

Draft Minutes
Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 7:00 pm
Town of Cottage Grove
4058 County Road N, Cottage Grove, WI 53527

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Derr.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Cottage Grove Town Chair Kris Hampton.

Sheriff Mahoney was introduced and spoke about plans to add four floors to the current jail, remodel two existing floors, add medical facilities and significantly upgrade living conditions. Plans are for construction in 2019 and 2020 with occupancy in 2021. Changes will not increase the jail population (91 less beds) but make conditions safer and provide space for more drug/alcohol and other programming. The Sheriff asked for help educating rural residents about the 76 million dollar project.

There was a suggestion to take the Sheriff up on his offer to tour the jail and questions as to what the average home tax increase will be over the next 20 years. Josh Wescott volunteered to send that information. (attached)

Presentation of Dane County Budget Highlights - Josh Wescott, Chief of Staff, Dane County Executive

Memo from Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive, regarding 2018 Dane County Budget was distributed. Josh elaborated on the Sheriff's discussion on the jail and spoke about plans to increase follow up on people with addictions and mental illness when released from jail. Josh called attention to the prevalence of mental illness and the link to the jail. He also noted attention to roads in this budget. Since Parisi has been in office the money allocated to roads have gone from 3.9 million to 17 million dollars. There are more resurfacing and reconstruction projects. The budget also focuses on lakes and sensitive watersheds with a "Suck the Muck" initiative to dredge high phosphorus sediment from streams and monitor to see what it does for lake quality. Stabilizing streambanks is part of the project. They are also exploring composting manure to improve water quality.

Q: There is a \$28 increase in vehicle registration fee - are there fees for bike lanes?

A: Bikers do pay trail fees for designated bike trails.

Q: How much is added to the cost to design roads for bike use?

A: We look at current and future demand when we design roads. There is a cost but the greater cost is the widening projects for increased vehicle usage.

Q: BUILD (Better Urban Infill) program is moving to the County Executive office. Please tell us about that change.

A: The grant program was set up many years ago to help urban areas and no longer gets many applications. This budget shifts that program to an energy focus to reduce facility operating expenses. Josh noted that he has a one page write up on this and will send it to Renee to distribute. (attached)

Josh also noted a new Medical Examiner's office in the Town of Cottage Grove and the partnership with Brown and Rock Counties and others on a case by case basis to help fund the program.

Roll Call - 15 Towns Present: Berry, Blue Mounds, Bristol, Cottage Grove, Dane, Deerfield, Dunkirk, Middleton, Perry, Primrose, Rutland, Springfield, Sun Prairie, Verona, and Westport.

Approval of last Membership Meeting 8/16/17 Minutes

Motion: Joe Kruchten (Berry) /Kris Hampton (Cottage Grove). Approve minutes as presented.

There was significant discussion on the wording and intent of the motion regarding AB109 and if the DCTA was staying neutral.

A DCTA Memo sent out by Mark Hazelbaker, dated 9/29/2017 was brought up for discussion. Whether or not it contained correct information and should have been sent out by him on the last day of employment was debated.

Friendly amendment Tom Wilson (Westport)/Mike DuPlayee (Cottage Grove) - Last paragraph on page 3 change "proposed" to "discussed" and end the last sentence at "own." Motion carried, two towns opposed.

Vote on motion to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried, ~~two~~ one towns opposed. Middleton abstained. (Change made at the request of the Middleton Town Chair.)

Review DCTA By-Law amendment to add the option for a District to elect an alternate District Director to attend meetings when their representative cannot attend

There was discussion on the pros (recognizes busy schedules, improves communication/representation) and cons (deemphasizes what the group is and the responsibility of being a director) of having an alternate.

Requests for other by-law changes to state how we come to consensus on issues and to add the ability for a representative to participate electronically were discussed. The Executive Board will review proposed language at its next meeting and report back.

Review DCTA Budget, Legal Counsel, Audit

A draft budget was passed out and reviewed. Previous spending was discussed with a focus on how much DCTA spent on lobbying. Renee reported that, including state lobbying registration fees about \$30,000 was spent over 3 years. Q: How would members know how much we are spending? A: Jim stated that all executive board members voted on the expenditures. In the future, a Treasurer's report, clearly showing expenditures at Membership Meetings was requested. Renee stated that presenting a list of checks/withdrawals can easily be presented. She noted that she has a bank log from 2013 to the present - she can share that information. A \$5,000 deposit in the budget was questioned. Jerry stated that it was a contribution toward DCTA lobbying expense from the Madison Area Builders Association.

DCTA Executive Board will be reviewing an attorney candidate from outside of Dane Co. in November. Tom Wilson stated that he asked around about local firms- they all noted that they represent a lot of towns and could have a conflict or represent cities and villages and that could be a conflict. The Executive Committee will also talk about how to enter into an agreement with a new attorney - an hourly basis or a retainer like Mark.

We will vote at the next membership meeting on the budget.

The following people volunteered to be on the Audit Committee: Kris Hampton, Lyle Updike, and Mark Geller. Renee will meet with them and share the financial records.

Review of Proposed Dane County Zoning Code

Renee noted that she has been at almost all the committee meetings. At the last meeting the timeframe for completion was delay by 6 to 9 months. This was done to give staff time to meet individually with towns. Renee speculated that this issue has not been on many town's radar because it has not been controversial. When issues have been brought up, staff and the committee have made needed changes. Renee has invited the County to present at the next Membership Meeting.

Q: Will expenses for work with the six opt out towns be a part of the DCTA budget? Jerry stated that it will not. The opt out towns have an intergovernmental agreement and through that have set their own budget.

Updates from appointees on: CARPC, Lakes & Watershed, DaneCom, MMDS

CARPC - The Mission of CARPC was read. Opt out towns are contracting with CARPC for GIS services. It was noted that CAPRC does much more than urban service area amendments. 5.4% of the budget is on USA amendments. The majority of the work is in regional planning. CARPC's Vision was read. Towns were urged to see CARPC as an information resource and to bring questions to CARPC.

Scenario planning was reviewed and a commitment to update vision 2020 to a new vision from everyone in the county and not just downtown Madison. Workforce issues were discussed.

Lakes and Watershed - Tomorrow Mayor Soglin will hold a news conference on salt wise program - targeting parking lots and sidewalks and a contractor certification program. Chloride in the water is an issue. There is a joint workgroup with CARPC to look at recommendations from the stormwater technical advisory committee. Looking at a trading program and what it would cost.

DaneCom - Renee read note from Doug Meier on current issues and an interoperability workgroup that will be addressing issues through best practices, SOPs, and a County wide exercise being planned for early next year. Membership noted that Doug Meier and Steve Anders have been good advocates for towns. Ted Olson noted that the four towns that surround Stoughton - radios don't work once inside a building.

MMDS -

Will approve a budget at the end of the month with a small increase. They moved some of their capital expenses to communities with new development. A compromise was worked out to phase it in over time. The Yahara Wins partnership is a big portion of their work - seems to be a success story. We will be getting involved between the town of Dunn and Fitchburg in a dispute over locating a sewer line versus a 2 million dollar lift station. Have been changing a number of policies from the previously appointed commissioners.

Other Business

- Letter received from the town of Blue Mounds (attached) regarding request to move to different DCTA District. Jerry note that we will look at this when we do the by-laws.
- Suggestion for looking for bipartisan bills that DCTA can support. Would like the executive committee to filter through the legislation that might be important to all the towns in Dane County. Sb311 and 433 having to do with wineries and vineyards was given as an example.
- The 9/29/17 memo sent out by DCTA/Mark Hazelbaker was discussed again. It was noted that at a previous meeting Mark apologize for how he handled AB109 and now is communicating again in a controversial way. Martha Gibson noted that at the last executive board meeting the board worked on a motion with specific wording. She asked to be on the record stating that the letter is not what the Executive Board approved. When will he stop doing this?
- Renee announced the 10/30/17 DCCVA - DCTA joint legal update and asked towns to RSVP.
- Jim Pulvermacher noted that MSA is trying to put together an asphalt seminar at their office. It will likely be in December.
- Jerry noted that there will be an increase in transportation aid on a per mile basis - \$187 per mile - not a sustainable answer but at least we aren't going backwards. The "Homeowners bill of rights" - that on conditional use applications, public comment could be disregarded - was taken out. There are still some troubling parts of that bill. He doesn't know if it will move. On the Aggregate Bill - WMC wanted the state to preempt local control. It was vetoed. There hasn't been a compromise and there is a worry that it will come back.

Motion DuPlayee/Hampton to adjourn at 10:00 PM. Carried.