

**Intercounty Coordinating Committee (ICC)**  
**August 18, 2008**  
**UW-Extension, Jefferson County Office**  
**Jefferson, Wisconsin**

**1. Introductory Business**

Call to Order – Chair Russ Kottke called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Attendance**

See attached sheet

**2. Certification of Open Meeting Notice**

The Secretary confirmed that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Columbia County, second by Green Lake County to approve the agenda. Approved.

**4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Jefferson County, second by Dodge County to approve the minutes of the July 2008 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee as corrected/amended. Approved.

**5. Visiting Officials** – No one present.

**6. WCA** – Dave Calendar, WCA

- Steering Committee – developing platforms for annual conference; two steering committees without resolutions (taxation) and (agriculture).
- Legislative Study Councils – bipartisan; keeping an eye on “Emergency Management and Continuity of Government”; still figuring out what they will be doing; “Applicability of Laws – Cities and Villages”; “Wisconsin Energy” – 25% renewable by 2025; “Records” – working on the review of records policies and county personnel. Committee looking at possible recommended guidelines, and will be coming up with a best practice for counties.
- Association of County Homes working with WCA.
- Current issues papers are being prepared by WCA staff.
- Will be holding a seminar on working lands.

**7. Open Discussion of County Issues:**

Possible Issues for 2008/2009 ICC Program Planning

- Wisconsin Way: Guidelines for Counties (WCA ready after November/December)
  - Sales Tax position by WCA
  - Loss of Revenue by internet sales
  - Mark O’Connell as possible presenter
- Dealing with Floods, Disaster Planning
  - Assessment by Counties
  - Share on what could be done better
- Infrastructure Deficiencies
  - Bridges
  - Strategies and Scope of Problem (State/National/Local)

- Moving to a Four-Day Work Week
  - Challenges with Courts
  - Cost Savings and Implications
  
- Mandates and Elected Officials
  
- Restructuring of Highway Departments
  - Columbia County is facing challenges
  - Jefferson County: now facilities are deficient
  - Staffing and facility implications
  
- Decennial U.S. Census and County Board Size
  - Walworth County: How is theirs working?
  
- **PROGRAM:**
  - **Presentation by Dr. Kurt Paulsen, UW-Madison Department of Urban and Regional Planning on “Innovations: Farmland Preservation”**
  
  - Visions: There was significant consensus on the vision to preserve extensive farmland.
  - Working Lands Initiative: Must emphasize that a good County plan and regulation is a prerequisite to other, innovative land preservation methods.
  - Use terminologies that are more neutral:
    - PACE (Preservation of Ag Conservation Easements) rather than PDR (Purchase of Development Rights)
  - LESA can be used for:
    1. Planning: Look at scenarios
    2. Help make funding decisions (ranking system for who will get funding)
  - Funding
    - Counties should consider being “certified” with the federal government FPP (Farmland Protection Program)
    - Stewardship funds – near parks
    - Work in partnership with a Town that is interested in this program.
  - Analyzed the State of Wisconsin Working Lands Proposal.
  - Presented six of the best applications of LESA criteria.
  - Next Steps: Now is a good time to begin a farmland preservation program.

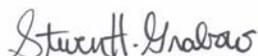
The full presentation is attached.

**9. Other County Issues:** Orrin Helmer, Green Lake County Board Chair, is very ill.

## **10. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Jefferson County, second by Columbia County. The ICC meeting was adjourned by Chair Kottke at 11:23 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Russell Kalts	Dodge County
Bob Westby	Columbia Co
Valen Baumgard	Columbia Co.
John Blumke	"
Jim Mole	Jefferson Co.
John Olson	Dodge Cty.
Jeff Hoffman	Dodge Co. UWEX
Kay Seeholm	Dodge
DAVID CALLENDER	WCA
Jason Kueffeld	Green Lake Co. UWEX
Don Probst	Green Lake County
Steve Neen	Jefferson Co.
Debra Wypyt	Columbia Co.