**WISCONSIN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 5, 2023**

**LA CROSSE WI**

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

President Dean Bergstrom (Cumberland) called the meeting to order at 11:15 am on 16, April 5, 2023 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI.

Board members present: Ramon Knudtson (Past President),Bill Miller (Bloomer), Tom Teitz (Cambria), Hershel Marks (Boscobel), Larry Gates (Prairie du Chien), Chris Jensen (Birnamwood), Gene Larson (Hixton), Kyle Gruetzmacher (Clintonville), Kevin Mraz (National Director), Rob Nelson (Mauston), and Steve Bein (North Fond du Lac).

System members present: Bayfield, Birnamwood, Black River Falls, Boscobel, Cambria, Chetek, Clintonville, Cumberland, Hixton, Melrose, Mauston, Prairie du Chien, , Lake Geneva, and Woodville.

Also present: Chris Groh (WRWA), and Sue Wojtalewicz (WRWA)

**ITEM 2: NOTICE OF MEETING**

Groh reported that the Annual Meeting Notice that was sent out in a timely manner according to the provisions in the By-Laws.

**ITEM 3: MINUTES**

**Motion by Mauston to approve the minutes from March 15, 2022. Second by North Fond du Lac and carried.**

**ITEM 4: PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Bergstrom referred to the “President’s Message” in the Annual Report

**ITEM 5: NATIONAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

National Director Mraz Reported on funding level increases for the Federal Programs through NRWA. He further reported regulation changes on the CCR report for communities over 10,000 to twice a year.

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**ITEM 6: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AWARDS**

Chair Jensen reported that the Committee met in February to select the 2023 award recipients.

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Chair Jensen reported that the Board reorganizational meeting will take place in June in WI Dells. The Committee will review the Mission Statement, Long Range Plan, and address Succession Planing at the Retreat.

**EVENTS**

Chairman Larson reported the future dates of the Annual Technical Conference are:

March 25-29, 2024 in La Crosse

March 24-28, 2025 in Green Bay

March 23-27, 2026 in Green Bay

March 22-27, 2027 in La Crosse

The WRWA Golf Outing will be held on May 17, 2023 at Par4 in Waupaca, WI

**EXECUTIVE**

Chair Bergstrom reported the purchase of the land west of the WRWA office in Plover is progressing and should be completed by the Expo.

**LEGISLATIVE**

Chairman Mraz reported on issues being monitored by The Hamilton Group who is the lobbyist hired by WRWA.

**TRAINING**

Chair Gates reported there where 153 training session that were conducted in 2022 He referred Members to the Annual Report for more information on the training attendance in 2022.

**ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Groh explained that his report was included in the Annual Report. He also reported on the staffing changes: Jeff LaBelle – retired, Dan Wundrow took over as Water Circuit Rider, Jim Jacobs was hired to take over as Energy Efficiency Technician and Kelly Thomas became the Technical Assistance Director.

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**ITEM 9: BY-LAW CHANGES**

There were no By-Law changes at this time.

**ITEM 10: COMMENTS**

There were no comments at this time.

**ITEM 13: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

District 1: Kyle Grutzmacher (Clintonville) is the incumbent. Bergstrom called for other nominations from the floor three times.

 **Motion by Birnamwood to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Kyle Grutzmacher. Second by Clintonville and carried.**

District 2: Tom Tietz (Cambria) is the incumbent. Bergstrom called for other nominations from the floor three times.

 **Motion by North Fond du Lac to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Tom Tietz. Second by Cambria and carried.**

District 3: There was no election in District 3.

District 4: Dean Bergstrom (Cumberland) is the incumbent. Bergstrom called for other nominations from the floor three times.

 **Motion by Woodville to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Dean Bergstrom Second by Bayfield and carried**.

District 5: There was no election in District 5.

**ITEM 14: ADJOURN**

**Motion by Prairie du Chien to adjourn at 12:15 pm. Second by Boscobel and carried.**