
Re: DCTA Membership Meeting, September 16th, Rutland Town Hall

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Wed, Sep 16, 2026 at 4:35 PM

To: Renee Lauber <lauberconsulting@gmail.com>

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Hi Renee,

The county board is holding a public hearing on the Dept. of Human Services budget request starting at 5:30. I expect the meeting will run past 9:00. Consequently, neither I nor any other supervisor will be at the DCTA meeting. Cynthia Richson can provide an update on the ACDC progress.

Below is my update on Dane County's attention to the BECI 765 kV transmission project, as you requested.

The county board adopted on September 10th, and the Executive signed on September 14th [RES-130](#) (Supervisors Brandmeier and Marren are the primary sponsors), "Urging Midcontinent Grid Solutions And The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to Provide Additional Review and Opportunities for Public Input on the Bell Center-Columbia-Sugar Creek-II/Wi State Line 765 kV Transmission Project." As the very long title suggests, we are calling on MGS to provide an independent, transparent analysis of the need for the potential 765 kV line and its impacts on the environment, property values, health, etc. The resolution also calls for the PSC to give stakeholders an opportunity to consider that information before the PSC acts on an application from MGS.

Meanwhile, I have met with the county board chairs for most of the counties through which the line would travel. We will meet this Thursday again to continue our discussion and plan how we will coordinate our messaging and actions to raise awareness and concerns about the potential line. One action may be to hold a joint press conference.

Several of the counties have adopted similar resolutions. Many of us expect to forward another resolution, largely addressed to the PSC, as information becomes available; some suspect MGS may submit an application sometime during the first quarter of 2027. Jefferson County has committed to intervening if and when an application is filed. Again, as more information becomes available and if unaddressed concerns continue, I'll request that Corporation Counsel make Dane County an intervenor in such a docket as well.

Regards,
Patrick

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Subject: DCTA Membership Meeting, September 16th, Rutland Town Hall

Please join us for the Dane County Towns Association Membership Meeting on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM at the Rutland Town Hall.

DCTA Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Rutland Town Hall

785 Center Rd, Stoughton, WI 53589

There will be a Zoom meeting option. A link will be sent to towns in September.

Agenda

6:30 Doors Open, time for snacks and socializing

7:00 Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Introduction of guests

7:05 **Minutes.** Approval of May 20, 2026 Annual Meeting minutes. [Link](#)

7:10 **Dues.** Consider DCTA Executive Board's membership dues recommendation. [Proposed Dues](#)

7:15 **Rural EMS.** Carrie Meier, Dane County Emergency Management Deputy Director and Adam Plotkin, Dane County EMS Commission Chair will provide an update on current rural EMS issues and be available for questions.

7:45 **Zoning Code Updates.** Majid Allen, Senior Planner, Dane County Planning and Development will discuss zoning options for Accessory Dwelling Units and give an update on CUP changes.

8:00 **Broadband Rollout.** Jaron McCallum, Dane County Broadband Coordinator will give an update on connection plans, highlighting coverage maps and what Dane County has learned from "dig once" initiative to put conduit in the r-o-w.

8:15 **Updates:** Data Center Advisory Committee, Lakes and Watershed, DaneCom, CARPC, Wisconsin Towns Association District Representatives.

8:40 **4 Town Solar Project Committee.** Learn how Dunkirk, Albion, Porter, and Fulton are working together to address solar development in their towns. [Resolution supporting WI Legislation for Local Approval of Large-Scale Solar Energy Facilities](#)

9:00 Adjourn

Agenda Link: <https://danecotowns.net/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/9-16-2026.pdf>

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