



# Wisconsin Building Movers Association

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DRAFT Minutes for October 22, 2022 Meeting  
Location: 211 South East St., Blue River, WI 53518

The meeting was called to order by President Mel Virrueta at 1:30 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

Present: Mel Virrueta, Bob Childs, Ken Shanahan, Dave DeVooght, Russ Childs, Gayle Childs, Mike Peterson, Cairie Virrueta, Matt Childs, Randy Bain, Tammy DeVooght (via Zoom). Also present: Janice Meier (WI DOT OS/OW), Sgt. Craig Morehouse (WI State Patrol)

## MINUTES

Cairie Virrueta handed out minutes from the last meeting, April 9, 2022. *Motion by Mike Peterson to approve, second by Dave DeVooght. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Motion by Matt Childs to approve, second by Mike Peterson. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.*

## OLD BUSINESS

### MOVING PROTOCOLS/STANDARDS

Members discussed inconsistencies within the DOT regarding requirements for moving buildings over the road. Ken Shanahan said he was required to provide lag bolt rating, similar to a semi trailer going 70 mph; Russ Childs said he was told he couldn't use lag bolts. Mel Virrueta said standards for securing a load/building going at the low speeds needed to be established. Members discussed using chains vs straps for securing beams to floor joists. Sgt. Morehouse said Federal standards are the same for all states; Russ Childs asked Tammie DeVooght if this would be something the IASM could work on. Russ Childs suggested making standards for building moving in Wisconsin and emailing to all people in charge. Sgt. Morehouse said if it isn't a law it can't be enforced. He suggested emailing Bill Berger the standards the WBMA creates to start working it through the system. Dave DeVooght said the standards could be conditions on the permit. Janice said the inspectors are from all different districts so there are different requirements. Sgt. Morehouse said the WBMA should justify the standards they create. When the Association has the standards, Bill Berger could be invited to a meeting to discuss them. Russ Childs said the standards should include lighting the load. Janice said moves during the night vs

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during the day is decided at a regional level. Mike Peterson asked what the permit process was? Janice said:

1. The permit application comes through online to either her or Kendra
2. The route is looked at, including any connecting roads
3. The application is forwarded to the appropriate Region
4. One person at the Region reviews it and has the final say on the move, as they know the roadways best.

Janice said when the Region comes back with some unusual requirements, she tries to get clarification before sending it to the mover. Mel Virrueta said he has moved many houses through the same exact route and has gotten different requirements at times. She said it is helpful if the mover gives all the information they can when applying for a permit. Mel Virrueta asked if two loads can be moved at a time? Janice said a convoy move gets more complicated. Some municipalities have ordinances in place that allow them to overrule rules on state roads in their boundaries; Milwaukee and Wauwatosa are examples. She also said any County Highway Dept. can permit on a State Highway. Russ Childs said one permit application required him to provide all the heights of wires along the route and that he had contacted the power company and they had to sign off on the move. Wire heights can vary greatly based on the temperature. If a mover is just crossing a state road, a permit is not required. Mike Peterson asked if a reviewer could be hired to sign off on the load; Janice was unsure if that would be helpful. After discussing methods for securing loads, members determined that it was not needed due to the weight and slow speeds of building moves.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mel Virrueta would like the Association to reimburse Matt Childs for the cost of the food he bought for the lunch provided.

More decals were needed; Mike Peterson will see if the company he used last time can make more. Cairie Virrueta needs to send him a jpg of the logo.

#### MIDSTATES CONVENTION UPDATE

The Midstates convention will be in South Dakota for 2023 and is looking into going to Dubuque, Iowa or another location in 2024.

#### NEXT MEETING

Mike Peterson volunteered to host the next WBMA meeting. After discussion, it was decided to have the meeting on April 15, 2023 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURN

*Motion by Ken Shanahan and second by Dave DeVooght to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.*