

### **Region 3, March 21, Worland**

Rick Kaysen reviewed WAM bylaws as related to the Region voting on a Board of Director to represent the At Large Director position. Current At Large Director John Wetzel's, Mayor, Powell, term expires June 30, 2018. The Director term is for two years and commences July 1, 2018. Matt Hall, Mayor, Cody moved John Wetzel to serve in the At Large position, the motion was seconded by Donny Anderson, Councilman, Cody. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Kaysen reviewed WAMs bylaws as related to the Region providing names to the Board of Directors for a representative to serve on the Legislative Leadership Committee (LLC) for a one year period beginning July 1, 2018. The Board of Directors have the responsibility to appoint the LLC and must do so no later than the Annual Meeting during the Summer Convention. John Wetzel is the current Region 3 representative. Bill Malloy, Councilman, Thermopolis moved Matt Hall, Mayor, Cody to serve as the LLC representative, the motion was seconded by Gary Gerber, Councilman, Worland. After discussion, the motion was passed unanimously to recommend Matt Hall to the WAM Board of Directors.

Kaysen provided a legislative summary of the 2018 Budget Session focusing on bills specific to municipal interest. He explained the creation of WAMs Legislative Agenda which included the Municipal Finance Report Volume II, WAM Member Resolutions, and Legislative filed bills related to Municipal Government. Bills that were highlighted included state distribution funding for local governments, several and various tax bills, sales tax exemptions, malt beverage tax increases, commercial air service improvements, broadband services, workforce development, unemployment compensation, water development for planning and construction, community development districts, elections, and employee retirement plans. Kaysen all addressed possible topics for legislative interim review during 2018, and that the final topics list is scheduled to be published May 1, 2018.

Related to WAMs Legislative Agenda for 2019, Kaysen shared that individual municipal resolutions need to be submitted to the WAM Office by April 13<sup>th</sup> to be considered at the Summer Convention Annual Meeting. He also explained the purpose, use and process for resolutions as related to the legislative agenda.

#### Updates from cities and towns:

- Thermopolis-working on a chicken ordinance, assessing pluses and minuses to render a decision
- Cody-working on street projects including WYDOT projects; east entrance to Yellowstone will be closed off/on for the next two years which may cause tourist declines; changing budget process from department budgets to program needs; community assessing whether school teachers should be allowed to carry guns
- Ten Sleep-work on sewer lines and lagoon enhancements; work on street projects; planning on an optional sales tax election; community assessing whether school teachers should be allowed to carry guns
- Worland-need more revenues from legislature; work on street projects
- Powell-planning on using 1% tax revenues for street and landscaping projects

Upcoming WAM events are WAM Board of Directors Meeting, April 25, Douglas, and the Summer Convention, Pinedale, June 13-15.

Powell offered to host the Fall Region Meeting.