A meeting of the Remote Notary Council took place on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, beginning shortly after 1:00 p.m. All council members were present and appeared remotely via WebEx. The meeting proceeded as follows:

**Old Business:**

**Review/Adoption of Previous Meeting’s Minutes.** On the motion of Phil Suckow (second by Jessica Shrestha), the Council voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of its February 16, 2021 meeting, with Cheri Hipenbecker abstaining.

**Agency Updates on Program Administration and Outreach.** Matt Lynch of the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) described the agency’s recent budget request to replace its notary database with a system that can accommodate the new requirements of Wis. Stat. § 140.24 and enable online filings. He also noted that the Legislative Fiscal Bureau had inquired whether the Council had an opinion on the need for the database upgrade. After discussion by Council members, upon the motion of Cheri Hipenbecker (second by Phil Suckow), the Council unanimously expressed its support for DFI’s efforts to modernize the notary database to enable online filings and meet the requirements of § 140.24.

**New Business:**

**Review of Technology Provider Applicant Epic River.** The Council met with representatives Jessica Toney and Jeff Grobaski of Epic River and asked questions regarding the company’s technologies and capabilities. They explained that Epic River focuses on signatures and notarizations for loan documents, working primarily with community banks. It complies with MISMO standards for identity proofing and retains notarial act recordings for ten years on the notary’s behalf, which the notary can download at any time. The representatives confirmed that Epic River would be able to provide immediate notification to DFI whenever Wisconsin notaries become registered to use its platform.

**Discussion and Vote on Applicants Stavvy and DocuSign.** Council members deliberated regarding the pending applications of Stavvy and DocuSign for approval of technology for use in remote online notarizations in Wisconsin. Upon the motion of Jessica Shrestha (second by Phil Suckow), the Council voted 3-0 (Mark Ladd and Cheri Hipenbecker abstaining) to approve Stavvy’s and DocuSign’s applications, subject to their acceptance of DFI’s revised conditions of approval and completion of its business registration in Wisconsin.

During the course of deliberations on Stavvy and DocuSign, Council members discussed the related issue of whether MISMO certification ought to be required for commercial technology providers in Wisconsin. The Council tabled that discussion for a future meeting.

**Planning for Future Meetings:** The Council scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 1 p.m. via Webex.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at roughly 1:45 p.m.

_/s/ Patti Epstein_
Secretary, Remote Notary Council