

DCTA Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Bloomington Grove Town Hall

1880 S Stoughton Rd, Madison, WI

Present: Derr, Pulvermacher, Olson, Gibson, Mathies, Manering, Anders.

Also Present: Lauber

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Derr.

Approve 12/20/2023 minutes

Motion: Pulvermacher/Mathies. Approve minutes. Carried.

Consider Financial Report

Motion: Mathies/Anders. Approve February 2024 Financial Report. Carried

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. Reinvest money in 4-month CD. Carried.

Note that Pulvermacher did not receive his 2023 year-end per diem check.

Consider 5/15/25 Annual Meeting Location, Middleton offered to host

Approved Middleton for Annual Meeting location. Discussed honoring Dave Ripp and Lyle Updike for their service at the meeting.

Speaker ideas: Conservation initiatives; funding that is coming (farm roads, culverts, state reimbursements); someone with transportation expertise; grant writing (Joe at MSA); Joe Ruth; Groundswell presentation on land preservation; dark sky ordinance (night sky model ordinance); planning for climate change (Tom previously sent speaker ideas).

Review year end letter to towns and 2024 membership request

Add language thanking towns that testified at recent legislative hearings.

Discuss role we would like to play in the upcoming County Executive election (meeting with candidates, developing a platform, hosting a debate, etc)

There are currently 4 candidates. Primary scheduled for 8/18/24 and election on 11/5/24. Derr and Pulvermacher met with Agard. Exec. Board would like to interview candidates after the nomination paperwork submittal deadline. 6/19 at the Westport Town Hall was set as a tentative interview date. DCTA will host a candidate forum at the DCTA Membership Meeting on September 18th.

Update on request for working group to review Dane County Zoning code and conditional use permits

OA 68 regarding conditional use permit and rezoning processes that was requested by DCTA has been approved by 14 towns (no towns have voted in opposition). That OA is intended to provide immediate relief to towns that are having CUPs quickly resubmitted after denial in efforts to wear down opposition. The next step to address concerns is to set up a working group to discuss further zoning code changes. Lauber reported that County staff are good to set up the working group. Staff has informed Chair Doolan about the working group. Town members proposed are Cynthia Richson, Tom Mathies and Renee Lauber.

Planning for educational sessions

Discussed earlier.

Other

Proposal to start future Executive Board meetings at 6:00 PM approved.

Legislative Report

Derr reported that most bills proposed by the Wisconsin Towns Association have stalled. This includes the "Town Fix," "Speed Limit," "Opt Out," and "Urban Towns," bills.

Adjourn

Motion: Pulvermacher/Gibson. Adjourn at 9:06 PM. Carried.