Draft D**CTA Executive Board Meeting**

Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Via Zoom

Present: Derr, Gibson, Pulvermacher, Anders, Olson, Duerst
Absent: Wilson
Also Present: Larry Konopacki, WTA Attorney; Tom Mathies, Supervisor Verona; Renee Lauber; David Pfeiffer, Chair Pleasant Springs.

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

Solar Farms discussion with Larry Konopacki

Larry Konopacki, legislative affairs/lobbyist with the Wisconsin Towns Association spoke to the current situation in WI regarding the siting of solar farms. Towns/counties have limited authority to regulate a solar project if is it above 100 megawatts. Electric generating facilities and large livestock facilities are the two main areas where local governments have lost authority over time. Overall, Attorney Konopacki has found that if you start early and you create leverage (like a local ordinance) you can bring solar developers to the table and negotiate some things. Companies want a social license – to be a good citizen. This approach won't give towns leverage to get everything a town might want but it has gotten some favorable conditions like protecting roads, deed restrictions, reclamation standards, town financial protections, etc. In the town of Saratoga this was done by creating a licensing ordinance. The ordinance is posted on the town of Saratoga's website.

Nonmetallic mining was also discussed. WTA has a draft ordinance on its website. WTA is talking about creating more sample ordinances. WTA doesn't know what will happen in this legislature with mining. Keep an eye on the industry trying to get a waiver for CUPs for 80 acres adjacent to non-metallic mining sites. This attempt has been vetoed twice recently.

If you want to have some say in where and how and hours of operation, a town needs some regulatory structure. In Dane County every town should also have a nonmetallic mining licensing ordinance. It probably was okay years ago to just rely on Dane County. That has changed with the laws governing CUPs changing. Relying on CUPs isn't recommended as this is now an undeveloped area of the law.

Consider February 17, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion: Duerst/Olson. Approve minutes as written. Carried. Pulvermacher abstained.

Consider March 2021 Financial Report and Dues Report

Motion: Pulvermacher/Duerst. Approve financial report and dues report. Carried unanimously.

Update on Membership Dues Committee to review and possibly update dues structure.

Lyle Updike accepted appointment to the committee and has experience with this type of work. The committee including Updike, Pulvermacher, Gibson and Lauber will meet tomorrow night.

How much the committee should budget for was discussed. Overall, the focus of the committee is to evaluate and update the current formula. Adding some funding for unforeseen contingencies was discussed.

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

There has not been a vote on the CARPC by-laws yet. Pfeiffer noted that changes are an effort to organize the by-laws.

The proposal in the Governor's budget to move CARPC's levy was discussed. CARPC is considering if they would like DCTA to weigh in on the subject. Renee was asked to reach out to the County Executive again regarding lobbying.

CARCP appointment, MMSD appointment, other appointments

Motion: Gibson/Duerst. Reappoint David Pfeiffer to CARPC. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Duerst. Support Tom Wilson reappointment to MMSD. Carried unanimously.

Renee was asked to check in on Doug Meier regarding staying on DaneCom.

Update on Broadband

Jerry Derr noted that WTA is trying to get the federal government to allow Covid relief money to be used for Broadband.

Renee reported on conversations with Dane County Supervisor Kate McGinnity and the DCTA recommendation of Deanna Zentner, Supervisor Town of Rutland, to Dane County Task Force on Broadband. She has also reached out to Steve Steinhoff at CARPC.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Gibson. Adjourn at 9:15 PM. Carried unanimously.