

Minutes
DCTA Executive Board
Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Via Zoom

Present: Tom Wilson, Mike Duerst, Ted Olson, Jim Pulvermacher, Steve Anders

Absent: Martha Gibson

Also Present: Renee Lauber, Tom Mathies

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Jim Pulvermacher.

Consider 7/15/20 minutes

Motion: Wilson/Duerst. Approve minutes as written. Motion carried. Pulvermacher abstained.

Consider August Financial Report

Motion: Wilson/Duerst. Approve August Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Executive Committee Per Diem Payments

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. Make payments as presented. Carried unanimously.

Update on Dane County Committee meeting access changes

Renee reported a good conversation with Aneliese Eicher, County Board Chair, about improving access to meetings. The County tried a new platform at the 8/13 County Board Executive Committee. They switched from GoToMeeting to Zoom to allow participants to view the meeting live and not be limited to phone only access. Unfortunately, the meeting had significant technical issues but they seem solvable and largely due to figuring out a new platform. Overall, DCTA is being heard and the county is trying to improve access.

Update on County Board Size and Redistricting update

The Executive Board discussed the Dane County Survey report. Link to report:

<https://dane.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8723400&GUID=C9FFC647-665B-4D34-AA8B-FCD1A3F733B0>

They noted that the way the survey was conducted provided interesting information but that it was not statistically valid.

Joint meeting with DCCVA (Jerry Derr arrived)

Meeting dates were reviewed. Sept 9th at 5:30 works for everyone but Tom. Renee will set up the meeting.

DCDH Interviews Report

Mike Duerst and Jerry Derr participated in the interview. They noted a good discussion with staff and look forward to seeing the results of the planning process and agency recommendations.

DCTA 2021 Budget Review

Renee was asked to send out year end projections and scenarios for raising the caps on larger towns for review.

Agenda for September Membership Meeting

A forum on approved Covid spending was suggested. Many towns are still leary of the rules and are not spending their money. Continuing to share on this topic will be useful. Jerry will ask WTA to help with this discussion.

WTA update – Jerry reported that WTA is still fielding a good amount of CARES/Covid calls. They are talking to legislators as on January 20th the legislative session starts again. With Covid, the topic/need for broadband expansion is getting more attention.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm.