

DCTA ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

7:00 pm

Verona Town Hall
7669 County Rd PD
Verona, WI 53593

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 7:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for Vernon Pogue from the town of Sun Prairie.

Consider re-appointment of Mark Geller (3 year term) and Kris Hampton (2 year term) to the Capitol Area Regional Planning Commission.

Motion: Dennis Jelle/John Brixy. Re-appoint Mark Geller and Kris Hampton to CARPC. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates from DCTA appointees on: CARPC, Lakes and Watershed, DaneCom, MMSD

Lakes and Watershed Commission

Mr. Derr explained that at the last membership meeting the DCTA re-appointed Lyle Updike to the Lakes and Watershed Commission. The County asked for a second name (State Statute requires DCTA to submit two names although this rule has not been invoked in some time). Tim Roehl was given as a second name. This was done because the DCTA would like Mr. Updike to be reappointed. After Mr. Roehl was not re-elected to his town supervisor position, the County contacted DCTA and asked for an alternative name. The DCTA responded that statute did not require the appointee to be an elected official and left Mr. Roehl's name on the slate - reasoning that we want Mr. Updike appointed to the Commission.

Motion: John Brixy/Mark Geller to reappoint Lyle Updike to the Lakes and Watershed Commission. Motion carried.

Doug Meir and Steve Anders - Dane Com Governing Board Appointees

Both appointees spoke and asked for feedback on the system. They noted that the County is continually tweaking the system. Tony Varda noted that EMS District 1 has reported that it is working well. Mark Hazelbaker praised the County for fixing the system.

Tom Wilson - Appointee to MMSD - MMSD is reviewing how it charges for items. One is treatment plan connection charges. The price has not changed for a very long time and significant change is being proposed.

Sheriff Mahoney was introduced - He spoke about trying to visit all towns and offered to bring his crime analyst to town meetings for specific town level discussions. Several questions about the heroin epidemic were answered.

Verona Chair Mark Geller gave a brief history of new town hall building.

Representative Diane Hesselbein was introduced. She talked about the current legislative session and answered questions on road funding.

Discuss redistricting of DCTA Board for 2019 - Mr. Derr introduced the topic and asked if there was interest in pursuing redistricting. Dennis Jelle said that Blue Mounds didn't feel well represented. Mark Hazelbaker noted that the districts have not been changed in more than 30 years and that there is a population disparity between districts that is quite considerable. Mr. Derr noted that some towns don't participate - this does impacts how the districts work. Jim Pulvermacher noted that he requested this item be on the agenda to see how towns felt about redistricting. Hazelbaker offered to update the memo that he did several years ago on the districts. Lyle Updike noted that comments were critiquing representation, not the structure of the districts.

Discuss setting official DCTA Policy - The idea of identifying an ongoing policy framework or for dealing with specific issues was discussed. Currently there is not one place where people can see what our policies are. Cynthia Richson advocated for the idea with a required 2/3rd vote of the membership before lobbying at the Capitol. Martha Gibson commented that there is the appearance that the DCTA is not transparent and questioned why the DCTA acted on a 20 year old policy (Town's leaving County Zoning) without membership review. Policy should be current and formulated with representatives going to their towns for discussion. Jerry Derr noted that the state association does listening sessions and then formulates policy.

Tony Varda noted that towns can currently bring their opinions to the executive Board. Mick Klein-Kennedy spoke to the need for a mechanism for communication with DCTA. Issues like cyber security insurance, liability insurance, bridge aid, and Dane County stopping assisting with engineering services need DCTA attention. Others spoke to the need to be more proactive. Dunkirk mentioned that having one person from their board that goes to all the DCTA meetings has been working for them.

Mark Hazelbaker noted that no organization can afford to not have consensus on what it is working on. He said that Mr. Roehl pursued an issue that did not have the support of the Executive Board. Mr. Roehl directed him to work on it and he did and regrets it. He should have brought it to the Board. Cynthia Richson noted that AB 109 is still pending and a heated discussion on the legislation ensued.

Tom Wilson noted that he liked the concept of a policy agenda. He noted that he and Alex Elkins didn't know when AB 109 was introduced and had words with Mr. Roehl about that. David Pfeiffer commented that we are hearing there is no consensus on AB 109 - should DCTA be taking a position when there is not consensus among the membership?

Update on State Legislation - Mr. Derr commented that it looks like transportation funding is going to be pulled out of the State Budget. Land use and boundary issues - balloon on a string annexations - using a public r-o-w to annex a frac sand mine are issues across the state. Cities would like the authority to annex islands. Extraterritorial zoning laws need to be changed so that they favor more of the towns. Broad band expansion is a big issue at the state level. Federal broad band money is coming in to the state but it is a small portion of what is needed for rural areas. Better connectivity is needed for schools and economic development. Fire and EMS incentivation for volunteers is a big issue. Tax credits for people that are willing to volunteer their time is being pursued.

Election of DCTA Board of Directors and DCTA Officers

Roll Call

Present:

Berry - Chair Varda
Blue Mounds - Chair Jelle, Supervisor Brixy
Bristol - Chair Derr,
Christiana - Chair Lein,
Cottage Grove - Supervisor Anders
Deerfield - Supervisor Kelly, Supervisor Roelofs
Dunkirk - Chair Norm Munson, Supervisor Olson, Supervisor Quam
Dunn - Chair Minihan
Madison - Chair Campbell
Middleton - Chair Richson, Supervisor Oberle
Oregon - Supervisor Van Kampen
Perry - Chair Kittleson, Supervisor Klein-Kennedy
Pleasant Springs - Chair Pfeiffer
Primrose - Chair Judd, Supervisor Gibson, Supervisor Elkins
Rutland - Chair Porter
Springfield - Chair Hoffman, Supervisor - Pulvermacher
Sun Prairie - Chair Updike
Vermont - Supervisor Meir
Verona - Chair Geller, Supervisors Dreger, Duerst, Enburg, Maxwell
Westport - Chair Grosskopf, Supervisor Trotter, Supervisor Cuccia and Tom Wilson

Districts caucused and elected the following representatives:

District 1 - Derr - Bristol

District 2 - Roelofs - Deerfield

District 3 - Olson - Dunkirk

District 4 - Van Kampen - Oregon

District 5 - Enburg - Verona

District 6 - Pulvermacher - Springfield

District 7 - Wilson (stated he has approval of board Town Board to serve) - Westport

The Executive Board elected Derr as President and Pulvermacher as Vice President.

Mark noted that a year ago he announced that he would step down as DCTA attorney. He intends to transition over the next few months. He feels it would be healthy for someone else to come in with a fresh perspective. He will always be available to help if needed.

Jim Pulvermacher asked towns to send email addresses to Renee Lauber so they can stay connected to the DCTA. All clerks currently get the information but it can be better to get it directly.

Motion: Varda/ Kittleson. To adjourn at 9:30 pm.