

**Minutes
DCTA Executive Board
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Primrose Town Hall
8468 County Hwy A, Verona, WI**

Present: Tom Mathies, Mark Porter, Brian Willison, Mary Manering, Martha Gibson, Greg Hyer.

Also Present: Primrose Chair Dale Judd, Dane County Supervisor Pat Downing, DCTA ED Renee Lauber.

Meeting called to order by President Mathies at 7:12 pm.

Approval of 4/28/2026 Meeting minutes

Motion: Hyer/Willison. Approve 4/28/26 minutes. Carried.

Approval of Financial Report

Motion: Gibson/Hyer. Approve June Financial Report. Carried.

Approval of Per Diem Report

Motion: Hyer/Gibson. Approve Jan through June 2026 Per Diem Report. Carried.

Update on Data Center Advisory Committee and Moratorium

The Dane County moratorium was approved.

Update on CUP draft ordinance

The requested OA has been drafted and should be introduced on 6/25/26. It will then get referred to committees and likely have a public hearing on 7/14 at the ZLR (zoning land regulation) committee meeting. There have been contacts to our CUP Working Group members from the mineral extraction industry stating opposition. It has been noted that this effort is about appropriate land uses in the farmland preservation and agricultural zones and local control, it is not focused at all the mineral extraction industry.

Proposed county zoning code amendment to allow home burials

Pat Downing talked about the origins of this ordinance amendment (OA). A constituent that would like to be buried on their farm contacted him. Supervisor Downing contacted County staff and was told that when the zoning code was revised the definition of cemetery was updated and there are now no options for private burials as a cemetery is not allowed in FP-35.

Downing's intention was to do something simple that would allow a burial. Staff increased the scope of the OA and Downing is now opposed to the OA.

Mathies noted that he asked the WTA legal hotline about potential town legal responsibility for private burial sites. WTA stated that there is not legal responsibility related to private burial sites, that responsibility is for “registered cemeteries”.

Portions of the staff memo for OA were reviewed [\(link\)](#). The OA [\(link\)](#) has been introduced and seems to have unintended consequences. Consensus was reached that Lauber should encourage the ZLR/county staff to facilitate the ability of landowner’s to be able to have private burials in towns that approve that land use in their Comp Plans.

Proposed CARPC levy charge

CARPC voted to keep the levy charge the same as last year or to support the BPP action on the levy charge. Consensus was for Mathies following the amount that the County Executive wants (assuming the amount would be the same or a reduction). It was noted that the County Executive proposed a 4% reduction last year and that with “pay back” amounts not accounted for, CARPC did not actually realize the full 4% reduction. Other issues noted:

- 1) CARPC funds Salt Wise for the entire state. The program budget is \$140,000 with \$27,000 in revenue so far. The budget for next year is \$160,000. When it was originally proposed that CARPC house this program, revenue was suppose to cover more as it is state wide.
- 2) Planning services – CARPC contracting for services is becoming a larger part of their budget. \$140,000 in projected revenue – so far they have realized \$21K.

The proposal to generate fee-for-service revenue to address a budget shortfall raises concerns about independence and objectivity. By becoming financially reliant on the organizations or individuals it serves, CARPC may face real or perceived pressure to align its decisions, priorities, and recommendations with client interests. This creates a potential conflict of interest that could undermine public trust and shift the agency's focus away from its public-interest mandate.

- 3) Last year CARPC dipped into reserves with out an approval process.

Fall educational programing

Plan to brainstorm on this topic later.

DaneCom Communication Contracts

Nothing to report.

Updates from Towns

Hyer provided details of the Cross Plains EMS contract that has been kept intact. Westport is waiting for their agreements to be finalized.

Motion: Gibson/Manering . Adjourn at 8:36 pm.