

DCTA Executive Board Meeting

February 17, 2021

Via Zoom

Present: Derr, Olson, Wilson, Duerst, Gibson.

Excused: Anders, Pulvermacher

Also Present: Renee Lauber; Carrie Springer, Dane County Lobbyist; Tom Mathies

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

Consider December 2021 meeting minutes

Motion: Duerst/Wilson. Approve 12/16/2020 minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

Consider January/February 2021 Financial Report and Dues Report

Motion: Gibson/Duerst. Accept reports. Carried unanimously.

Broadband – Consider requesting CARPC help towns prepare for broadband grant opportunities. This would include preparatory work to increase readiness to apply for state, federal, or private broadband opportunities.

Carrie Springer, Dane County Lobbyist, noted that a number of Dane County Board Supervisors are interested in seeing if there is a way to help municipalities expand broadband access. Right now state statutes do not allow counties to fund broadband.

Discussed many towns having pockets without coverage and lack of density being a problem. Additionally, the state program uses outdated/incorrect maps. Dane County on a map looks like it has great coverage, but there are many parts that don't have coverage. Also, to use the state program you need providers that are willing to go into an area.

Types of assistance were discussed. Can Dane County or CARPC help towns with grant applications? Can they help get more accurate coverage maps?

Motion: Wilson/Duerst. Authorize Jerry Derr and Renee Lauber to work with CARPC and Dane County on improving town access to broadband. Carried unanimously.

Consider establishing Membership Dues Committee to review and possibly update dues structure. Note: dues formula is currently based on 2016 Equalized Value.

Motion: Duerst/Olson. Establish committee to review dues formula. Carried unanimously. Jim Pulvermacher, Martha Gibson, Renee Lauber and Lyle Updike were suggested as committee members.

Review and Edit draft Public Works Compensation Survey and consider including impact of closing the Dane County Yard Waste Drop-Off Site in the survey.

Several edits and suggestions were made to the survey. A future survey might cover what equipment towns have that they are willing to share and their willingness to share and trade time.

Review and Comment on CARPC's proposed By-Law Amendments. Note CARPC has scheduled a public hearing on the proposal Thursday, March 11 ,2021.

Proposed changes to the by-laws were reviewed. Discussion regarding the purpose of the Budget and Personnel Panel (BPP) and the founding principles of the organization. The BPP was created as a safeguard when CARPC was created. Language regarding the BPP should not be removed or changed.

Motion: Duerst/Gibson. Send comments to CARPC public hearing requesting the following language proposed to be deleted, remain in the bylaws. Carried unanimously.

Article VI, Section 2 : Duties of the Executive Director

~~The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Commission and shall serve at the pleasure of the Budget and Personnel Panel, or if the hiring authority of the Budget and Personnel Panel has been transferred to the Commission, at the pleasure of the Commission.~~

Article VII, Section 1 Annual Budget

~~The Executive Committee shall present to the Commission the recommended budget for review prior to June 1 of each year, and subsequently forwarded to the Budget and Personnel Panel prior to July 1 for final approval and adoption.~~

Municipal Shared services – continue next steps discussion.

Renee is still working on this – nothing to report. The idea is to try to have the DCTA and DCCVA executive committees meet after the April election and discuss next steps.

Other

- **Resolution Commending the Service of Sheriff Mahoney**

A resolution commending the Sheriff was reviewed. Renee will ask towns to adopt the resolution. Towns would send a pdf with a signed resolution to DCTA and DCTA would make them into a book to present to the Sheriff.

Motion: Wilson/Olson. Adopt resolution and recommend towns adopt resolution to recognize Sheriff Mahoney. Carried unanimously.

- **Impact fees** – town of Oregon question on use of impact fees was discussed.

- **Solar Farm issue** – Solar farm placement is getting to be more controversial. These private negotiations were discussed. Do solar panels contribute to the town tax base? They likely come under the utility tax law. Under the law town's get payment from the state of WI based on the capacity of the infrastructure.

Review and Consider Policy Advisor/Treasurer/Secretary Compensation

Motion: Wilson/Olson. Promote Renee Lauber to Executive Director and increase compensation to \$37,000. Carried unanimously.

Adjourn 9:08 PM.