

Disability Advisory Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Oshkosh Service Center
County Road Y, Conference Room A
Oshkosh, WI 54901

March 23, 2012

Members Present: Chairman Tom Zimmer, Jim Rutledge, W. Joe Greene, Vice Chair John Martinson, John Mitchell. Kirsten Engel, John Kocourek, Werner Burkat and Dale Petkovsek.

Members Absent: Steve Johnson

Others Present: Christie Ciolkosz, Dan Johnson, Andy Janicki, and Kelly Frawley

Chair Tom Zimmer called the Disability Advisory Council (DAC) meeting to order at approximately 9:25 a.m. Zimmer requested the adding Future Meetings, Meeting Start Times and Responding to E-mails to the agenda. **Motion and second to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.**

Motion and second to approve the minutes of the December 2011 meeting. Carried.

Future Meetings

Wild Rose Fish Hatchery or Sturgeon Bay on June 15th, August 24th and December 14th.

Responding to E-mails

Zimmer asked if DAC members can be a little more proactive in responding to e-mails.

Election of Officers

Zimmer asked the floor for nominations for Chair. Nomination received from floor for Tom Zimmer as Chair of the DAC. Zimmer called three times for further nominations for chair. Motion called and seconded for closing of nominations for chair. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Zimmer asked the floor for nomination for Vice Chair. Nominations from floor for John Martinson and W. Joe Greene as Vice Chair. Zimmer called three time for further nomination for the vice chair. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote

DAC members voted for Chair by paper ballot. Zimmer approved as Chair of DAC by paper ballot.

DAC members voted for Vice Chair by paper ballot. Paper ballot vote for Vice Chair resulted in Martinson and Greene tie for Vice Chair. Greene conceded Vice Chair position to Martinson.

Awards

The DAC discussed presenting awards for outstanding service award, outstanding state facility, and remaining awards historically presented by the DAC. DAC directed staff to present the DAC with the award categories and DAC members will submit recommendations.

Observation Tower Policy/Crossbow Use (Assembly Bill 384)/UTV Legislative Update

The DAC discussed but took no action on the Observation Tower Policy or the Crossbow Use and UTV legislative issues.

Outdoor Recreation Fair Involvements

The DAC discussed but took no action on the Outdoor Recreation Fair Involvement agenda item.

Crossbow Use for Visually Impaired/Upper Extremity Permit Legislations

Warden Mesman commented that he hopes to rewrite legislation to address the broader term issues associated with this issue. No action taken by the DAC on this agenda item.

Power-Driven Mobility Device Policy Changes

Dale Wiegert addressed the DAC. No action taken by the DAC on this agenda item.

Accessible Campsite Policy

Motion and second to give the Disability Advisory Council the ability to review existing sites, remodeled plans and proposed developments for major developments through the facilities program and to establish universal policies. Carried.

Motion and second to submit policy issues addressed by the Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities to the Parks Bureau for consideration. Carried, 8-1, Mitchell, no.

Member Updates

Members discussed scheduled activities and events relevant to those with disabilities.

Motion and second to adjourn at 3:32 p.m. Carried.