

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

November 15, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove:
Cross Plains: Administrator Caitlin Stene
Dane: President Roger Schmidt
Deerfield:
DeForest: President Judd Blau, Administrator Steve Fahlgren
Edgerton:
Fitchburg: Administrator Patrick Marsh
Madison: Government Relations Officer Nick Zavos
Maple Bluff:
Marshall: Administrator Adam Ruechel, Consultant Brian Ruechel
Mazomanie:
McFarland:
Middleton: Finance Director Bill Burns
Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor, Administrator April Little
Mount Horeb:
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton:
Sun Prairie: Mayor Paul Esser, Management Analyst Drake Daily
Verona: Mayor Jon Hochkammer
Waunakee:
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth, Trustee Bruce Stravinski
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive
Keith Reopelle, Dane County Office of Climate Change
Terry Birts, Urban League construction manager
Oscar Daniel, Dane County employee and guest speaker

Norma Gallegos Valles, Latino Academy of Workforce Development, guest speaker
Carla Garces, Latino Academy of Workforce Development, guest speaker
Jerry Mandli, Commissioner/Director, Dane County Dept of Public Works, Highway and Transportation
Wesley Sparkman, Dane County, Director of Office of Equity and Inclusion

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by C. of Verona Mayor Jon Hochkammer at 12:07 p.m. at Village of Windsor Municipal Building. A quorum was present with 11 member communities represented. The members were welcomed by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** DCCVA members reviewed the minutes from the last meeting on September 20, 2017. Judd Blau (V. of DeForest) made a motion to approve the minutes from the DCCVA meeting on September 20, 2017, seconded by Steve Fahlgren (V. of DeForest) and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Financial Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) gave a financial report. He is projecting a year-end balance of about \$58,000. There is no dues increase for 2018, but a few municipalities will be crossing into a higher dues category for 2018 due to population increases. Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Patrick Marsh (C. of Fitchburg) and approved on a voice vote.
4. **Guest Speakers – Dane County CDL Internship Program.** By unanimous consent, the members agreed to revise the agenda and move up the guest speakers. Dane County Executive Joe Parisi, Commissioner/Director of the Dane County Dept of Public Works, Highway and Transportation Jerry Mandli, as well as representatives of the Latino Academy of Workforce Development were among those who gave a presentation about the Dane County commercial drivers license internship program. The county partners with the Latino Academy to get people interested in obtaining their CDL, increasing the pool of applicants and growing its own pool of skilled labor. Carla Garces said there are many barriers for a person to obtain a CDL independently, such as the unaffordability of driving school, lack of flexibility in the training schedule and lack of general awareness about how a CDL can lead to good-paying job. The program aids with all of this, as well as mentoring and helping interns with “soft” job skills, such as interviewing. Jerry Mandli said the first round of the internship and class was a success, with five of the six completing the class. The program aids in helping to fill snowplow driver jobs, he said, and he introduced one snowplow driver trained and hired through the program. Mandli said the county is looking at using

the internship program for other departments that need employees with a CDL. Parisi said the key to the success of the program is that the Latino Academy is tapped into the pipeline of people looking for new jobs/careers and can figure out who are the best candidates for the internship – as well as help diversify the hiring pool while also providing motivated, top-quality candidates.

5. **Guest Speaker – Keith Reopelle, Dane County Office of Climate Change.** Dane County recently created the new Office of Climate Change, with Reopelle as its director. Reopelle gave a presentation about the new office and its mission. He said the Dane County Council on Climate Change – comprised of representatives of 35 organizations or stakeholder interests - will come up with a climate mitigation action plan on a consensus basis. The council has had two meetings so far. There are five critical filters for policies that come out of the council: actions that have economic benefits, health benefits, are just and equitable, impact both rural and urban areas evenly, and increase energy security. The plan will include greenhouse gas reduction targets and more. There are nine working groups of the council: energy efficiency; electric supply/generation; agriculture/forestry; buildings; transportation and land use; public engagement; modeling and others. Reopelle said there will be a huge premium on innovation and ingenuity when coming up with recommendations, as most likely will be voluntary.
6. **Reports From External Committees/Boards/Commissions.**
 - a. **CARPC and MPO.** Bruce Stravinski, Windsor trustee, serves on both CARPC and the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board. He is new to both bodies but has been a village trustee for many years. He invited DCCVA members to contact him with questions or concerns about CARPC or the MPO.
 - b. **MMSD.** Forbes McIntosh said there will be a MMSD meeting next week during which there will be discussion on unpaid municipal service charges. If communities received a letter from MMSD about unpaid charges and have concerns, please let Forbes know.
 - c. **DaneCom.** No report given.
7. **Legislative and State Budget Update.** Forbes McIntosh gave an update on some bills:
 - a. **Developer bill:** McIntosh said that a legislative bill draft has been circulating that would benefit developers and potentially negatively impact municipalities. League of WI Municipalities and DCCVA might have concerns with the bill, which has not yet been publicly released for review. Some bill provisions relate to stormwater volume/runoff on new developments, assessment on new development fees, and many other items. McIntosh said he hopes to meet with the lead bill author, Rep. Rob Brooks.

- b. **Jurisdictional transfer.** McIntosh is continuing to hold meetings with legislators and legislative staff on a bill draft relating to jurisdictional transfer of county roads.
- c. **Dark store.** There is a meeting tomorrow night regarding the Monona/Wal-Mart dark store issue. Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona) said the goal of the meeting is to raise awareness and get people interested in the dark store issue and have them contact their legislators. Jon Hochkammer (C. of Verona) said Verona has a new Festival Foods building in Verona, and there is an agreement that if the store stands vacant for more than 2 years, the building must be razed.

8. Other New Business.

- a. **Legal Update.** Hochkammer gave a brief review on the Dane County Cities and Villages Association and Dane County Towns Association joint Legal Update held on October 30. The feedback was positive, he said, and many attendees said they would be willing to attend a joint legal update again in the future.

9. 2018 Meeting Dates. The preliminary 2018 DCCVA meetings are:

- Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, 12 p.m. (C. of Verona)
- Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 5 p.m. – Location TBD
- Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting and dinner)
- Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 12 p.m. (V. of Cross Plains)
- Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018, 5 p.m. – Location TBD
- Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, 12 p.m. – Location TBD

DCCVA member communities are asked to consider hosting one of the meetings – please contact Ann Gryphan.

- 10. Adjourn.** Judd Blau (V. of DeForest) made a motion to adjourn at 1:28 p.m., seconded Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) and approved on a voice vote.