
  - Make sure you have the correct antennae selected when submitting
  - Hexagon Map has dates associated with the observations, but not until the data is made public
  - NGS data sheets cannot help in figuring out dates
  - There is an APP available for android phones to help connect w/ receiver without a data collector (not sure if iphone is capable of this) – depends on your equipment
  - Are there other funds that can be used for participating (WLIA or extra COVID money)? Most budgets are set up a year ahead so probably not, but worth checking
  - Part-time Surveyors have a harder time getting this accomplished: stringent time constraints because of limited time available, limited budgets
  - 4 hours is a long time to “babysit” the sites – equipment has been stolen
  - Horizon picture can be any directions (use landscape mode)
  - Everything must be submitted by end of 2021. NGS will be processing at end of this year/beginning of next year
  - No need to wait 2 weeks for precise ephemeris with your observations
  - Glen Schaefer stated there is a spreadsheet somewhere that lists if a sight has been observed or not. Jacob Heck will find more information and pass it on

## **Old Business**

### **1) Status of County Surveyor Offices**

- Dave Tlusty is retiring March 3
- Mark Netterlund (as mentioned earlier) is retiring June 11
- Jerry Smart is the new County Surveyor for Adams County

### **2) State Line/County Line Concerns**

- No news on State Line since last meeting
- Discussed changes being made to county line between Buffalo & Trempealeau Counties
- Laurence Johns mentioned a letter from BLM that stated they may survey an island in Mississippi River that was previously not surveyed – Wisc or Minn? National Fish & Wildlife is current owner
- Bridges and related repairs are part of the discussion as well – who pays for what??

### 3) WCSA website

- **Tabled until next meeting.** WLSL should have their new website up and running
- Brenda was updating WCSA stuff on the SCO website until her retirement last year. Dave Vogel asked if he should be doing this now. Someone was updating the WCSA on the old WLSL website, at least some of it. No idea who updated the rest

## New Business

### 1) WLIC County Surveyor Representative

- Cody Brommerich has expressed interest in “replacing” Mark Netterlund on the WLIC Board. Mark will find out the process required to get Cody nominated and report back at next meeting
- **A motion was made, seconded and approved** to formally nominate Cody Brommerich for the soon-to-be open WLIC Board position
- A big “THANK YOU” to Mark for his service on the Board and the excellent communication he gave back to WCSA. WLIC needs to be more aware of our organization

### 2) Cemetery Plat Statutes

- The statute (§157.07) was changed in 2016 removing the requirement of a County Review
- ROD may need help when a plat is brought in for recording – courtesy review by CS? The surveyor is ultimately responsible for the plat and its content

### 3) Dues/Donations

- **A motion was made, seconded and approved** to continue our membership in Wisconsin Towns Association (\$175). They have an attorney on staff and a monthly newsletter so there is definite value to remaining a member. More information is needed so we can use it to our full advantage
- **A motion was made, seconded and approved** to continue our membership in NACS (\$100)
- **A motion was made, seconded and approved** to continue \$250 donation to WLSL Foundation

**Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 12:33pm**