

## **Minutes DCTA Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Verona Town Hall, 7669 County Rd PD, Verona, WI

**Towns Present:** Cross Plains, Verona, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Sun Prairie, Bristol, Rutland, Dunkirk, Oregon, Christiana, Primrose, Westport, Vermont (via phone).

**Meeting called to order** by President Derr at 7:00 PM. Representatives from the Clean Lakes Alliance, CARPC, Dane County Zoning and Dane County Executive's Office were welcomed. Pledge of Allegiance led by Verona Chair Geller.

### **Presentation on 2020 Census, Becky Schigiell, Senior Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau**

Becky Schigiell spoke about the census emphasizing it is important, safe and easy to participate. She spoke about financial implications for local governments: 675 billion in federal distributions are based on the census. This is money for roads, schools, foster care etc. The census is also used to allocate political representation and businesses use it gauge area customers and workforce numbers. The first census mailer will go out in March. People can respond via phone, internet or paper. She asked for help finding census workers. They have only hired about a 1/3 of the workers they need. The job pays \$22/hour.

### **Approval of 9/18/2019 Membership Meeting minutes**

Motion: Wilson/Pulvermacher. Approve minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

### **Consider proposal to amend Article V of the Bylaws to incorporate remote meeting participation and voting.**

Use of technology was discussed and plans to upgrade.

Motion: Jim Pulvermacher/Deanna Zentner. Approve amending Article V of the Bylaws to incorporate remote meeting participation and voting. Carried unanimously.

### **Consider DCTA Participation on Yahara CLEAN Compact Steering Team**

Paul Dearlove with the Clean Lakes Alliance spoke about the current members of the Compact and the work they are doing to improve water quality. He noted that there are 14 towns in the Yahara Watershed that drain directly to the lakes and that DCCVA voted earlier in the day to join the Compact. There is a \$1,000 a year fee associated with joining. The fee helps to ensure investment/participation and pay for facilitators, engineers, and consultants needed for the project. Joining the initiative allows for a lead representative and co designee to participate. If others are interested, they are welcome to attend the meetings.

Motion: Updike/Gibson. To join the Yahara CLEAN Compact as a collaborator.

Discussion on who should represent DCTA followed.

Motion: Wilson/Anders. Renée Lauber be one of the DCTA designees. Carried unanimously.

A notice will be sent to DCTA Members asking for nominations for the second designee.

**Presentation and discussion on Short Term Rental Regulation.** Tom Wilson will share Westport's short term rental ordinance and factors towns should think about when considering an ordinance.

Tom's presentation and supporting documents are on the DCTA website:  
<http://danecotowns.net/presentations/>

**Presentation and discussion on Transfer of Development Rights.** Short presentation on the TDR concept followed by Greg Hyer, sharing Cross Plain's trading experience. Other town programs will be shared and interest in intertown transfers discussed.

Renée noted that it has been 10 years since Dane County adopted a TDR ordinance. Almost all towns allow 1 to 1 "trading" to move available splits within their town. Several towns have TDR programs. Is there interest in inter town trading? Are there other things that could help take this concept to the next level?

Cross Plains has used TDR as an incentive to reward specific land use activities. At a grandfathered quarry site now surrounded by development, the town provided bonus entitlements (splits) in exchange for the landowner relinquishing their mineral extraction rights and plans to reopen the quarry. In a similar incentive-based manner, Cross Plains worked with a land owner to "transfer out" development rights in an area mapped since the 1960's for the National Ice Age Scenic Trail. Cross Plains gave bonus entitlements with the net effect of protecting the trail and moving development to another area of the town.

Springfield has a market-driven, criteria-based program. Their goals are to cluster homes and keep farming active. They have done two transfers. Their program gives extra splits based on several factors including prime soils, proximity to livestock or a quarry, groundwater infiltration, etc. They have had a few deals fall through because of legal issues and county land purchases. The potential business benefits were stressed. Using proceeds to pay down a bank loan or pay off siblings are important financial factors to promote.

Sun Prairie shared their conservation easement requirements for each town land division.

**Updates: WTA, CARPC, MMSD, Lakes and Watershed, DaneCom, etc.**

Jerry gave an update of WTA meetings, Tom Wilson noted that MMSD will be taking on the PFAS issue, Lyle Updike spoke to about Lakes and Watershed revisiting infiltration exemptions and Steve Anders noted that things were no issues with DaneCom.

Renee announced plans for a 2/26 CUP training with Dane County Planning for clerks and plan commissioners and the development of a CUP checklist, she is also working with DCCVA on a municipal shared services education session in early April. She gave an update on OA 20 (Animal Units allowed on FP-1) 20 towns voted in favor, 4 didn't vote, 3 opposed.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:45 pm. Hampton/DuPlayee.