

Minutes
DCTA Annual Meeting
May 20, 2026
Westport Town Hall
5387 Mary Lake Rd, Waunakee, WI

Present:

Larry Beck – **Albion**

Kevin Depies – **Blue Mounds**

Brian Willison, Chuck Kvalo - **Bristol**

Dawn Redford – **Christiana**

Troy Eickhoff, Patrick Buchholz, Kristi Williams
(via Zoom), Steve Anders- **Cottage Grove**

Greg Hyer, Tom Rhude, Jim Schmitt – **Cross
Plains**

Dave Koenig, Rich Haag – **Dane**

Jim Maple – **Deerfield**

Norm Monsen, Brad Gilbert – **Dunkirk**

Steve Greb, Kelsey Shepperd, Dan Paltz – **Dunn**

Cynthia Richson – **Middleton**

Laurie Fitzgerald, Arlan Kay – **Oregon**

Mick Klein-Kennedy, Stephanie Zwettler - **Perry**

Faith Schuck – **Pleasant Springs**

Martha Gibson – **Primrose**

Jim Dorn (via Zoom), Kent Knutson, Mark Porter
– **Rutland**

Dave Laufenburg, Ashley Ballweg – **Springfield**

Tom Mathies, Mark Geller, David Lonsdorf,
Mike Duerst – **Verona**

Amanda Nickel, Kathleen Clark – **Vienna**

Dean Grosskopf, Mary Mannering – **Westport**

Dean Helwig, Jamie Derr – **York**

Also Present: David Pfeiffer -CARPC; Don Postler - Dane County Board Supervisor; Patrick Miles – Dane County Board Chair; Renée Lauber- DCTA; Quinn Natzke - Great Lakes Neighbors United; Representative Alex Joers – 81st Assembly District; Betty Manson, Berent Froiland – Wisconsin Towns Association District 1 Representatives; Majid Allen – Dane County Planning and Development Senior Planner; Winona Storms, Rhonda Meinholtz, Tricia Boehkle – No Data Center DeForest; Mike Derubis – Deforest; Dane County Sheriff Calvin Barrett and Deputy Brad Duffrin.

Meeting called to order by President Mathies at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of members and guests.

Consider January 21, 2026 Membership Meeting minutes

Motion: Mary Manering/Dean Helwig. Approve minutes. Carried unanimously.

Updates on Flock Cameras and Town Services, Dane County Sheriff Calvin Barrett.

Sheriff Barrett discussed issues with filling/funding staff vacancies, the overtime budget, assisting towns with local code enforcement and Flock cameras. He noted that he is in favor of the camera technology, not the company. There are other companies that deal differently with the data. He would like to contract with one. He noted that other communities are looking to see what company Dane County hires. The new jail is on budget and on time, at this point. Staff training will start around August. The jail will be too small but they will make it work. He noted that information on Ridglan Farms is on the Sheriff Dept's website, Face Book and

YouTube. Deputy Brad Duffrin presented information on data trends. The presentation can be found here: [link](#). Deputy Duffrin also noted a new campaign monitoring school zones, school bus routes and school drop off areas.

Updates from DCTA representatives on: Lakes and Watershed, DaneCom, CARPC, and MMSD

Lakes and Watershed Commission: Commissioner Steve Greb stated the Commission is down many members right now, they are working on changes to Chapter 71 regarding ice bound inland waters; researching wake enhanced boating issues; and looking into neonicotinoid pesticides – a systemic insecticide used in agricultural seed coating. The chemical lasts over a year and is highly toxic to insects including honey bees and mayflies. A number of states have banned it. They are exploring what a county can do.

DaneCom: Steve Anders stated they are working to schedule a meeting.

CARPC: Commissioner David Pfeiffer noted they are working on outreach and engagement for the County Water Quality Plan update. Commissioner Cynthia Richson is concerned about a proposal to expand CARPC's role into economic development, taking over a revolving loan fund, and staff exceeding authority by signing contracts and asking afterwards for Commission approval.

MMSD: Commissioner Dan Paltz reported that there was not much to update.

Update on DCTA Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Working Group proposal to amend the Dane County Zoning Code regarding CUPs. Dane County Senior Planner Majid Allan will join us for this discussion and to address questions about the zoning code.

Renée Lauber gave the following presentation: [link](#). She noted that this work grew out of a July 2025 town survey that asked how the zoning ordinance maybe improved in light of 2024 OA -23 that made town CUP decisions advisory to the County ZLR Committee. A memo detailing proposed changes and requesting feedback was sent to towns on March 19, 2026. Town feedback was reviewed. Additional proposed changes that remove conditional uses in the RI zoning district were discussed in detail. Town of Oregon representatives noted that they had not received the March 2026 memo.

Motion: Dawn Redford/Amanda Nickel. Support an amendment to the Dane County Zoning Code to remove the four conditional uses identified in the May 20, 2026 Annual Meeting presentation from agricultural zoning districts and other associated changes. Carried unanimously.

News You Can Use, Nina Gregerson, Health Education Coordinator, Public Health Madison & Dane County: a quarterly, ready-to-share package to help towns efficiently communicate key public health information to residents.

Presentation: [link](#)

Solar Farms, Moratoriums, and More. Discussion on town laws and legal authority with Joe Ruth, Wisconsin Towns Association, Government Affairs Director/Legal Counsel

Joe Ruth noted WTA services include state/national lobbying and the town legal hotline. Solar regulations and state restrictions for projects 100MW or greater were discussed. Ruth emphasized joint development agreements and utility aid payments.

Patrick Miles discussed county level moratoriums. He noted that at a previous meeting he had stated that counties could not enact moratoria. Since then, however, he learned that Manitowoc County had enacted a moratorium on zoning changes for data centers. County Board Chair Patrick Miles said his proposal will follow this. A county can't have a moratorium on land divisions. Miles is having legislation drafted and intends to bring it before the County Board for action as soon as possible.

Possible Action to Support a Dane County Moratorium on Data Centers or Other Advocacy Initiatives. Last year members voted to support county funding of purchase of development rights and to support the sheriff's budget.

Motion: Cynthia Richson/Larry Beck. DCTA support for enacting a county moratorium on data centers. Carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion: Mike Duerst/Martha Gibson. Adjourn at 9:00 PM. Carried unanimously.