Call to Order
Nathan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Consent Agenda
Kurt requested that the Regional report be pulled out of the Consent Agenda for discussion.
Wedde/Freiberg motion and second to approve balance of the consent agenda as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Regional Report (from Consent Agenda)
Kurt raised the topic of regional response to the correspondence regarding proposed centralized accounting. He noted the board voted on membership dues at last meeting but not on processing payments. Carol stated that centralized accounting may be a voluntary pilot the first year, not fully implemented and she will share further details later on in the agenda.

Co-President’s Report
Margaret reported that NALBOH has a call out for presenters for the August 8-10, 2012 convention in Atlanta. She also reported that support of safe and healthy groundwater in communities is being promoted on national groundwater week, March 11-17, 2012. Kathy suggested that individuals could check with their Land Conservation for local joint events.

Nathan reported that WALHDAB was notified of the new DPH Division Administrator, Karen McKeown, who reportedly has more of a health care background than public health practice. He noted we will encourage her participation in a future meeting.

Dr. Henry Anderson will remain the state health officer.

8:45am Old Business
Regarding proposed changes in contract administration, Mary Young, recently retired, now Donna Moore (new Director of the Bureau of Operations), proposed a web cast to explain changes but moved the time line back due to steep learning curve. WALHDAB had been invited to this meeting but still too early/new to implement changes. Session was pushed back to February. Action - wait for further communications.

Compiled survey results of input from local health departments on the DPH Strategic Plan and Reorganization were reviewed. Common themes were identified including value of Regional Offices with special circumstances needing to be addressed in the SE Region. A desire for more subject matter expertise in Regional Offices and core competency development was identified.
Action - Nathan will synthesize the discussion into recommendations, share with board members and then DPH.
Carol reported that a teleconference was held with the designated treasurers of the WALHDAB regions to discuss consolidating accounting functions centrally. Due to some concerns raised, it was proposed that some regions could begin to do this as a pilot year prior to requiring of all. She also noted that a combined local and state dues invoice was sent out to members. Including NACCHO in the invoice was held off this year. A – Report in February on how membership dues are coming in.

New Business
Nathan reported that there was a short turnaround time for the DPH Grant Application for Quality improvement to ASTHO. A letter of support from WALHDAB was not required but we do support it.

The conference committee walked through the Madison Marriott and they have the wrong dates on file. The Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells was available so the annual conference will be moved.

At this time, Eric Osterman disconnected from the teleconference and the 2011 Management Services Evaluation was discussed. General consensus was satisfaction with the services provided to the organization. If any one has specific issues, discuss with Eric directly.

Stecker/Leischow motion and second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Next meeting in Wausau on February 10, 2012.