

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

January 11, 2023

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove: Trustee Heidi Murphy
Cross Plains: Administrator Brian Mooney
Dane:
Deerfield: Administrator Todd Willis
DeForest: President Jane Cahill Wolfgram, Administrator Bill Chang
Edgerton: Administrator Ramona Flanigan
Fitchburg: Administrator Chad Brecklin
Madison: Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, Deputy Mayor Reuben Sanon

Maple Bluff:
Marshall:
Mazomanie:
McFarland: President Carolyn Clow, Administrator Matt Schuenke
Middleton: Alder Kathy Olson, Administrator Bryan Gadow, Finance Director Bill Burns

Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor
Mount Horeb: Trustee Ryan Czyzewski, Clerk/Treasurer Joan Stuessy
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton: Mayor Tim Swadley, Alder Phil Caravello
Sun Prairie: Mayor Paul Esser, Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer
Verona: Administrator Adam Sayre
Waunakee: Administrator Todd Schmidt
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh, GPS/DCCVA
Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Colleen Hoesley, Greater Madison MPO

Steve Steinhoff, Capital Area RPC
Susan West, Dane County Lakes and Watershed
Commission

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth at 12:03 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom technology. Sixteen cities and villages were present, which is a quorum.
2. **Welcome Comments.** DCCVA President Bob Wipperfurth gave welcome comments.
3. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of November 16, 2022.** Paul Esser (C. of Sun Prairie) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jane Cahill Wolfgram (V. of DeForest) and approved on a voice vote.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) reviewed the financial statements and noted that 2023 membership dues notices have gone out. Paul Esser (C. of Sun Prairie) made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as prepared, seconded by Tim Swadley (C. of Stoughton) and approved on a voice vote.
5. **DCCVA Membership Engagement Questionnaire.** Bob Wipperfurth reported that the Executive Committee has been talking about distributing a membership satisfaction questionnaire. Wipperfurth stepped through some of the survey questions with the members to get initial feedback. The questions revolved around DCCVA meeting days, formats, guest speakers and other things. Some comments:
 - Satya Rhodes Conway: Likes the mix of meetings in-person and virtual, mid-day and early evening. The mid-day meeting should be limited to 50-60 minutes. Interested in more conversations on broad, regional topics, such as regional economy, transportation, housing, climate, things communities are doing that have a regional import, etc.
 - Paul Esser: Suggested having higher-profile guest speakers. Agreed with Rhodes-Conway on current meeting format. Social meetings are good but less motivating to attend, because everyone already has so many meetings to attend.
 - Jane Cahill Wolfgram: It is beneficial to have both social and policy components at DCCVA meetings. Supports having in-person meetings with guest speakers on topics of common interest such as housing, EMS services, etc.
 - Ryan Czyzewski: Likes the split meetings and mix of meeting format. Likes having guest speakers. Open to bringing in experts from outside

of Dane County and paying for that, if it's valuable information. Not all communities directly benefit from regional efforts on all policy issues or discussions, but often there are still indirect benefits or long-term benefits (such as transportation).

- Tim Swadley: For guest speakers or policy discussions, no need to reinvent the wheel on topics that other organizations or entities are already working on or addressing. Focus in on issues of shared interest not already being addressed elsewhere.
- Heidi Murphy: Alternating meeting times and formats (in-person/virtual) is beneficial to allow the most participation based on people's schedules. Murphy, who serves on CARPC, encouraged members to reach out to her on any issues they have regarding CARPC.
- Todd Schmidt: Encouraged DCCVA to consider holding a workshop or training for newly elected city/village officials, after the spring election each year, with an introduction to Dane County politics, processes and the supporting organizations such as Greater Madison MPO, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, DCCVA, and their functions/roles.
- Mary O'Connor: Agreed with others, likes the split meeting times/formats. Appreciated the virtual roundtable meetings on single topics; they are valuable.
- Adam Sayre: No comments to add.
- Chad Brecklin: Agreed with other statements. Agreed with Esser on social meetings.
- Carolyn Clow: Likes Todd Schmidt's idea. Likes the social component and networking opportunities of in-person meetings and events. It's good for newly elected officials to understand what DCCVA is about and to keep the organization strong.
- Brian Mooney: He is new in the position and said he would benefit from in-person meetings to get to know people.

6. Reports From External Committees/Boards/Commissions.

- a. **Lakes & Watershed Commission (Susan West):** Susan West reported that with redistricting the commission will be losing two long-term members, Chuck Erickson and Al Ripp. Maintaining continuity and historical knowledge on the commission will be important moving forward. She said she is willing to serve on the commission again. She reported that an issue that will be coming up before the commission is PFAS in groundwater throughout the county. There is an idea of possibly having county-owned or public wells tested for PFAS.
- b. **Capital Area RPC (Maureen Crombie, Heidi Murphy, Jim Schuler):** Heidi Murphy reported that the RPC will be having its annual meetings tomorrow night, electing the Executive Committee. She served as vice-

chair in 2022 and is willing to continue in 2023. They have started talking about strategic planning for 2023. Jim Schuler's appointment to CARPC is up for renewal this spring, and he has expressed an interest in serving again.

- c. **DaneCom Governing Board (Valerie Zisman, Melissa Ratcliff, Paul Esser):**
No report.
- d. **Greater Madison MPO (Mark Opitz, Doug Wood, Phil Caravello):**
Colleen Hoesley of Greater Madison MPO reported that they have received a commitment of \$46,000 from local municipalities, triple what they've had in the past, allowing them to leverage federal match funding through the infrastructure bill. They are still waiting for the 2020 urban boundary from the U.S. Census to see if they will be losing any communities within the MPO. They are currently working on projects that include a regional safety action plan and an electric vehicle charging infrastructure plan. Applications for the transportation alternatives projects are due Feb. 3. Bill Schaefer is retiring as director, with his last day on Feb. 3.
- e. **Dane County Broadband Task Force (Bob Wipperfurth):** Bob Wipperfurth said there was not much new to report.

7. **Legislative/Election Update.** Forbes McIntosh gave a brief update, noting that the new legislative session has begun. Shared revenue will be a big issue this session. There might also be a potential financial incentive for consolidation of local government functions, he said.

8. Old Business

- a. **Review of roundtable discussion: Federal Infrastructure and Inflation Act (Dec. 7, 2022).** Carolyn Clow gave a recap of this virtual roundtable held on December 7, hosted by DCCVA. Kathy Kuntz of the Dane County Office on Climate Change, talked about opportunities for cities/villages in federal infrastructure funding

9. Other Items/New Business

- a. **Roundtable discussion: "Rethinking What it Means to be An Employer-of-Choice":** This virtual roundtable, hosted by DCCVA, will be held at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25.

10. Membership General Discussion.

- a. **Speaker ideas for future meetings or roundtables.** No other discussion.

11. 2023 DCCVA Meetings:

- Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 5 p.m. – In person

- Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting) – In person
- Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 12 p.m. - Virtual
- Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, 5 p.m – In person
- Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, 12 p.m. – Virtual

12. **Adjourn.** Satya Rhodes Conway (C. of Madison) made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:01p.m., seconded by Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona), and approved on a voice vote.