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#### Tim Warner, MAI, SRA

In this newsletter, I will discuss some of the items of note from the recently issued Final Interagency Guidelines Appraisal and Evaluation Guidelines (FIGAEG), and their application.

The FIGAEG (available at www.ots.treas.gov/\_files/490054.pdf) were released in December of 2010. These *guidelines* replace the guidelines previously issued in 1994 and explain the agency's minimum regulatory standards for appraisals.

The guidelines also incorporate the agency's past supervisory issuances on appraisal practices, address information technology used in collateral valuation practices, and clarify standards for the industry's appropriate use of analytical methods and technological tools in developing evaluations. Most appraisers are not involved in evaluations and should carefully read Advisory Opinion 13 before they consider involvement. The guidelines emphasize that financial institutions are responsible for selecting appraisers and those doing evaluations. Institutions should demonstrate the independence of their processes for obtaining property values and adopt standards for appropriate communications and information-sharing with appraisers and people performing evaluations.

Additionally, the guidelines emphasize the importance of institutions maintaining strong internal controls to ensure reliable appraisals and evaluations. Institutions also are responsible for monitoring and periodically updating valuations of collateral for existing real estate loans and for transactions, such as loan modifications and workouts.

The following are explicitly noted in the guidelines:

- Broker Price Opinions (BPOs) can not be used as the primary basis for making a lending decision.
- Direct communication with appraisers by banks is permit-

- ted and even encouraged as long as it does not compromise appraiser independence.
- Reviewers are expected to have sufficient education, experience and knowledge about appraisal methodology.
- The appraiser independence requirements previously introduced in the HVCC are now part of the new guidelines.
- Restricted use reports are generally not sufficient for supporting a lending decision.
- AVMs can not be used as the primary basis for making a lending decision.

The guidelines also state that an institution should use written engagement letters when ordering appraisals, especially for large, complex, or out-of-area commercial real estate. An engagement letter typically specifies the; property's location and legal description, intended use and users of the appraisal, requirement to provide an opinion of the property's market value, expectation that appraiser will comply with applicable laws and regulations, appraisal report format, expected delivery date, and appraisal fee.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chapter funds as of 3/31/11 are:

Primary Checking Account: \$18,404.84

Money Market Account: \$28,376.97

CD Account: \$3,939.25

Total funds balance: \$50,721.06

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One of the specific appraisal requirements in these guidelines is that an "as is" value must be provided in all cases. This is the value of the property, as it exists on the effective date of the appraisal, and reflects its current physical condition, use, vacancy, and zoning.

The valuation of an owner-occupied industrial, or similar property, is rather straight forward. But suppose that you are being asked to value an income producing property that is 60 percent occupied by several tenants under leases that have several years remaining on each lease term. For this appraisal, you are also of the opinion that a stabilized occupancy level of 85 percent would be typical for this property given its current market setting. In order to provide your opinion of the "Current "or "As-Is" Value of the subject property, you will first need to value the property on a "Prospective Value" basis, presuming rent-up to stabilization. The next step in the process would be to subtract the necessary costs to obtain rent-up and stabilization. These costs can vary but the appraiser should consider costs to complete construction, tenant improvements, or complete unfinished areas, holding or expense carry costs, leasing and/or sales costs, lost income, other charges and/or fees as well as demolition and other associated costs during the time until the property is stabilized.

When considering the "Current" or "As-Is" and the "Prospective" Values, additional consideration of report dating is also necessary under USPAP. To understanding what is necessary to develop these values, we will explain "report date" and "effective date" and well as "Prospective Value", and "Current" or "As Is" Value. The best way to understand "report date" and "effective date" is to look at these terms in the index of the 2010-2011 USPAP. You will first notice that "report date" and "effective date" are the only two terms that USPAP recognizes for report dating. Other terms like "inspection date"

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or "date of issuance" are either not mentioned or are referenced as "effective date" or "report date." So if you are certifying that your report conforms to USPAP "effective date" or "report date" are the only two terms that should be used.

The best way to understand "Prospective Value" is to read Statement 4 of USPAP carefully. Statement 4, Statement 3 on "Retrospective Value", and Advisory Opinion 17 on "Prospective Value", provide the context for an understanding. In sum, when the report date and effective date are the same you are doing a current or "as is" value. When the effective date is after the report date, or in the future, you are doing a prospective value. Stating that you are doing a prospective value without these date differences would not be appropriate. The Prospective Value would, by necessity, be conditioned on an Extraordinary Assumption that prominently states the premise of rent-up to stabilization. Again, see the current edition of USPAP which has several good examples in the FAQ section in the back. Of course, Extraordinary Assumptions, as well as Hypothetical Conditions need to be prominently identified, disclosed, and/or stated, as well as explained.

Returning to the example I began with, a commercial income producing property that is 60 percent occupied by several tenants with leases, you would likely use actual rental rates specified by the leases. However, the remaining 40 percent of the property is not currently leased. When you include rental income for the remaining 25 percent that is the difference between your opinion of stabilized occupancy upon rent-up at 85 percent occupancy and its current occupancy at 60 percent, you are providing your opinion upon stabilization. This is a "Prospective Value". In order to provide your opinion of "Current" or "As-Is" Value, you will usually back into it by deducting the costs necessary to achieve rent-up and stabilization of occupancy from the stabilized, or Prospective Value. We discussed the costs the appraiser should consider previously. As always, there may be other considerations, depending on the specific facts and circumstances. However, a request for a "Current" or "As-Is" Value for many properties in today's market typically requires a "Prospective Value" opinion. A "Prospective Value" opinion would require the two different report dates, a discussion and definition of "Prospective Value," and a report section to detail the necessary costs involved in stabilization together with the related discussion.

Moving on, statements of competency and certification in reports are required under these new guidelines and USPAP. When you include this statement on your competency to appraise the property by type and location, do note that both the

certification and competency discussion are statements that apply to individual appraisers, and not the appraisal company. Lastly, USPAP 2010-2011 requires the disclosure of any professional real estate services you have provided for the subject property during the past three years. This disclosure must be located in report and the certification of the report. Although only a positive disclosure is required by USPAP, some institutions may ask that you state that you have not provided professional real estate services during the last three years if that is the case.

For those interested, Rick Larkin, SRA, has authored A Guide to the Valuation of Recreational Land With Trout Streams - An Analysis of Wisconsin's Driftless Area.

We have posted a PDF copy of this study on the Wisconsin Chapter website. See *Useful Links* in the left corner of the chapter website, <a href="http://www.wisai.com/pages.asp?id=21">http://www.wisai.com/pages.asp?id=21</a>.

## 2011 UPCOMING COURSES & SEMINARS

For more information on each offering and TO REGISTER, please go to:

#### http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/Wisconsin

Date Course/Seminar

April 18 The Lending World in Crisis (7 Hr.)

May 25 Annual Condemnation Symposium

(6 Hr.)

October 21 USPAP Update (7 Hr.)

All seminars/courses will be offered at WCAI's facility located at:
11801 W. Silver Spring Drive, Suite 200
Milwaukee, WI 53225
(Unless otherwise noted.)

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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Specific dates and locations will be published as they become available.

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

#### February 16, 2011

President Tim Warner called the meeting to order at 5:01 at the office of Wisconsin Association Management, 11801 West Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee, WI

#### **Members Present**

Tim Warner, tom Swan Matthew Gehrke, Jason Teynor, Todd Delahunt, Ryan Gieryn, Katie Thompson, Steve Lauenstein, Cheryl Dodson, David Thill. Doug Stangohr was also in attendance. Dave Wagner was on teleconference.

#### Secretary's Report

The minutes from the December 3, 2010 meeting were approved (Motion, Ryan - 2nd Cheryl) with unanimous approval.

#### Treasurer's Report

Financials through 12/31/2010 were reviewed. Tom Swan noted that the most recent education offering profited approximately \$3,500. Katie pointed out that 21 of the registered students were from the State, which helped keep enrollment high.

Doug noted that about \$2,900 was released to our chapter from a government relations committee that is now dissolved from a prior subchapter.

Tim Warner stated that the chapter is losing money and his goal is for us to break-even or make a profit in 2011.

A budget related question was raised and that is should the chapter fund sending regional representatives to the national meeting. I was noted that usually the chapter funds two representatives. Tim Warner made a motion, which was seconded by Tom Swan to approve sending 2 representatives to the national meeting in Las Vegas. National requires our chapter to send representatives. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ryan to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Dave Thill and the motion passed.

#### **Education Report**

2011 education offerings are to include a USPAP class by Stephanie Coleman on 9/20/2011. There was also discussion as to whether our chapter should offer the curriculum overview class which is a 2 day class versus classes that help people become designated or certified.

#### Legislative Update

Issues regarding LDAC were discussed and a motion was made to approve chapter funds (\$4,000) for Dominic Landretti, Katie Thompson and Cheryl Dotson with a provision or condition that Katie and Cheryl would share a room, if possible at the 2011 LDAC meetings. Motion was by Ryan and seconded by Steve. The motion passed.

#### **Old/New Business**

National has made an appeal for chapter contributions to a strategic planning committee. Ryan made a motion, which was seconded by Tom Swan, to have our chapter decline to send in funds for this committee. The motion passed.

Jason Teynor asked for assistance on the government relations committee. Ryan agreed to help him on the committed.

Dave Wagner, via telephone conference, stated that after 2011 he would need to step down from his active involvement on the chapter board. Tim Warner raised the issue of a slate of potential officers to be elected for next year which needs to be established in May. It was decided that this slate would be decided at the next meeting.

#### Adjournment

At 6:18 Ryan made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Cheryl.

Respectfully Submitted, Stephen C. Lauenstein, MAI Secretary, Wisconsin Chapter of the Appraisal Institute



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### APRIL SEMINAR

#### The Lending World in Crisis—What Clients Need Their Appraisers to Know Today

Monday, April 18, 2011 — 8:00 am-4:30 pm Wisconsin Chapter of the Appraisal Institute

This revised seminar, previously released in 2005, titled What Clients Want Their Appraiser's to Know, has been updated to reflect dramatic changes in the real estate market. According to clients, commercial appraisers are making the same error – providing little or no critical analysis – which in these times is even more critical now. Legislation will give appraisers more independence than ever before, but if the work product does not improve, many appraisers will find their appraisal volumes declining. Keep your clients satisfied and your assignments growing by attending this important educational program!

#### At the end of this seminar participants will be able to

Discover strategies to protect their appraiser independence.

Recognize and identify a market bubble – when does it start and when does it end.

Understand how to support a market conditions adjustment in a "bubble market" or a distressed (no new sales market).

Develop and report value opinions in a "bubble market" or a distressed market.

Detect when there will be an upward turn in a bust market; or a downward turn in a bubble market.

Recognize why your clients need you and why they might want to get rid of you.

Discover when you may want to fire your clients.

Handle external obsolescence whether it be temporary or permanent.

Determine what a good engagement letter should include.

Identify scope of work and competency issues.

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## 8TH ANNUAL CONDEMNATION APPRAISAL SYMPOSIUM



The Wisconsin Chapter of the Appraisal Institute and Michael Best & Friedrich, LLP are pleased to co-sponsor the 2011 Condemnation Appraisal Symposium on **Wednesday, May 25th** at the WCAI Office. This

marks our eighth Symposium, which has developed into a key annual event to attend for those professionals involved in eminent domain in Wisconsin.

This year's event brings fresh perspectives from several new speakers.

We will present eight programs covering the following issues:



- Recent Legal Developments
- Disposition of Surplus Government Property: Methodology & Valuation
- Compensability of Business Losses Caused During Construction
- DOT Perspectives
- Defining Reasonable Access
- New Evidence Rules for Experts in Wisconsin Courts
- The VFW Case: Zero Value Property
- Use of Subsequently Acquired Knowledge in the Determination of Just Compensation



As in past years, we will conclude with a Q&A session, which will allow for appraisers, attorneys, government officials and others involved with eminent domain activity to openly discuss and debate

the most current and difficult condemnation appraisal issues. Please feel free to bring questions. Following the Symposium, the attendees are invited to a social hour/networking reception.

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# NEW COURT OF APPEALS DECISION TO IMPACT EMINENT DOMAIN NEGOTIATIONS

by Charles Graupner

On August 10, 2010 a decision was issued by the Wisconsin Court of Appeals which may dramatically change the way eminent domain negotiations should be handled on behalf of property owners. In the case of Klemm v. American Transmission Co., the court held that litigation expenses, which are principally made up of attorneys fees and appraisal costs, are not available to a successful property owner who has appealed from a negotiated settlement rather than appealing from a jurisdictional offer. This ruling changes several decades of practice in eminent domain negotiations.

In the past, property owners often accepted a condemnor's initial offer, knowing that they could appeal, and if they achieved an increase of 15% over that accepted offer, would also be paid their attorneys fees and any other litigation costs. The Klemm case has changed this common strategy. After Klemm, the property owner can still appeal from a negotiated sale price, but will not be entitled to an award of litigation expenses in the event of a successful appeal. After Klemm, the only circumstance in which litigation expenses are awardable is where the property owner awaits the issuance of a jurisdictional offer before commencing the appeal. In that circumstance, if the judge or jury awards more than 15% in excess of the jurisdictional offer, litigation expenses are added to the award and the owner receives the entire increase in value. Ironically, the Klemm case disfavors the property owner who cooperates with the condemning authority by negotiating a sale, but favors the owner who refuses to negotiate and forces a jurisdictional offer.

There is currently pending a petition to have the Klemm decision reviewed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, but unless that petition is accepted, the Klemm decision will govern, at least in the absence of a legislative change. In order to retain the opportunity to recover litigation expenses in cases where property owners may wish to appeal the amount of the condemnor's offer, property

owners are well advised to decline to negotiate a voluntary sale, and are better off requiring that condemnor to proceed to the jurisdictional offer. The Klemm case does not require that the jurisdictional offer actually be rejected in order to preserve the right to litigation expenses, only that a jurisdictional offer be issued.

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