

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

November 14, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove:
Cross Plains: Administrator Caitlin Stene
Dane: President Roger Schmidt
Deerfield:
DeForest: President Judd Blau
Edgerton:
Fitchburg: Stormwater Engineer Claudia Fry
Madison: Government Relations Officer Nick Zavos
Maple Bluff:
Marshall:
Mazomanie:
McFarland: Administrator Matt Schoenke
Middleton: Mayor Gurdip Brar, Alderwoman Susan West,
Finance Director Bill Burns
Monona:
Mount Horeb: Trustee Ryan Czyzewski
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton:
Sun Prairie: Mayor Paul Esser
Verona:
Waunakee: Administrator Todd Schmidt, Assistant Administrator
Adam Bentley
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Steve Steinhoff and Mike Rupiper, Capital Area Regional
Planning Commission

Guest speakers: Daniel Wright, UW-Madison; Greg Fries, City of Madison, assistant city engineer

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth at 12:05 p.m. at the Pleasant View Golf Course in the City of Middleton. A quorum was present with 11 member communities represented. The members were welcomed by Middleton Mayor Gurdip Brar.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** DCCVA members reviewed the minutes from the last meeting on Sept. 19, 2018. Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Nick Zavos (C. of Madison) and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Financial Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) gave a financial report. The year-end balance is expected to be approximately \$79,000. The 2019 DCCVA budget will have no dues increases. Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Roger Schmidt (V. of Dane) and approved on a voice vote.
4. **Guest Speaker – Greg Fries, City of Madison, Assistant City Engineer.** Greg Fries gave a presentation about the August rainfall/flooding event that occurred in Dane County in August. The Aug. 20 storm event saw 10 inches of rain in about eight hours. For Madison it caused two events: a flash flood event and a lake event due to historically high lake levels due to stormwater runoff. The City of Madison and isthmus were built in a low-lying area (wetlands) so that, coupled with impervious surfaces in urban areas, makes it prone to flooding. Fries said the county did a great job at managing lake levels during the flooding event with the tools available to them. He said the county has put together a technical task force to look at options to allow the lakes to be better controlled in the future, and the city has been also working on lake flooding control issues since 2017, with strategies such as elevations survey, debris management planning and lake level controls. The city has drafted two revised policies, but most of the flooding issues are systemic throughout the entire Yahara watershed, Fries said, and solutions will have to be implemented throughout the entire region, so that water is not just diverted to other areas. Fries said one solution might involve private landowners.
5. **Guest Speaker – Dan Wright, UW-Madison.** Dan Wright also gave a presentation about the August rainfall/flooding event. Wright said there have been increases in the amount of heavy rainfalls throughout the country. The Midwest has seen a 37 percent increase in heavy downpours between 1958 and 2012. There have also been increases in 10-year and 100-year rainfall events, he said. Wright

categorized the August rainfall event as a 20-year storm if taken from a watershed perspective, although there were major variances throughout the county. On average, 4.5 inches of rain fell throughout the Yahara watershed, but some localized areas saw as much as 13.8 inches of rain on Aug. 20. Wright said current design standards should be able to accommodate this flow volume and this was not an unprecedented storm from a regional perspective. Wright noted that the Aug. 20 rainfall event was not a “worst-case scenario” for the Madison area lakes.

6. **Reports From External Committees/Boards/Commissions.**

- a. **Lakes and Watershed Commission:** Susan West, the DCCVA representative on the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission, said flooding is a multi-jurisdictional issue within the region. She said she believes the county needs to facilitate multiple municipalities working together and also the county might need to look at purchasing land to turn into stormwater detention ponds and infiltration areas, especially in the northern part of the county. She noted that the City of Milwaukee is purchasing lands to its north for infiltration and that seems to be helping them. West encourages municipalities to contact her with their comments or suggestions for how to address this problem.
- b. **CARPC.** Mike Rupiper of CARPC also said flooding is a regional issue. CARPC officials believe Yahara WINS is a good model to follow with its intergovernmental agreement to address phosphorus, and they believe the same thing could be done for stormwater and flooding. They would like to reach out to communities to see if there is interest in doing an intergovernmental agreement to address flooding issues. Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) said using that model makes sense.
- c. **MPO:** No report.

7. **November Election Recap.** Forbes McIntosh said gridlock will be prevalent for the 2019-20 legislative session since Democrat Tony Evers won the governor’s race and Republicans will still control the state Senate and Assembly in January. A lame-duck legislative session is planned for either late November or early December.

8. **2019 Meetings.**

- a. **Speaker series:** DCCVA President Bob Wipperfurth said upcoming membership meetings will feature a speakers series, with different meetings having a focus on different issues with guest speakers addressing specific issues. Upcoming speaker series topics will be: January, affordable housing; March, sustainability. DCCVA is also planning to put together a local roads workshop for public works directors, sometime this spring.

- b. 2019 meetings: The preliminary 2019 DCCVA meeting dates are:
 - Wednesday, Jan. 16, 12 p.m. (City of Madison)
 - Wednesday, March 6, 5 p.m. (location TBD)
 - Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting and dinner) (location TBD)
 - Wednesday, July 17, 12 p.m. (location TBD)
 - Wednesday, Sept. 18, 5 p.m. (location TBD)
 - Wednesday, Nov. 13, 12 p.m. (location TBD)

- 9. **Adjourn.** Todd Schmidt (V. of Waunakee) made a motion to adjourn at 1:35 p.m., seconded by Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) and approved on a voice vote.