

Minutes  
DCTA Executive Board  
March 16, 2022  
Via Zoom

**Present:** Derr, Olson, Mathies, Anders, Pulvermacher, Wilson, Gibson

**Also Present:** Renée Lauber, Alan Sweeney, Andrew Baker, Dane County Supervisor McGinnity, Rutland Chair Deana Zentner, Jeremy Lang, David Lonsdorf, Dane County Supervisor Ratcliff.

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 7:01 pm.

**Discussion of Rock County PACE (Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement) Program with Alan Sweeney, Rock County Board Supervisor and Andrew Baker, Rock County Land Conservation Department.**

Andrew Baker gave a presentation on the Rock County Program (link to presentation slides). He noted that one impetus for the program was landowners not being able to apply on their own for the USDA-NRCS program, only local governments or non-profits can apply. In answer to questions about the program's financing Mr. Baker stated that the program was initially set up expecting 50% funding from USDA-NRCS grants, 25% funding from Wisconsin grants and 25% from Rock County. When the state of Wisconsin funding ended, the program began only reimbursing landowner for 75% of the appraised value of the development rights.

**Consider February 16, 2022 minutes.**

Motion: Gibson/ Mathies. Approve minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

**Consider Financial Report and Dues Report.**

Motion: Anders/Gibson. Accept March Dues and March Financial Reports. Carried unanimously.

**Consider recommendations for Dane County Broadband Task Force**

Task Force Vice Chair McGinnity gave a progress update. Jeremy Lang spoke about work being done in Mazomanie. Al Sweeney, spoke about work being done in Rock County. They have hired Bug Tussel to help with planning and buildout. He asked that Dane County coordinate with Rock County for areas that share a border.

The use of towers was discussed. It was suggested that the Task Force recommend the use of fiber as a long term solution. Towers are controversial and not seen as a long term broadband solution. Doubling wires was discussed as another short term or temporary fix.

Renee asked the Executive Board to continue to review the draft recommendation from the Task Force and let her know if there are additional suggestions or comments.

**Updates DCCVA/DCTA regarding joint listserve. Are staff using it?**

Wilson, Lauber and Zentner stated that they were on the listserve. Renee will send towns a reminder about signing up.

**Discuss returning to in person meetings in April.**

Westport will host the April Executive Board meeting. Tom Mathies will check to see if Verona is able to host the May Annual Meeting.

**Other updates**

Renee noted that a committee member from Verona had questions about stormwater pond maintenance. Anders and Wilson have experience with that. They can be contacted for more information. Another resource might be Jason Tuggle at Dane County.

Stealing of road signs was discussed. In Westport Bong and Easy Streets were frequently stolen. Making the poles taller helped to reduce theft. Other towns have put a stinky grease on the poles.

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** Wilson/Gibson. Adjourn at 9:05 pm. Carried unanimously.