

MINUTES OF THE DANE COUNTY TOWNS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 18, 2015

Town Hall, Town of Cottage Grove

President Jerry Derr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The assembled membership pledged allegiance to the flag.

Jolene Plautz, lobbyist for the Wisconsin Towns Association, presented an overview of the WTA's agenda for legislation in the 2015 Legislative session. She discussed the transportation fund, transition to county assessment, and other issues. She fielded questions from the membership.

After the discussion, it was moved by John Brixy (Blue Mounds) and seconded by Steve Andler (Cottage Grove) to oppose transferring property tax assessment from the local units of government to the counties. Motion carried.

There was extensive discussion of the status of the DaneCom radio system. Jim Pulvermacher (Springfield) moved, seconded by Kris Hampton (Cottage Grove) to express the sentiment that the DCTA is unhappy with the DaneCom telecommunications system, and oppose any additional funding until the system is demonstrated to function. After further discussion, Mr. Pulvermacher and Mr Hampton withdrew their motion. There was consensus to send a letter expressing serious concern about the implementation of DaneCom, and to place the subject on the agenda for the May meeting.

Legal Counsel Mark B Hazelbaker made a presentation on the possibility of Town licensing of manure digesters.

Tim Roehl and Jerry Derr led a discussion of legislation now in drafting which will permit Dane County towns to withdraw from the Dane County zoning ordinance.

Kris Hampton presented an update concerning the Capitol Area Regional Planning Commission.

Lyle Updike presented an update on the Lakes and Watershed Commission.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.