

Legislative Advisory Committee

June 7, 2016

Call to Order: Edwin Kelley, Fred Erwin, Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton, Edward Wenger, and Ron Yadro.

Excused: Larry Neuens

Absent: None

Approval of the Agenda: Stratton moved, Erwin supports. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Stratton moved, Erwin supports with revision showing that Larry Neuens was excused for the May 3, 2016 meeting. All in favor.

Department and Partner Agency/Organization Recommendations:

School Legislation:

Stratton moves. Yadro supports to a letter from Ben Niehaus, District School Administrator, and the elimination of Impact Aid on to County Board for support. All in favor.

Town concerns:

Fred Erwin gave the Committee a handout from the monthly Wisconsin Towns Association Magazine. He briefed the Committee on some articles like Managed Forest Law changes, Leadership Workshop, 2015-16 Legislative Summary and emails for more information.

Forestry concerns:

Kelley reported on concerns with the revised proposal of the H2B workers and how this could affect Florence County.

Yadro moves. Stratton supports a letter from Wisconsin County Forests Association and send to County Board for support to sustain current levels of the H2B seasonal workers program. All in favor.

CVSO Resolution 2016-11:

Mike Theis, Florence County Veteran Service Officer, presented the Committee with a resolution concerning the current CVSO Grant. He explained with the restructuring of the 2015 Wisconsin Biennium Budget the reimbursement process is very limited. The resolution asks for the CVSO Grant be returned to a block-grant.

Stratton moves. Erwin supports to send Resolution 2016-11 on to County Board for approval. All in favor.

Set date for next Legislative Advisory Committee meeting and adjourn: the date for the meeting will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Kelley, Chairman