



AMENDED

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024**

A. Call to Order

Cassie Smith-Gregor, Deputy County Clerk, called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

Members Present: 12 - Chuck Farrey, Steven Binder, John Hinz, Howard Miller, Jim Wise, Karen Powers, Koby Schellenger, Morris Cox, Donald Nussbaum, Ralph Harrison, Douglas Nelson and Tom Egan.

Absent: 4 - Maribeth Gabert, Larry Lautenschlager, Robert Keller, and Thomas Snider.

Also Present at the Meeting:

Cassie Smith-Gregor, Deputy County Clerk

Eric Sparr, District Attorney

State Representative Nate Gustafson

State Representative Michael Schraa (arrived at 8:34am)

SydneyRose Faestel, District Director for Senator Rachael A. Cabral-Guervara's Office

Blong Yang, Senate Candidate

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

D. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Cox, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024, meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Abstain: Nussbaum)

E. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

Deputy County Clerk Smith-Gregor called for nominations for Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Motion by Supervisor Binder, seconded by Supervisor Powers, to nominate Chuck Farrey for Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Nomination: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Chairman Farrey called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Powers, to nominate Steven Binder for Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Nomination: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Chairman Farrey called for nominations for Secretary of the Legislative Committee. Motion by Supervisor Binder, seconded by Supervisor Schellenger, to nominate Karen Powers for Secretary of the Legislative Committee. Nomination: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Harrison, to close nominations. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

F. Committee Chairman's Report

Chairman Farrey welcomed everyone in attendance at today's meeting as they begin this new term.

G. Update from State Legislators

Sen. Dan Feyen – District 18; Sen. Rachael Cabral-Guervara – District 19; Rep. Michael Schraa – District 53; Rep. Lori Palmeri – District 54; Rep. Nate Gustafson – District 55; Rep. Rep. Lee Snodgrass – District 57

Representative Nate Gustafson - District 55

Representative Gustafson thanked the committee for inviting the State Representatives to this meeting and welcomed the members of the Legislative Committee to this new term.

Representative Gustafson stated that the 2023-2024 session ended February 23, 2024. Mr. Gustafson stated that since then, they have been focusing on campaigning. He informed everyone that there is still time between the end of last session and the next session, down in Madison, to work out potential legislation that wasn't quite ready to bring forward or some legislation that was worked on in the past session and get it ready for the next session that maybe wasn't successful the first time.

Representative Gustafson stated he had some conversations with the Sheriff about the STAR program in Winnebago County. Mr. Gustafson mentioned that the state is approving opioid settlement funds and actually putting some constraints like the STAR program on those funds, so there's a little bit more direction about how those funds would be used.

Representative Michael Schraa - District 53

Representative Schraa apologized for being a couple of minutes late and reiterated that they are in full campaign mode now. Mr. Schraa confirmed that Representative Gustafson and himself have a primary against each other that will be held on August 13, 2024.

Representative Schraa informed everyone that Blong Yang will be running as a Senate candidate for the new 18th district, which includes Oshkosh, Neenah and Appleton.

Representative Schraa stated they are in campaign mode but still dealing with constituent issues. Mr. Schraa stated he has a number of things going on with the DNR. He mentioned if there is anyone having issues with any of the state agencies to get hold of one of the legislators. They can help resolve some of these issues. The DNR has held up a couple of projects in this district that he's actually been able to expedite and keep from being delayed anymore.

Representative Schraa stated they are still legislatively responsible and representing their old districts until the end of the year, December 31, 2024. They are campaigning and allowed to campaign in their new districts.

Blong Yang introduced himself as a candidate for Senate District 18.

H. Update from Federal Legislators

Senator Baldwin, Senator Johnson, and Congressman Grothman

SydneyRose Faestel, District Director for Rachael Cabral-Guevara, was present but had nothing to report.

I. Communications Shared by Committee Members

J. Updates from the County Executive

County Executive Jon Doemel was not present.

K. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Action Item - Sawyer County Resolution 2023-27 – "Resolution on Enhanced Wake Regulations"

Motion by Supervisor Schellenger, seconded by Supervisor Nussbaum, to approve resolution and forward to the County Board.

Vote on resolution: Ayes: 7; Nays: 5 - Howard Miller, Jim Wise, Karen Powers, Koby Schellenger and Morris Cox; Abstain: 0; Absent: 4 - Maribeth Gabert, Larry Lautenschlager, Robert Keller and Thomas Snider. MOTION PASSED.

L. Items for Next Agenda

Suggestions from committee members for items to be addressed on a future agenda

- *Resolutions from other counties that were referred to the Legislative Committee from the County Board.*

M. Next Meeting Date

Motion by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Harrison, to keep the meeting time

at 8:30 am. *CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.*

Motion by Supervisor Schellenger, seconded by Supervisor Cox, to meet quarterly, in the months of January, March, May and October.

Supervisor Miller asked for an amendment, seconded by Supervisor Powers, to change the meeting schedule from "quarterly" to "4 times per year" during the months of January, March, May and October. Vote on amendment. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on Legislative Committee meeting schedule, as amended, with Legislative Committee meetings taking place 4 times per year, in the months of January, March, May and October, on the 4th Monday of each of those months, at 8:30 am at the James P. Coughlin Center. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 8:30 am.

N. Adjourn

Supervisor Harrison voiced his disappointment and frustration that the County Executive was not present to provide an update/report on happenings taking place within Winnebago County.

Motion by Schellenger, seconded by Egan, to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Submitted by:

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor

Winnebago County Deputy Clerk