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Wisconsin Land Information Council Minutes 2025-10-13

Meeting Date: Monday, October 13, 2025
Time: 3:00–5:00 p.m.
Location: [WLIA 2025 Fall Conference](#) | Madison, State Capitol Room 412E
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WLIC Appointees (Y = present; N = not present; some participated via teleconference)					
Adam Derringer	Y	Sarah Hedtke	Y	Colter Sikora	Y
Kim Christman	Y	Chris Carrillo	N	Jim Osborne	N
Kelly Felton	Y	Christina Muller	Y	Howard Veregin	N
Scott Hand	N	Cody Brommerich	Y	Cindy Wisinski (proxy)	N
GIO (Vacant)					

Other Attendees

Rachel Thompson (proxy for Cindy Wisinski), Mike Friis, Peter Herreid, Nik Anderson, Nick Gamroth, Fred lausly, Zach Robinson, Kim Meinert, Emily Sudar, Peter Strand, Davita Veselenak

- Welcome and Introduction** (Adam Derringer)
- Approval of previous meeting's minutes** from [2025-06-04](#)
 - Motion to approve by Christman, seconded by Felton.
 - Minutes approved.
- WLIC Business** (Mike Friis)
 - Appointments for WLIC positions**

(Real property lister, Land information officer, County surveyor, Utility industry representative, Register of Deeds, and Licensed professional land surveyor)

 - Friis reported on the Department of Administration (DOA) [WLIC membership](#) and appointments.
 - Four positions were up at the end of calendar year 2024.
 - Three of the four had applicants who are the currently serving member (Real property lister, Land information officer, and County surveyor).
 - For the fourth open position—the Utility industry representative—DOA received applications but those have not yet been acted upon by the Governor's Office.
 - DOA has a redefined internal process for appointments.
 - It is presumed that those currently-serving members who submitted applications will be reappointed.
 - The [WLIC Charter and Bylaws](#) accommodate for delays in the appointments process.
 - The bylaws state that preference for appointees will be given to candidates who are endorsed by a trade association.
 - DOA is accepting [WLIC applications](#) for the Licensed professional land surveyor position, which will be up at the end of this calendar year.

b. Geographic Information Officer position update

- Friis reported on the Geographic Information Officer (GIO) position, which is currently vacant.
- There are a number of vacancies in the Division of Intergovernmental Relations. These include the Plat Review Supervisor position and a few other vacancies which have been open longer than the GIO position.
- The Plat Review Supervisor position was posted twice, but no qualified applicants (licensed professional land surveyors) applied.
- Staff are working to catch up on the backlog of hiring.
- The GIO position is in the human resources queue. The timeline is not certain. Historically, the hiring process at DOA can take time.
- Peter Herreid continues to fulfill duties that GIO Jim Giglierano once did, such as administration of the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) lidar grants.
- Administrative savings from the unexpended GIO salary were able to be put toward extending the WisconsinView Data Archive project until 2030 and the statutorily-permitted expenses of municipal boundary review and annexation in the Division of Intergovernmental Relations.

4. WLIP Program Update (Peter Herreid)

a. WLIP grants and program status

- Herreid provided WLIP program updates.
- Register of Deeds document recording levels remain low.
- In the [2025 WLIP Annual Report](#), on [page 5](#), there is a visualization of recording fee levels over the last 30 years. The state continues to remain at a low point, though in 2025, there was a slight increase in recording fee revenue from State FY 2024.
- Strategic Initiative grants remain at the \$20,000 level for 2026.
- WLIP [2026 grant applications](#) for counties are due December 31, 2025.

5. Project Updates

a. 2025 Wisconsin Regional Orthoimagery Consortium status and lidar projects (Adam Derringer)

- Derringer reported on the Wisconsin Regional Orthoimagery Consortium (WROC) imagery program and the 2023-2025 WROC cycle.
- 2025 was a big year for the program, with collection for 33 counties, the majority of it 3-inch resolution orthoimagery.
- For the 2023-2025 cycle, there was record participation, with 64 counties and over 200 partners.
- Regarding the [3DEP lidar grant program](#), efforts continue.
- For the 2024 spring collection, there were five Quality Level 1 (QL1) projects. Those datasets were recently approved and finalized.
- In 2025, two grant applications were submitted. One co-op application was submitted by Rob Merry of SEWRPC (Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission), for data at the 30 point per meter lidar data standard.
- Collection and calibration for that is complete and the data will soon go out the door for client review.
- The second 2025 application submitted by DOA for QL1 lidar data for the Wolf River watershed, went through the USGS Geospatial Products and Services Contracts (GPSC) route. Due to delays finalizing the contract at the federal level, data collection was delayed until fall of 2025.
- Derringer reported that in spite of the federal government shutdown, all paperwork and contracts for the next lidar application cycle were sent prior to the shutdown. They do not anticipate the shutdown to impact acquisition this fall.
- In the past, for USGS grants in a federal shutdown, it was still possible to work through it and still collect the county datasets that were applied for.
- On the topic of NextGen9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) grants from the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs (DMA) Office of Emergency Communications, Fred Iausly gave a brief update.
- In 2024, eligible county land information offices could apply for 2025 grants available under a competitive GIS Grant Program for NG9-1-1 implementation.
- DMA offered a [NG9-1-1 GIS Grant Program Fiscal Year 2025](#), but information about a possible 2026 GIS grant was unclear as part of the DMA [NG9-1-1 Funding Opportunities](#).
- As part of the Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) conference, on Tuesday October 14th, there was a NG9-1-1 Special Interest Group meeting with [Zach Hassler](#) from DMA.

b. Legislative update on AB216/SB218 real estate transfer fee (Nik Anderson)

- Nik Anderson spoke on proposed legislation and WLIA efforts regarding changes the real estate transfer fee (RETR) and grants under the land information program, [AB216/SB218](#).
- A public hearing was held by the Senate Committee on Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues and Forestry, in which land information professionals provided testimony that seemed to be accepted positively.
- The Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate voted to pass the legislation from committee, so that it is now in the hands of Assembly leadership.
- This is the furthest this legislation has made it yet.
- If the law passes, there is a remaining question about how to distribute the additional funding as grants to counties for land information, which is dependent on if/when the bill is passed.
- The 2026 WLIP grant application has already been released, so 2027 would be the first year there would be an impact to WLIP grants if the legislation passes.
- The reduction of the RETR fee was initially projected to impact the State General Fund at 80 million dollars. Due to the passage of time for the biennium, that impact is projected to now be roughly 50 million dollars for the current biennium.
- A decision on the RETR bill is not expected until the end of this legislative session.

c. Other legislative updates (Nik Anderson/Nick Gamroth)

- Gamroth reported on other legislation.
- For 2023 Wisconsin Act 25, the judicial privacy law trailer legislation, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and Attolles Law published a [memo on Act 235](#) with legal analysis of the amendments to the law.
- [2025 Wisconsin Act 7](#), which went into effect on July 1st, regards the shielding of personal information for election officials. The interpretation from Attolles is that local governments do not have to act until an open records request is received when an election official requests their personal information be shielded, but counties should consult with their corporation counsel.
- For 2023 Wisconsin Act 12, eliminating the personal property tax, cleanup legislation is still in progress. WCA has taken the lead on this.
- A proposal called LRB 4183, relating to uniform easement relocation, was dropped. It is a positive sign that the real estate professionals proactively reached out to land information professionals in WLIA while it was being discussed.
- [AB445](#) is the Register of Deeds legislation clean-up bill. It is still being reworked.

d. State Cartographer's Office Update (Howard Veregin)

- Veregin from the State Cartographer's Office (SCO) was not in attendance due to technical difficulties that precluded remote participation via Microsoft Teams; no [SCO update](#).

6. Next Steps/Action Items

- Next WLIA meeting – WLIA [2026 Annual Conference](#): February 25-27; Wisconsin Dells

7. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.