

## **WI-CARH Board of Director Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

### **Conference Call**

President, Russ Kaney, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Board members in on the call were Russ Endres, Rob Dickie, Denise Loveland, Donna Braun, Brittany Leonard, Rebecca Giroux and Executive Assistant Diane Hamm, and Debbie Biga of Rural Development.

**Review and Approve Prior Minutes:** A review of the previous meeting minutes were conducted, and Russ Endres made a motion for approval with Denise Loveland seconding the motion and the motion carried.

**Old Business:** Brittany gave an update to see if WI-CARH could have a tax-exempt status. The way WI-CARH is structured, this is not possible.

**Board of Directors/Organization Report:** Mark Stay took a new position and will not be able to serve on the Board. Donna Braun and Rebecca Giroux will have served their terms. Donna and Rebecca are willing to serve another term and their names will be put in the November nomination process. Russ Kaney will be reaching out to fill the board vacancies.

**Membership Report:** Diane reported that we are at 54 members for 2020. We had three new members: Badger Housing Associates, Broihahn Management, and Walkway Restoration. Past members that have not renewed are Housing Authority of Arena, Focus on Energy, Roofree, and WODA.

**Financial/Budget Report:** Brittany Leonard presented the current financial reports. This was a steady year and grew total assets. We did not have conference or training income or expenses for both. Rob Dicke made a motion for approval with Russ Endres seconding the motion and the motion carried. The 2020-2021 budget was discussed with not many changes. Russ Endres made a motion for approval with Denise Loveland seconding the motion and the motion carried. There are four CDs currently at BMO. \$20,000 will be taken from the BMO checking account and put into another CD. Rob Dicke made a motion for approval with Denise Loveland seconding the motion and the motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Conference & Training Committee:** The Spring Training on Fair Housing will be held on May 11, 2021 at the Marriott Hotel in Middleton. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference will be held on October 28, 2021 at the Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells.

**Lease Committee:** Kevin Martin from Michael Best & Friedrich LLP will be doing the lease. Duane from Simply Computers will be increasing his flat rate to \$36 (was \$34). It was agreed that there will be no increase to the lease for 2021. Russ Endres made a motion for approval with Denise Loveland seconding the motion and the motion carried.

**Liaison Committee:** A review of the previous meetings were conducted. With changes coming to RD, Russ Kaney will draft a letter to Frank Frassetto to see who the representative for the WI-CARH meetings will be. Also, there is concern that several properties will be dealing with multiple people at RD and could be dealing with different states.

**Nominating:** The terms will be expiring for the following board members: Donna Braun and Rebecca Giroux. Donna and Rebecca have agreed to serve another term. Russ will find two new members to serve on the board.

**Personnel:** Diane Hamm has been in the Executive Assistant position since August 1, 2017.

**Scholarship:** We did not have any applications. During this COVID time, we might want to explore other ways that we can help current members or families.

**Website:** Streamroll has been updating the website.

**WHEDA:** Rebecca discussed the rural initiative and stated that they received a lot of applications. The grant applications were due on August 21 and they are reviewing applications and they will be announcing the winners in December and awarding one million dollars. They are also offering several webinars and they are posted on their website.

**WI Collaborative:** The 2021 Conference is being planned.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**CARH Membership:** Several of the WI-CARH members changed their membership from CARH to WI-CARH only.

**RD Report:** Debbie Biga stated they are transferring the rental assistance to get out of the projects. Wisconsin remains number one in vouchers. Now until the end of September they are doing more funding for rehabs.

**Training/Conference:** WAHA is doing a session on the changes happening at RD. Debbie is going to check with Donna to see if WI-CARH members can attend this session. Diane is also going to contact WAHA about this session. Since the WI-CARH conference, cannot take place we are looking at alternatives at doing webinars for our members. Diane will be contacting Kevin Martin to see if he will do a session on the lease. Diane will also contact Zeffert to see if they will do a preview on the Fair Housing that will take place in May. We are also looking at other sessions for our members.

**CARH's Mid-Year Conference:** January 27-29 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Russ and Rob attended. Diane and Russ attended the CARH virtual meeting in June.

#### **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

Board Meeting – October 28, 2020

Liaison Meetings: TBD 2021

Spring Training – May 11, 2021

2021 Annual Conference – October 28, 2021 at the Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rob Dicke and seconded by Donna Braun at 11:39 am. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Endres, Secretary