

**Minutes**  
**DCTA Executive Board**  
Wednesday, December 18, 2019  
Verona Town Hall  
7669 County Rd PD, Verona, WI

Present: Jerry Derr, Manfred Enburg, Ted Olson, Jim Pulvermacher, Martha Gibson, Tom Wilson, Steve Anders

Also Present: Renée Lauber, Mike Rupiper

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

**Consider 11/13/19 minutes**

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

**Consider December 2019 Financial Report and July to December 2019 per diem report**

Motion: Pulvermacher/Enburg. Accept both reports. Carried unanimously.

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

Mike Rupiper from CARPC gave a brief report on Yahara Clean and their work to update their compact and increase the stakeholders developing their new plan. They would like the DCCVA, DCTA, Yahara Pride and a few others to join. (Steve Anders arrived. Martha Gibson arrived.)

Joining would cost \$1,000. No towns are currently formally participating. Mike's research shows that 15 towns have substantial amounts of land in the watershed. Discussion centered and having towns weigh in on a decision to join/participate. This item will be on the January Membership Meeting agenda. There is a Steering Committee meeting on 1/10/2020 (second Friday of the month) from 8:30 to 10 am at Clean Lakes Alliance. Renee will attend and report back. Mike was asked for a brief on the goals and objectives of the group and why DCTA should participate. Renee will send information to the towns. Jim asked for this decision to be put to vote of towns.

**Update on 2019 OA-020 - AMENDING CHAPTER 10 THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REVISING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE DANE COUNTY ZONING CODE**

Renée attended the ZLR public hearing on this topic in November and spoke in favor of the OA. Dunn and Pleasant Springs also submitted comments/spoke in favor.

The statutory deadline for town votes is December 27, 2019. Ten towns have voted so far. Vermont and York opposed. Albion, Burke, Christiana, Cross Plains, Madison, Montrose, Pleasant Springs and Vienna in favor. Further action on the OA will be taken at the January 2020 ZLR meeting.

There was a good bit of discussion on the ability of Dane County to do "blanket" or free CUPs. If the CUPs are town initiated, towns can add Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) to lots to allow for a specific number of animal

units or to allow for unlimited animal agriculture on the small acreage lots impacted by the proposed changes in OA 20. Town initiated CUPs would not incur Dane County fees.

It was also noted how the creation of the new RR-16 zoning district should be helpful to towns. For some towns the only option for larger residential lots was the RM zoning district. That district has some uses and conditional uses objectional to towns. They plan to go through and do “blanket” or free rezones from RM to RR-16 if the OA passes.

#### **Update on remote voting (by-law amendment language sent to membership, technology report)**

Tom Wilson had his staff research options. In addition, Renée spoke with someone using remote meeting technology. There are many options that will be limited by the technology at the home of the person requesting remote participation. Renée also noted that band width could be an issue. Skype or other video technologies use more. It can be beneficial to use one technology for video and another for sound.

#### **January Membership Meeting agenda**

Renee will invite someone from the census to give a short presentation at the meeting.

In addition to topics previously discussed, joining the Yahara CLEAN Compact will be on the agenda.

#### **Discuss article in the Wireless Estimator, November 13, 2017, “AT&T and Verizon threaten the big three tower cos with a new Tillman 200 tower scheme” and town of Albion case.**

The tower application in the town of Albion and a similar tower application in Iowa County near the town of Perry were discussed. The new business strategy (reviewed in the Wireless Estimator article and discussed at the November ZLR meeting) to locate new towers close to existing towers and thus avoid co-location and get reduced rental fees was discussed. This strategy directly conflicts with Dane County’s zoning code that was established to prevent multiple towers in the same area and to promote/require co-location on existing towers. The new business strategy is based on language in state law allowing new towers if there is “economic burden.” However, “economic burden” has not been defined. The Dane County Ordinance and existing tower permits, require tower owners to provide space for co-location at “prevailing market rates.” If that is not happening and prices are not prevailing market rates, Dane County has expresses commitment to enforce that condition of the permit.

Some companies are pushing towers based on town’s interest in expanding broad band. They have been pushing improved broad band as a reason for more towers but when independent engineering reports are done they have shown that argument has been a farce.

Renée noted that she had a recent conversation with Majid Allan on this topic and the Dane County Code. If the opt out towns would like more information on this topic, a review of their zoning code or suggestions, he offered to speak with them.

#### **Discuss revisiting the authority to delegate CUP decisions to towns.**

Renee will talk with Todd.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.**