

# Wisconsin County Surveyors Association, Inc.

Minutes of the WCSA November 12, 2021, BOD Meeting  
 Wisconsin Rapids, WI – Rock River Building/Wood County



Board of Directors Attending (\*virtual)

Ryan Duckart	Brown County	Tom Leslie	Brown County
Bryan Meyer	La Crosse County	Joe Nelsen	Trempealeau County
Rob Merry	SEWRPC		

WCSA Members/Others Attending

Dave Tlusty	Jet Enterprises	James Anderson	Forest County
Paul Bernard	Wood County	Terry Lueschow	Seiler Instruments
Kevin Boyer	Wood County	Tony Dallman	Lincoln County
Tony Dallmann	Lincoln County	Corey Hughes	La Crosse County
Adam Dekleyn	Wood County	Dean Roth*	Eau Claire County
Jason Houle*	Leica Geosystems	Dave Vogel*	SCO
Mick Heberlein*	WDOT	Glen Schaefer*	Retired
Laurence Johns	Vernon County	Cody Steines	Clark County
Jason Bolz*	Manitowoc County	Jerry Hildebrand*	Sheboygan County
Gregg Batzer*	Dunn County	Chris Rotegard*	Leica Geosystems

**President Ryan Duckart called the meeting to order at 10:00 am**

*Thank you to Kevin Boyer for hosting the meeting thru Wood County*

Introductions were made from members in attendance (*“Favorite Thanksgiving food?”*)

**Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Minutes from the August 6, 2021 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. Updated/revised the WSLs website. Working on getting SCO online County Surveyor directory updated. Also looking at sending out Survey Monkey to get info on whether Counties are accepting electronic filing of maps, who collects & files surveys, are surveys offered online (tie sheets too?), is there a cost?. Nothing else to report at this time

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Carlson stated there are 57 current members as of 11-1-21. He also gave the following report:

**Wisconsin County Surveyors Assoc. Inc.**

Treasurer’s Report – November 12, 2021

**Current Balances (Westconsin Credit Union) Balances as of November 1, 2021**

Checking.....	\$3588.22
Savings.....	\$5661.93

**Expenditures 2021 since August Report**

3012 10/1/2021 Tom Leslie (Secretarial Services – 4th qtr.) \$700.00

**Dues collected for 2021 through November 1, 2021: \$4800.00**  
**44 of 72 Counties are current members (46%)**

## Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports

### Correspondence:

- Mick Heberlein sent several updates to GPS on Benchmarks information which were forwarded to the membership. The latest email is put online on the WSLs main website
- Wisconsin Town Association invoice for 2021-2022 Affiliate Member was presented for payment (\$175) – group agreed WCSA should continue membership
- Ligado (LightSquared) is inching closer to being approved by the Feds, so if you value your GPS, you better start/continue calling & writing your Congressperson
- Discussed terms used in old surveying days and how they are part of the historical background of tie sheets. Brown County recently received a surveyor question via email concerning the use of a monument term/word on a tie sheet that is now deemed offensive. Perhaps redacting of the word(s) or a substitution put in its place (ex: “hard head” stone instead of... well, you know)? Other examples were discussed. Most agree that it is part of the corner history and should not be removed
- Laurence Johns presented a recently submitted plat of survey. He had a few questions concerning: AE-7 waiver, coordinates used as “true corner” and not accepting found monumentation. Use of coordinates was discussed. They can get you to an area but should not be used as sole information. Most of the group does not like the survey. Laurence thanked the group for their input
- Bryan Meyer's term on the WLIA Board will expire soon. A Surveyor needs to be on that Board so if anyone is interested, please contact Bryan for details

## Education Segment

### Laurence Johns gave a presentation intitled:

#### **“The Importance of Historical Surveys in Section Corner Determinations”**

- Snippets include:
  - First example dealt with a question on the North/South ¼ Quarter Corner of Sections 4 & 9, T12N, R4W, in the Town of Viroqua, Vernon County, and within the “Driftless Area” of Southwestern WI
  - Discussed the differences between the Section 4 Survey by William Knowler, Deputy County Surveyor, in December 1894 and the Section 9 Survey by William Knowler, County Surveyor, in June 1885, including distances between the North & South ¼ corners differing by 24+ feet in Section 4 and 59+ feet in Section 9 (...by the same surveyor?)
  - Laurence discussed the process of looking at Mr. Knowler's original notes for Section 9, with approx. 4 hours research and about 2 days of computations and field checking – but once digging, they found North ¼ stone in 30 minutes
  - In Section 9 they found 5 stones and all relevant to section breakdown
  - Current County mapping based on a quarter-corner being set on a straight line/mid-point, but after adjusting to what they found, Section 9 North ¼ corner moved north 58.6± feet and “Corner 19” moved north 32.5± feet
  - Lesson: County Surveyors' work is important to local surveyors, probably more than they realize
  - Some great discussion and questions, along with numerous photos from the Section 4/9 job including: monuments, corner area view, bearing trees filled out the presentation
  - In conclusion, Laurence saved us from more Mick updates 😊

## Old Business

### 1) Status of County Surveyor Offices

- Langlade County position is not filled, for the short term anyway. It could be possible in the future. Perhaps our group should send a letter in support of hiring a CS. Budget is already set for this year, but later in the year it would be a good idea

- Ryan Duckart has left the County Surveyor position in Brown County to take the Property Lister position. The job will hopefully be filled sooner than later, but at least filled
- Welcome Jamie Anderson from Forest County!

#### 2) WCSA Presenter(s) at 2022 WSLs Institute

- WSLs would like to give a permanent/recurring place as one of the Annual Institute sessions, one session presented by WCSA (name?? "County Surveyor's Happy Hour" was suggested). This year's session is scheduled from 2-4pm on Thursday, January 27. Unfortunately, it is being held at the same time as the annual WSLs Board Meeting. Laurence Johns and Joe Nelsen have agreed to be presenters. There are several topics brought up for future presentations. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session is to continue holding our Annual Board Meeting on Fridays. Group agrees that this would be a great opportunity for WCSA to get more publicity

#### 3) WCSA Website

- WCSA website is up and running. We are one click from front page so that's nice
- Content is ever changing, with updates as needed. Suggestions are always welcome, so if you want to see something on the website, send me an email with links, pdfs, whatever
- Joe Tew continues to be a savior from website heaven and we wanted to give him a "Shout out!"

#### 4) GPS on Benchmark

- Latest update was discussed and info has been sent out via email to the membership
- NEW - Submit anytime before **December 31, 2022**
- As always contact Mick Heberlein with any questions or concerns

## New Business

#### 1) Annual Meeting

- Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, January 28 at 10:20 am, in person (virtual thru WSLs?), at the WSLs Annual Institute and held in the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI

#### 2) WCSA Board of Directors Nominations for 2022

- Ryan Duckart is no longer a County Surveyor. He checked into the bylaws to see if he can remain as President with a new title. Everything checks out and he will remain as President and Bryan Meyer will remain as Past President for 2022
- Nominations were taken for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Contact President Duckart if you are interested in any office – can always use volunteers!

#### 3) Awards

- "Friend of Wisconsin Land Surveying Award" nominations need to submit nominees before Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>
- WSLs Awards: "Young Surveyor", "Professional Surveyor" and "Lifetime Achievement" nominations are due to Frank @ WSLs by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Forms are available on WSLs website and within group email from Frank Thousand a few weeks ago

#### 4) Vaccine Mandates (added to agenda)

- What issues are there in your County?
- Vernon County 100 employee limitation issue – ruled by OSHA? DSPS? Who knows?!

*At request of Bryan Meyer, 20 seconds of silence for those in attendance who've experienced recent family loss*

**Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 12:04pm**

**Next up: Annual Membership Meeting**



**WLSL Institute, Friday, January 28th at 10am**



**Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI**

