

WRA PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

October 12, 2001
WRA Building – Madison

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Darren Kittleson, Paul Brown, Judy Carpenter, Marge Chapman, Mel Check, Bob Clark, Chris Cramer, Deb Delwiche, Jan Edwards, Russell Endrick, Judy Gull, Bob Hartman, Susan Hermes, Gail T. Howard, Michael Jones, Barb Knickel, Dan Lee, Jerry Marchant, George Mark, David Mays, Joanne O'Dwyer, Fred Prassas, Mike Siegel, Bill Stone, Dorothy Thompson, Fran Wajer. (26)

Absent: Kristin Anglehart, Steven Beers, William Benson, Bill Bonifas, Dick Brockman, Hugh Burdick, Cherri Cape, Joseph Cody, Richard Dromheecke, Renee Dettmann, John Dix, Char Glocke, Holly Grancorvitz, Kathleen Hansen, Marvin Hansen, Bruce Hayhoe, Jr., John Higgins, Terry Hilgenberg, King Holley, George Huxhold, Pam Janus, Janet Johnson, Margo Katterhagen, Jeff Kitchen, Karen Kloida, Aaron Korsmo, Matt Krasowski, Dwight Kruse, Bob LaFond, Howard Loeb, Shel Lozoff, Joe McLean, Mike Mulleady, John O'Day, Milton Olson, Mary Pangman Schmitt, Cynthia Patterson, Anne Paulus, Roxanne Reynolds, Todd Richmond, James Rounding, Mike Ruzicka, Robert Sather, Corey Scholtka, Jim Somers, Brian Stephan, John Struthers, James Tait, III, David Thomas, Mark Wagner. (50)

Local GADs: Al Arnold, Bill Berndt, Larry Gleasman, Chad Zueleger,

WRA Staff: Deb Conrad, Tom Larson, Joe Murray, Rick Staff, Michael Theo.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Darren Kittleson, who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2001

M/S/C – To approve the minutes from the March 9, 2001 meeting as presented.

III. Issues Update – WRA Lobbyists

Michael Theo presented an overview memo recapping the key industry issues contained in the biennial state budget which was signed into law by Governor McCallum in late August. Discussion focused on the WRA's successful veto efforts regarding closing agent regulations, telemarketing restrictions and new municipal service fees on property owners.

Rick Staff briefed the committee on a memo summarizing four transaction related bills that are currently in drafting. These bills will constitute the focus of our proactive lobbying agenda for the balance of the session. These issues included e-commerce and e-signature legislation; license reciprocity; after-the-fact referral fees to relocation and affinity groups; and dual agency legislation.

Joe Murray presented an overview of the numerous bills introduced regarding campaign finance reform, explaining why it is most likely none of the bills will pass this session.

Tom Larson reviewed the association's extensive efforts to reform the use value penalty and the TIF laws. While it is unlikely either legislation will pass both Houses this

session, the committee generally agreed with the policy compromises and direction of these negotiations.

IV. Pending Legislation

The committee discussed numerous bills and took separate votes on several of them. The following motion was adopted.

M/S/C – To approve the following consent agenda as presented with one change (AB 364 regarding town annexations – change from Support to No Position.)

Senate Bills

- SB 73 - (AB 189) Eliminating school revenue limits (Oppose)
- SB 87 – (AB 208) Evictions for drug or criminal gang activity (Support)
- SB 88 – (AB 205) Receiverships for public nuisance (No position)
- SB 104 – Campaign finance reform (Oppose)
- SB 110 – Election law reforms (Support)
- SB 115 – (AB 303) Supreme Court election financing (Support)
- SB 121 – (AB 291) Universal banking (No position)
- SB 122 – (AB 276) Historic building code (No position)
- SB 123 – (AB 277) Historic building code (No position)
- SB 127 – (AB 339) Election officials and polling place reforms (Support)
- SB 135 – Credit report disclosures (No position)
- SB 137 – (AB 295) Campaign finance law changes. (Oppose)
- SB 138 – (AB 314) TIF districts (Support)
- SB 150 – Campaign finance changes (No position)
- SB 155 – (AB 385) TIF districts (Support)
- SB 158 – Midwest Express tax breaks (Support)
- SB 162 – Administrative rule reforms (No position)
- SB 163 – (AB 372) TIF district notices (Support)
- SB 168 – Lease generation contracts for electric utilities (No position)
- SB 194 – (AB 421) Local election boards (Oppose)
- SB 201 – (AB 434)) Property insurance limits (No position)
- SB 209 – Environmental corridor zoning (Oppose)
- SB 212 – Restrictions on unsolicited e-mails (No position)

SB 213 – Transfer fee exemption (Support)
SB 219 – Elimination of billboards (No position)
SB 234 – (AB 475) Extended area telephone service (No position)

Assembly Bills

AB 155 – Campaign finance reform (Oppose)
AB 158 – Write-in candidate regulations (No position)
AB 175 – Access to personally identifiable information (No position)
AB 184 – Campaign contribution disclosures (No position)
AB 189 – (SB 73) Eliminating school revenue limits (Oppose)
AB 204 – Wetlands (Oppose)
AB 205 – (SB 88) Receiverships for public nuisance (No position)
AB 208 – (SB 87) Evictions for drug or criminal gang activity (Support)
AB 215 – Filling of non-federal wetlands (No position)
AB 231 – Economic growth study (Support)
AB 232 – Register of deeds copying fees (No position)
AB 233 – Sale of municipal public utility plants (No position)
AB 234 – Imposition of special charges by municipalities (Oppose)
AB 244 – Tax warrants and liens on property (No position)
AB 247 – Definition of ag land for tax purposes (Oppose)
AB 259 – Voter identification (No position)
AB 262 – Use value taxation (No position)
AB 276 – (SB 122) Historic building code (No position)
AB 277 – (SB 123) Historic building code (No position)
AB 295 – (SB 137) Campaign finance law changes (Oppose)
AB 299 – (SB 121) Universal banking (No position)
AB 303 – (SB 115) Supreme court election financing (Support)
AB 305 – Liability for inspection of property (No position)
AB 309 – Elimination of punch card ballots (Support)
AB 314 – (SB 138) TIF districts (Support)
AB 322 – Wetlands (Support)
AB 339 – (SB 127) Election officials and polling place reforms (Support)
AB 342 – Tax exemption for Internet access services (No position)
AB 364 – State review of certain town annexations (No position)
AB 372 – (SB 163) TIF district notices (Support)
AB 381 – Federalizing income taxes re: capital loss limits (Support)
AB 385 – (SB 155) TIF districts (Support)
AB 387 – Creating a property tax exemption for wetlands (No position)
AB 395 – Local zoning variances (Support)
AB 408 – Non-compete covenants with former employers or principals (NP)
AB 412 – Creation of town sanitary districts (No position)
AB 416 – Prohibiting certain e-mail solicitations (No position)
AB 421 – (SB 194) Local election boards (Oppose)
AB 434 – (SB 201) Property insurance limits (No position)
AB 438 – Public benefits fee exemption (No position)
AB 452 – Access to sex offender information (No position)
AB 455 – Non-governmental condemnation authority (No position)
AB 459 – Comprehensive privacy legislation (No position)

AB 475 – (SB 234) Extended area telephone service (No position)
AB 479 – Environmental improvement program (Support)
AB 501 – Creation of urban towns (No position)
AB 510 – TIF reforms (Support)

V. Miscellaneous

The next meeting of the committee was tentatively set for Friday, January 11, 2002.

VI. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved:

Michael Theo
Vice President for Public Affairs

Darren Kittleson
Chairman