

DCTA Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Conference Call
7:00 pm

On Call: Jerry Derr, Manfred Enburg, Renee Lauber, Jim Pulvermacher, Martha Gibson, Tom Wilson.

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 7:08 pm.

Minutes

Motion: Gibson/Pulvermacher. Approve October 17, 2018 minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Motion: Gibson/ Pulvermacher. Approve November Financial Report. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Enburg. Move local government investment pool money (approx. \$3,500) into the UW account. Carried unanimously. The LGIP account will be closed and money will be moved to UW account to consolidate accounts for ease of record keeping.

Investment update

Renee met with Innovative Financial and reviewed treasury bonds and CDs. Currently the rates are better on CDs. Renee started the process of investing \$25,000.

2019 budget

Budget reviewed. Motion: Pulvermacher/Gibson. Adopt the budget as discussed and recommend to the membership in January.

Update and discussion on funding source for rural preservation initiative.

Renee and Martha met with Josh Wescott and Laura Hicklin. There is a county CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) in the 2019 budget. Martha noted that when corn prices were high many landowners took low lands out of CRP and put it in corn and soybeans. Recent heavy rains have flooded many of those areas. The new county program will allow mowing and grazing after certain dates and will be much more liberal than the federal program. We should make sure our members are aware of this.

It was noted that the PDR initiative was originally going to be a pilot program but flooding took up staff time and it didn't get into the budget. Now the proposal is to support projects like Dunkirk out of the conservation fund.

Next education forum

January 16, 2019 at Cottage Grove Town Hall on road weights and proper signage etc, Inspector Troy Larsen from the State Patrol will speak. Sheriff Mahoney has been invited to speak to what Dane County Deputies can and cannot do.

Other education initiatives: Farmland Preservation second meeting coordinating with Martha. CARPC Flooding, CARPC Mapping, inventory mapping, Dane County Jeremy B to speak on rural flooding.

Other

Extend an invitation to CARPC to December executive board meeting. 12/12 to discuss their proposal regarding intergovernmental agreements and flooding.

Chronic Wasting Disease and forestry land assessment values. Renee shared initial research being done by retired DNR employees. She will send the email she received to everyone and recommends looping back with them when their research is further along.

Eric Larsen Memo update

Information on website

Insurance update

Rick Manthe leaving WTA – one reason is for insurance, WTA looking at state program.

Other

Dennis Jelle's comments regarding county roads were discussed. They are in bad shape so people use town roads.

8:17 Motion: Wilson/Gibson. Meeting adjourned.