

DCTA Executive Board Minutes
Wednesday, July 21, 2021
Kennedy Administration Building
5387 Mary Lake Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

Present: Jerry Derr, Tom Wilson, Tom Mathies, Ted Olson, Jim Pulvermacher, Steve Anders

Also Present: Renee Lauber, Lyle Updike

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

Consider June 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Pulvermacher/Wilson. Approve as presented. Carried. Anders abstained.

Consider July 2021 Financial Report

Motion: Wilson/Anders. Approve as submitted. Carried unanimously.

Review and consider comment on OA-002 Amending Chapter 10 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, Revising Sign Regulation Provisions

Renee had received questions from Dunn and had spoken to Todd Violante and Pam Andros at Dane County regarding the ordinance. She also reviewed Attorney Eric Larson's comments on the 2019 proposed sign ordinance. The group discussed concerns over significant size reductions, concerns regarding non-conforming signs that might have to be repaired, concerns over new one per row limits for farm field signs (test spots might need one for fertilizer, one for hybrid type, signs for field days, etc), and concerns over reducing temporary signs from 90 to 60 days (specifically as to impact on farm stands that last for more than 60 days).

Dane County has offered to do an information session on the ordinance. The Executive Board supported the idea. Renee will work with Dane County to set this up and prepare a memo for towns regarding changes and concerns. It was noted that the information Dane County sent out did not include the OA or show the specific size reductions.

Sheriff Calvin Barrett

The group welcome Sheriff Barrett. He has been in office for about 60 days and emphasized that he is here to continue Sheriff Mahoney's mission and vision. Sheriff Barrett stressed that town residents are his priority. The Executive Board praised the community deputies that work with the towns. Sheriff Barrett is working on a 2022 budget and is looking to add a mental health deputy. He will also be asking for a human trafficking detective. The jail initiative was also discussed.

Recommended ordinances review – solar, wind, other

Renee received positive comments regarding the solar ordinance recommendation. From that email came questions asking if there are other recommended town ordinances.

The Executive Board noted that the WTA (Wisconsin Towns Association) has extensive information on wind and CAFO ordinances on their website. They asked Renee to review that and prepare an educational email for towns based on the WTA.

County Budget Strategy

Getting more involved and developing a strategy was discussed at the last meeting. Renee reviewed initial work on the delinquent parcel issue and will check in with the Treasurer.

The Executive Board discussed the perception that all funding for phosphorus reduction goes to the Yahara Watershed with Lyle Updike. Renee emailed Director Hicklin regarding allocation of funding in early July and has not heard back. She will follow up. Lyle discussed the budget process. A key is county department recommendations. The recommendations go in August 1st. After that outreach is to the County Executive and the County Board representatives.

Membership meeting discussion/Educational programming

Middleton Town Hall is not fully open yet so they were not able to commit to hosting the 9/15 meeting. Westport agreed to be a backup location.

WTA is having a state wide unit meeting attendance incentive with drawings for free tickets to convention and a \$50 gas card and a \$250 gift certificate.

Suggested agenda items are ARPA update given by WTA (Jerry will invite WTA to the meeting), invite the Sheriff to speak for about 10 minutes, invite Laura Hicklin, Director Dane County Land and Water Resources Dept. to give an update on spending in towns. Note Jerry's birthday is the following day.

Public Works Compensation Survey

Additional work needed as a few towns only filled out the first question on the survey.

Broadband Update

The first meeting of the Task Force was yesterday. It consisted mainly of introductions and an educational briefing that highlighted several issues impacting use including adopting (wanting to use it), cost and coverage.

Redistricting

Tom Wilson and Greg Hyer are on the Redistricting Commission. Needing to use the school district boundaries, timelines and the Commission's recent meetings were reviewed.

Adjourn

Motion: Wilson/Pulvermacher. Adjourn at 9:45 PM. Carried unanimously.