

**RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
AND ETHICS BOARD**

October 17, 2019

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, located on the third floor of the Courthouse, 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present included: Dave Turk, Don Seep, Chad Cosgrove and Jayme Walsh. Ed Pulvermacher was absent.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk, and Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel

Committee Chair Turk called the meeting to order.

The Clerk verified that the meeting was properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were emailed to all Rules and Resolutions Committee members; a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board and County web site; a copy was faxed to The Richland Observer; and a copy was emailed to Fruit Broadcasting, LLC.

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Walsh for approval of the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Seep, second by Cosgrove for approval of the printed copies of the September 10th minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Census Resolution – The Committee discussed the preparation of a resolution in support of full response to the census and encouraging the population to fully participate. Motion by Cosgrove, second by Walsh that Corporation Counsel Southwick prepare a draft resolution for review by the Committee at their next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Structure – Tri-County Airport Commission – The Committee reviewed a resolution drafted by Corporation Counsel Southwick amending the Committee Structure Resolution to state that the Commission shall consist of six members, two of whom shall be appointed by the Richland County Board of Supervisors, two of whom shall be appointed by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors and two of whom shall be appointed by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors. It was noted that the Airport Operating Ordinance states that the Commission shall include a seventh member who is a regular airport user. Motion by Cosgrove, second by Walsh that Corporation Counsel Southwick review the Airport Operating Ordinance and if necessary amend the draft resolution to include the appointment of the seventh member by the Richland County Board of Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

Rules of the Board – Resolution No. 19-107 was adopted by the County Board on September 17, 2019 Amending the Rules of the Board. The resolution changed the order of the Rules and renumbered them. Rule 1 was changed to include the section outlining when the

County Board meetings occur and the process for calling a special meeting. This language was also included as Rule 14. Motion by Cosgrove, second by Walsh to amend the Resolution to remove the duplicate language in Rule 14 of the Rules of the Board and renumber the Rules accordingly. The motion carried unanimously. The Committee discussed the section of Rule 16 dealing with committee meetings on the same day or evening as the County Board meeting. Motion by Cosgrove, second by Walsh to amend the Resolution to state that no compensation or per diem shall be allowed for committee meetings held one hour before, during or one hour after a County Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Ethics Commission – The Committee discussed an idea presented by Committee member Seep for the creation of an ethics body independent of County Board members to deal with issues that may come up regarding the conduct or behavior of a county board member. The Committee will review the County’s current Code of Ethics at its next meeting.

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Walsh to adjourn to Wednesday, November 13th at 10:30 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk