OUR MISSION: TO PROVIDE AND PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE OFFICIAL COUNTY REPOSITORY FOR REAL ESTATE RECORDS AND VITAL RECORDS. TO PROVIDE SAFE ARCHIVAL STORAGE AND CONVENIENT ACCESS TO THESE PUBLIC RECORDS. TO IMPLEMENT STATUTORY CHANGES, SYSTEM MODERNIZATION, PROGRAM AND PROCEDURE EVALUATION AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT TO ASSURE A HIGH LEVEL OF TIMELY SERVICE FOR OUR CITIZEN-CUSTOMERS.
THE ROD TEAM

- Heather Schwersenska, Register of Deeds
- Michelle Wedde, FT Deputy
- Alisa Kuerschner, PT Deputy
## Recorded Document Revenue

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### OTHER REVENUES/FEES COLLECTED

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Waushara County

- 2012 – 4.8%
- 2018 – 50%

All 72 Counties eRecording
HOT TOPIC: WE’RE MORE ALIKE THAN DIFFERENT

- Joint Alpha Initiatives
  - Best Practices for:
    - Rejection Reasons
    - Complete Legal Descriptions
    - Correction Instruments

- Joint Conferences
  - WRDA & WLIA Summer 2020

- Circle of Life of a Deed
  - **ROD** records deeds
  - **RPL** transfers ownership
  - **Title Company** insures closing
  - **Treasurer** collects taxes
HOT TOPIC: COLLABORATION, COLLABORATION, COLLABORATION!!

- Land Information Departments
  - GIS/RPL -> ROD, Treasurer & Zoning

- Integration of GIS maps & ROD Records
  - Driven by PIN
  - Increase Remote Access Revenues
  - Efficient Searching
  - One Stop Shop

- Working together is good for the constituents
  - Public and real estate professionals!
WHAT HAS THE ROD BEEN UP TO?

- **WRDA Board President**
  - Effective April 2019
  - Operations Committee, Chair
  - Chapter 703: Condo Workgroup, Chair
  - New Opportunities

- **PRIA Symposium** (Feb. 2019)
  - Milwaukee 2020
  - Starting WI PRIA Local Chapter

- **County Government Days** (April 2019)

- **Fidlar Educational Symposium** (May 2019)
  - Panel Discussion: Recording Fees, Land Info Council, Fees Collected, LIO Duties
WLIA (May 2019)
- Property Descriptions (Surveyor’s perspective)
- Transition of Water Rights (1784 vs. 2019)
- Historical Development of Railroads
- History & Origin of the RPL
- DNR & GIS

WRDA Summer Conference (June 2019)
- PRIA Rejection Best Practices
- Ethics for the Elected
- Esri – Global Mapping Across Counties
- Oneida County LIO/GIS – LIO/GIS and the ROD
- President’s Award
$7 to State of WI

$8 to Land Records Modernization Fund
  - County Board has established Land Information Office;
  - LIO performs duties per s. 59.73; AND
  - Develop, Implement & Maintain Countywide Plan for Land Records Modernization

$15 to ROD/County
Land Information Office s. 59.72(3)(a)

- **Officer:** Land Information Services (RPL, GIS, Surveyor) (27); Planning and Development (20); ROD (6); Treasurer (6)

- **Duties:**
  - Coordinates land information projects within county, and between county, local and state governments and the private sector
  - Updates land information plan every 3 years per DOA standards
  - Review & recommend projects from local government for grants from DOA
Land Information Council s. 59.72(3m)

- Minimum of 8 members: ROD, Treasurer, RPL, Board Member, LIO, Realtor, Public Safety or Emergency Mgmt rep, County/Licensed Surveyor
- Duties:
  - Meet minimum of once per year
  - Review priorities, needs, policies and expenditures of land information office

Land Information Council must have a role in the development of the County’s plan.

DOA requires the Land Information Council to approve the final plan.
LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

- **LRB 2400/1**: Elimination of ROD review of Certified Death Certificate on TDI’s
  - Clean up to reflect current form
  - Allows for eRecording

- **AB293**: Electronic Notarization & Remote Notarization
  - WLTA’s legislation; WRDA supports

- **ACT 48 Clean Up**
  - Allow for eRecording of TPPs, Assessor’s & Cemetery Plats
Chapter 703: Condominiums
- Recording Requirements & Inconsistencies
- Difficulties Locating Bylaws
- Clarification on Expansion Condos
- Clarification & Requirements to Merge Condos
- General Clean Up

HOA Legislation
- WRA’s legislation; Mirrors Chapter 703
- WRDA seat at the table
PINtegrity/PARCEL MANAGEMENT MODULE

**Steps towards PIN Driven County**
- Software Cost - $0.00 ($35,000 value)
- Conversion Fee (GCS to ROD) - $7,000
- PINs on CSM Maps

**PINtegrity/Parcel Management**
- Index relationships between PIN, Property Address & Legal Description
- Increases Indexing/Data Accuracy
- Increases Ease of Accessibility

**GIS maps -> ROD Documents**
- “One Stop Shop”
- Easier, faster access to data that the citizens are looking for.
WAUSHARA COUNTY

GIS Map view

Web Portal view
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