

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Rob Sommers @ 8:02am on 6-6-2024.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by Sara Chiamulera to approve 6-6-2024 agenda as presented, second by Fred Iausly. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approve Minutes from Annual Meeting, February 28th, 2024.

Motion by Erik Damkot to approve 2-28-24 minutes as presented, second by Rob Sommers. Motion approved unanimously.

4. WSRS2022 Update – State Cartographer’s Office

Howard Veregin reported for the SCO on the rollout of the modernized National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). Progress is slow, with 2026 as expected date for all to be ratified.

FGDC will approve components of beta website, 2 years from now, and we can all move on to the new NSRS. This is all very tentative. Stay tuned to National Geodetic Survey (NGS) Beta website (beta.ngs.noaa.gov) and the State Cartographer’s Office (SCO) website (<https://www.sco.wisc.edu/>) for continued details. NGS has approved and signed off on updated version of WISCors; working with 2022 task force, recalibrated county coordinate systems to be updated. Those parameters are completed. Guaranteeing they will be published, BUT don’t use them until 2026.

After all components are rolled out, a final six-month testing period will commence, at the end of which the Federal Geodetic Control Subcommittee will be asked to vote to make the modernized NSRS the official NSRS of the nation. When that happens (likely in early 2026), the current NSRS will be moved off of the official NGS website (to some other location), and the modernized NSRS will be moved from the Beta website to the official website.

International foot versus survey foot discussion: International foot will be the way to go, but don’t use it yet, as it is designed to be used with the new grid.

5. Department of Administration (DOA) Updates

Peter Herreid discussed that the Register of Deeds Recording documents are still very low. Handout on “Decline in Documents (FY2021 – FY2023) provided. Strategic Initiative grants might be \$10,000 to \$15,000 for 2025. WI Land Information Plan Drafts are due for each county in September. There is no new news on Act 235; the task force and PRIA Local are currently active on that effort. The County Retained Fee/Grant Report form for reporting on WLIP expenditure activities for Calendar Year 2023 are due at the end of June (2024).

6. Legislative Updates

Nik Anderson reported on the Legislative Updates and reviewed the multiple currently active task forces (TF). Document Recording Fee TF; Act 235 (Judicial Officer Privacy) TF; Personal Property/BFI TF; School district boundaries TF. Still actively researching how to make Assembly Bill 915 work. It did not pass, due to Realtor opposition. WLIA (and others) needs to get funding back into WLIP program. Recommended to talk to Realtor on your Land Council teams; have them go back to their fellow realtor groups and reach out to spread awareness that the Document Recording Fee increase is important to all land related data and departments.

7. WLIP Funding – Position Funding Survey

Rob Sommers reviewed Jeremiah Erickson’s survey on County uses of WLIP funds.

Survey Results
58% responded
71% of responding counties use WLIP funds for salaries and benefits
52% use WLIP funds for the LIO position specifically
50% use WLIP funds for a non-LIO position
17% use WLIP funds to fully fund the LIO position

8. Elimination of Personal Property – BFI mapping guidance

Discussion – It is recommended that Counties come up with a standard for mapping BFI parcels, as they are recorded. Timeline is approximately one year from now. Points and polygons are the options, with polygons being more consistent with the current parcel data. E. Damkot noted that while it is a good idea to have a standard across the WI Counties, we do not have a 72-county standard for condominium mapping, why push a standard for BFIs? Peter Herreid stated that counties will need to report how they intend to map PP/BFIs in their WLIP Annual Report. Based on the WLIA Annual Conference feedback, the DOA will request BFIs in polygon format, to keep consistent with the parcel data. All recorded BFIs should have legal descriptions, so it makes sense that polygons might be best suited to that. Multiple counties do not have any BFIs recorded yet.

Discussion regarding assessors throughout the state not being consistent with pipeline assessing. How does Real Property come up with a standard if assessors are not consistent? Cell towers have the same inconsistencies. Also cabins on Federal lands. Issue will arise if tax foreclosure comes up, as a proper legal description is required in order for County to take/sell a parcel. Currently counties are getting BFIs recorded without proper legal descriptions. Carrie Morrell reported from Clark County that they need guidance from DOA. Multiple BFIs are being recorded in Clark Co, without good legal descriptions, as the assessors are requesting it to be that way.

The LION Board will discuss this issue and propose a plan at a fall meeting. Contact Rob Sommers for more info or to relay ideas.

9. Judicial Privacy Law

Fred lausly noted that we have a presentation on this topic today. Meanwhile, the task force has finalized a list of questions categorized for the attorneys. Adam Dorn has submitted these questions to PRIA for input. The WCA attorney is assisting our task force. Legislation won’t start until after January 2025; the task force will start working on strategies for after that date to provide amendment/addendum to bill. Issues include developing a Best Practices of what can we do and how do we do it best for the intended result of the Bill. The Bill authors are receptive to working with us and willing to adjust. Reach out to Adam Dorn or Fred lausly to get more engaged or join the task force.

10. Any other business

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45am

Minutes submitted by Sara Chiamulera, LION Secretary. These minutes reflect the recorder’s notations and are subject to approval/change by the Land Information Officers Network.