

Call to order:

The Legislative & Judicial Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms by committee Chairman mark Rogacki with the following committee members present: Rocky Caffarella, Walt Maciag, Carolyn Ritter and Erv Teichmiller. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Supervisor Ken Anderson, Jason Hilger and David Alleman. Open meeting law complied with and quorum verified

Roll call:

The Chair called the roll and affirmed that all committee members were present.

Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:

Motion by W. Maciag, 2nd by C. Ritter to approve the agenda, with the agenda order to be presented at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve May 8, 2014 meeting minutes:

Motion by C. Ritter, 2nd by W. Maciag to approve the May 8, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Legislative issues:

Chairman Rogacki asked if any of the members had any legislative issues to bring to the table. Hearing none, he related a recent conversation that took place between himself and State Senator Tom Tiffany. Sen. Tiffany indicated his willingness to work with Vilas County and this committee in regards to legislative issues. E. Teichmiller interjected the need to also involve the other committee chairs and department heads in the process. The committee's role in the legislative process was discussed. The Chair directed the Clerk to send a memo to all committee chairs and department heads, inviting them to forward their legislative concerns and initiatives to the Legislative & Judicial Committee.

WCA policy issues:

The Clerk provided the WCA County Official's Handbook to each member. Chairman Rogacki acknowledged that this was not the policy manual that he recalled the WCA providing in the past. He recalls a WCA publication listing all current WCA policies, lobbying efforts and positions on pending legislation. The Clerk will again contact the WCA and request that specific publication.

Standing Rules & Committee Duties:

R. Caffarella brought forward proposed changes to the Snowmobile Safety Committee. The revisions were approved by the committee and are designed to broaden the scope of recreation trail safety efforts to include all current and future uses. E. Teichmiller objected to the inclusion of an ATV trail club, citing the fact that ATV trails are prohibited on county lands. R. Caffarella countered that the trail Safety Committee oversees trail safety concerns regarding recreational trails on federal, state, county, town and private lands. The need for an equestrian representative was also discussed. E. Teichmiller asked if equestrian use of the current trail system was imminent; he is concerned about the objections of private landowners. R. Caffarella stated that private landowners would continue to need to

give permission in regards to each type of trail use. He reiterated that the trail safety committee is concerned with the safety of each type of trail use. The trail safety committee is not advocating any particular type of trail use. E. Teichmiller feels that the inclusion of an ATV club representative is nothing more than a “foot in the door” approach to provide for ATV trails in Vilas County. C. Ritter responded that ATV trails could presently be developed on non-county owned lands. W. Maciag also stated his opinion that the language is not meant to define types of recreation. The committee continued to discuss the proposed language. The following additional changes were proposed by the committee:

Line 2. Strike ~~snowmobile~~ and replace with recreational

Line 5. Strike ~~Snowmobile Alliance~~ and ~~snowmobile~~ and replace with recreational groups and recreational

E. Teichmiller again asserted that the inclusion of representatives of equestrian and ATV groups gives the impression that both types of trail uses will soon become a reality in the county. This was again discussed at length. **Motion by E. Teichmiller, 2nd by C. Ritter to accept the changes made to the Standing Rules & Committee Duties language, as pertains to the Snowmobile Safety Committee, and to further revise the language by striking all references to representation by equestrian and ATV club groups. 4 voted no. 1 voted aye; E. Teichmiller. Motion failed.** R. Caffarella strongly supported the need to include an equestrian representative. **Motion by C. Ritter, 2nd by W. Maciag to accept the changes made to the Standing Rules & Committee Duties language, as pertains to the Snowmobile Safety Committee, and to further revise the language by striking all language pertaining to representation by Vilas County ATV clubs. 4 voted aye. 1 voted no: R. Caffarella. Carried.**

E. Teichmiller presented a list of proposed Standing Rule changes, which were discussed by the committee. He opposes the ability of the County Board Chairperson to vote at the committee level utilizing an ex officio status. K. Anderson pointed out the Roberts Rules does not provide for voting rights while attending a meeting in an ex officio capacity. This was discussed. **Motion by E. Teichmiller, 2nd by W. Maciag to prohibit the County Board Chairperson from attending any committee meeting in an ex officio capacity.** Subsequent to further discussion, E. Teichmiller asked the committee to allow him to withdraw his motion. **By consensus the committee allowed E. Teichmiller to withdraw his motion.** E. Teichmiller continued with his proposed revisions, all of which were discussed at length. The following revisions to the Standing Rules were made under Formation of Vilas County Committees:

Line 2. Add language as follows ...the Chairperson of the County Board shall be an ex-officio (non-voting) member of all standing committees.

Line 2. End this paragraph after the second sentence. Balance of this paragraph shall become Line 3. Subsequent paragraphs shall be renumbered accordingly.

Line 3. Change to read as follows: Any committee lacking a quorum may call on ~~the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Second Vice Chairperson~~ any County Board member to make a quorum as an active member of that committee for that day. ~~The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Second Vice Chairperson~~ County Board members shall be paid mileage and per diem when used to make a quorum by any properly authorized County Committee.

Further revisions to the Standing Rules were made under The Duties of Vilas County Committees as follows:

Line 3. Remove the entire paragraph.

Line 14. Revise as follows: Only County Board Committee members can vote unless otherwise provided by Statute or unless otherwise authorized in the Standing Rules.

Line 16. Strike all current language in its entirety and replace as follows: Department Heads must inform their committee of jurisdiction that a grant application has either been submitted or that the application is to be submitted. The committee shall be informed as to the potential financial commitment on behalf of the County. Prior to accepting the proposed grant, on the condition that county levy money is needed, the committee must approve of the grant and submit a resolution to the Finance Committee and the County Board for approval.

Line 19. Strike language as follows: All County employees must receive prior approval from their department head for any out-of-county travel. ~~Out-of-state travel must be authorized by the committee of jurisdiction and the Finance Committee in advance.~~

Under VI. Meeting Rules, Parliamentary Procedures and Submissions, sub. B Voting, discussion was held with regards to the language contained under line 5. No revisions were proposed.

R. Caffarella proposed changes as follows under H. Creation of Resolutions and Ordinances.

Line 3. Strike ~~must contain a Fiscal Comment from the Finance Director~~ and insert comment.

Line 4. Revise as follows: ...must first be presented to the Human Resources Manager for review, ~~and approval.~~ The Human Resources Manager will ~~indicate approval or non-approval~~ comment on the resolution, ordinance, or written motion.

Under The Duties of Vilas County Committees, sub. XV. Personnel, the committee discussed the ability of the Human Resources Manager to fill vacant positions. No revised language was proposed. The committee declined to act upon the Standing Rule changes discussed above. The Clerk will list them for possible committee action in July.

Amend Standing Rules & Committee Duties – Resolution to County Board:

The resolution authorized by the committee at the previous meeting was presented and reviewed. No further changes were proposed. **Motion by E. Teichmiller, 2nd by C. Ritter to approve of the changes to the Standing Rules & Committee Duties and to also approve of sending the resolution on to the County Board for their consideration. All voted aye. Carried.**

Letters and Communications: Nothing presented

Future meeting date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2014. The Chair requested that all future meetings are scheduled for 9:30AM.

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk.