

**DCTA Executive Board Minutes**  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
Blooming Grove Town Hall  
1880 S Stoughton Rd, Madison, WI

**Present:** Derr, Olson, Anders, Klein Kennedy, Enburg.

**Also Present:** Majid Allen, Dane County Planning and Renée Lauber, DCTA Policy Advisor.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by President Derr.

**Consider 12/18/19 minutes**

Motion: Olson/Enburg. Approve 12/18/19 minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

**Consider February Financial Report**

Motion: Anders/Olson. Approve Financial Report as presented. Carried unanimously.

**Wireless Tower practices update**

Majid Allen and Mick Klein Kennedy spoke about circumstances related to a tower constructed just across the line in Iowa County near Perry without any public notice. The tower has been erected but failed to obtain a needed erosion control permit from Dane County and a driveway permit from Perry. This was an Iowa County oversight as the permits are required for the company to operate the tower. Perry is concerned that if they approve the driveway permit, they could set a precedent for waiting to asking for permits after the structure is completed. They have concerns about town liability as 24/7 access is required. What if it snows and that road isn't plowed for a bit? Also concerned about confusion with the tower having an Iowa County address and the driveway access in Perry being different. In addition, the areas are services by different EMS districts. (Notes from Klein Kennedy on this topic are attached.)

The major issue for residents is that they were not given any notice of plans for the structure. The structure was constructed in a valley, the extra height needed to compensate for the low elevation requires a taller tower and triggers lighting requirements. A slightly different location at a higher elevation would not have required lighting. Opportunity for public comment could have addressed this situation. In addition, a co-location review was not required and another tower is less than 2 miles away.

Is it worth asking the state to have a notification requirement and to consider other legislative fixes? Consensus was that this legislature would not address the matter. Jerry will have Joe Ruth or another WTA attorney talk to Perry about the driveway permit issue.

This situation and the town of Albion situation are topics towns should know about, put on May membership meeting agenda.

**Discuss Dane County Bridge/Culvert Aid program discontinuing assistance in sizing culverts.**

Dunkirk and Bristol both reported that they were denied help with the sizing of culverts under the County Bridge Aid Program. Culverts/bridges that have a 36-inch or greater span, or equivalent capacity to carry water are entitled to receive 50% reimbursement. Previously Dane County assisted towns with culvert sizing for this

program. Dunkirk got a quote in excess of \$21,000 to engineer two culverts. Bristol experienced the same issue but was able to get a more reasonable engineering quote. Consensus was that Dane County should communicate a policy change like this directly to towns rather than have someone call and find out when they need the service that it has been discontinued. Renee will contact Pam Dumphy to get a statement and share with towns for planning purposes.

### **Consider appointment to Yahara CLEAN Steering Committee and review/signing of official paperwork**

Renée noted that, as directed at the Membership Meeting, she sent notice to towns of the opportunity for appointment to this Committee. Tom Wilson was the only person that responded.

Motion: Olson/Klein Kennedy. Appoint Tom Wilson as lead designee and Renée Lauber as the co-designee. Carried unanimously.

### **March CUP Training update**

Training will happen on March 5th. Important to attend, it will talk about the difference between zoning and CUP decisions and more.

### **Report on plans for municipal services sharing educational programming with DCCVA and discussion of event budget.**

Tim Hanna, longtime mayor of the city of Appleton and Rob Henken, WI Policy Forum, and Phillip Freeburg, Local Government Center, have agreed to present/speak at the April 9<sup>th</sup> event. The event will be at the Clarion Sweets, near the Alliant Center. Renting the room and coffee/doughnuts will cost about \$500. Funding was discussed. Costs will be shared with the DCCVA. There was consensus to spend \$200 to \$300 on the event if needed.

### **Review and approve year end letter/ dues notice**

Motion: Anders/Klein Kennedy. Approve as written. Carried unanimously. Add 4/1/20 due date, invoice and invoice towns individually.

### **Discuss Dane County Redistricting**

Renee forwarded a link to a review of what Dane County has been doing on since 2015 from a local blogger. She will start tracking and attending Dane County Executive Committee meetings. We need to start thinking about how we want to frame this discussion and how to best represent towns.

### **Discussion on remote meeting technology purchase**

Manfred reviewed options he has researched. An analog plug in phone speaker device is ~ \$100. This system works if there is a separate phone line to plug into. A voice over IP (goes through the internet) is the other option. The cost is ~ \$1,500. Second option was preferred. Manfred will research and send Renée some options and pricing.

**District Updates** - Manfred is not running for reelection.

### **Discuss Vienna solar project**

Solar companies are leasing land for \$1,000 a year, per acre for 20 years, competing with large dairy farms that need land to spread manure. Vienna has a town meeting tonight on the issue. Town of Christiana has a 1,500 acre solar project proposed.

## **Other**

DaneCom, Doug Meier sent a report on the last DaneCom meeting. In it he asked if DCTA would address the non paying towns issue. The group reviewed the history and discussed the issue. It was noted that everyone benefits from the system and it has now “proved” itself. Functional arguments previously used for not signing on to the agreement are no longer relevant.

Ted spoke to Dunkirk’s status. Dunkirk paid for the first 3 years of the original agreement they signed on to and then opted out. The town patrolman didn’t like the system and Dunkirk feels that they already pay through their fire and EMS district fees. There was discussion if districts pass on the bill for DaneCom through fees that towns pay. It was Renée and Steve’s understanding that fees were paid by municipalities not EMS districts.

Overall the opinion was that highlighting nonpaying towns could make other towns question why they are paying into the system and there was no need to “awake the sleeping giant”. Steve will call Doug.

Susan Thering, Design Coalition Institute, asked to Skype the presentation, Three Strategies to fill the Missing Middle of Housing , at our April meeting. Some dislike using Skype. Renée was asked to postpone until it can be done in person. That likely means waiting until June.

CARPC Renée received a meeting request from Steve Steinhoff to discuss how CARPC can best serve towns. She asked the group for feedback. They had no ideas for services. She was also asked to be part of Technical group working on a new Regional Plan.

Drainage Districts Renée forwarded information on drainage district activity in Dane County to the group.

## **Adjourn**

Motion: Olson/Klein Kennedy. Adjourn at 9:40 pm.