

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

November 16, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove:
Cross Plains: Administrator Caitlin Stene
Dane: President Roger Schmidt
Deerfield: Administrator Liz McCredie
DeForest: President Judd Blau
Edgerton:
Fitchburg: Mayor Steve Arnold, Alder Dorothy Krause,
Administrator Patrick Marsh
Madison: Government Relations Officer Nick Zavos
Maple Bluff:
Marshall:
Mazomanie:
McFarland:
Middleton: Mayor Kurt Sonnentag, Administrator Mike Davis, Finance
Director Bill Burns, Assistant Planning Director Mark Opitz
Monona: Administrator April Little
Mount Horeb: Trustee Ryan Czyzewski
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton: Mayor Donna Olson
Sun Prairie: Mayor Paul Esser
Verona: Mayor Jon Hochkammer, Administrator Jeff Mikorski
Waunakee: Administrator Todd Schmidt, Assistant Administrator Adam
Bentley
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Bill Schaefer, Madison Planning Organization (MPO)

Josh Westcott, Dane County Executive's office
John Reimer, Kyle Minks and Dave Merritt, Dane County Land and
Water Resources Dept.

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA meeting was called to order by DCCVA President Mayor Jon Hochkammer at about 12:05 p.m. at The Stamm House in City of Middleton. A quorum was present with 14 member communities represented. The members were greeted by Middleton Mayor Kurt Sonnentag and Stamm House restaurant staff.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Judd Blau made a motion to approve the minutes from the DCCVA meetings on September 21, 2016, and October 22, 2016, seconded by Nick Zavos and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Financial Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns presented the financial report. He said there are no major changes from the previous report this fall. The current account balance is \$47,541 and will be at about \$40,000 at year-end. There are no membership dues changes for 2017. There were no questions from members about the financial report. Kurt Sonnentag made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Roger Schmidt and approved on a voice vote.
4. **Guest Speaker Bill Schaefer – Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (MPO).** Bill Schaefer gave a regional transportation plan update. The Regional Transportation Plan is in the process of being updated. The Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (MATPB) is responsible for developing a cooperative regional transportation plan and decision-making. Schaefer gave numerous trends and statistics about transportation issues in Dane County. Specifically, an estimated 40,000 commuters live outside the county but work inside Dane County. Commuting within the county and within the metro area is also significant. The Regional Transportation Plan is the official plan for federal and state funding purposes. It is based on CARPC's land use policy plan and local comprehensive plans of Dane County communities, he said. The RTP is updated every five years. Right now they are in the process of evaluation and prioritization of projects and strategies. Some important issues identified by the public during the input process include: support of regional transportation/transit authority that could leverage a local fee or tax to fund transportation needs; the link between transportation and the economy needs to be emphasized in the RTP, specifically the need for improved connections to jobs and other destinations across all modes; transit should be expanded to suburban communities; plan goals should be expanded to include improving access to healthy foods; transportation network and transit service should adapt to new technologies as they become available; and incorporate autonomous transit as it develops and how it might impact transportation overall. Schaefer also said that the MPO and City of Madison have both endorsed bus rapid transit as a goal. The next steps are to identify the first phase project, with criteria to include ridership potential, cost, equity analysis, etc. Schaefer showed some potential corridors for first phase of bus rapid transit. He also shared models for future population growth in Dane

County, employment growth for 2010-2050, travel demand models, 2050 roadway congestion models under existing and programmed projects.

5. **Guest Speaker Josh Westcott, Kyle Minks and John Reimer.** Josh Westcott from the Dane County Executive's Office spoke about the county executive's Clean Lakes Initiative that was included in the 2017 county budget. This 4-year, \$12 million initiative revolves around improving water quality in Dane County, trying to get at the root cause of blue-green algae blooms that are common during the summer months. Westcott introduced Minks and Reimer from the Dane County Land and Water Resources Department. They said they have researched the Dorn Creek watershed, located on the north and west side of Lake Mendota, and specifically researched the amount of existing sediment in Dorn Creek and how the sediment is impacting water quality in the waterway as well as Lake Mendota. There are 6,000 acres of cropland in this area and 5,400 acres have implemented conservation practices, they said. A lot of focus in Dane County has been given in past years on conservation practices by agriculture, but this research project has focused on the more than 100 years of sediment that has built up in the creek and the phosphorus that it generates. They did a pilot project to remove sediment in part of that stream, resulting in significantly improved water quality after dredging of the sediment. The 2017 county budget will fund 33 miles of sediment dredging, a total cost of \$12 million. This will cover the permitting, dredging and restoration of the stream.
6. **Reports from Appointees to External Committees/Commissions.** None to report.
7. **Fall Retreat.** Hochkammer said DCCVA received positive ideas on how to move the association forward stemming from the DCCVA fall strategic planning retreat. Forbes McIntosh said participants went through a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) exercise relating to the association. The participants also discussed future activities/role of DCCVA, possibilities for consolidation/services among individual member communities, ways to increase DCCVA participation, possibly providing orientation to new members after spring elections, equitable funding for regional services, trying to have standing legislative platforms on various topics, giving the Executive Committee more authority for decision-making between membership meetings, expanding use of technology to expand member engagement, revising the DCCVA mission statement, considering more direct member services, etc. More reports will be forthcoming at future DCCVA meeting as a result of the strategic planning retreat.
8. **DaneCom.** McIntosh said the switchover to DaneCom system has now occurred. He inquired whether any communities have had any problems as a result of the switchover to the new system. Kurt Sonnentag said it sounded like things went fairly smoothly. Roger Schmidt said they have coverage where they didn't think they would have coverage. McIntosh encouraged members to get their feedback to the county, both positive and negative.

9. **Legislative Update.** The Fall General Election was held on Nov. 7 and Republicans increased their majorities in both the state Senate and state Assembly by 1 seat. McIntosh said a lot of issues are coming forward as we move closer to the new legislative session, which begins in January: caregiver shortages, transportation funding, UW System funding, K-12 school funding, rural issues, broadband expansion, potential repeal of the personal property tax. McIntosh said municipalities should think about “asks” from legislators that could provide you with more flexibilities but won’t cost the state additional money – or revenue losses.

10. **Future Meetings.** The 2017 DCCVA meetings are:

- Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 12 p.m. (City of Madison)
- Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 5 p.m. (City of Middleton)
- Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 5:30 p.m. (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)
- Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 12 p.m. (Village of Dane)
- Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 5 p.m. (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)
- Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, 12 p.m. (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)

11. **Adjourn.** Bob Wipperfurth made a motion to adjourn at 1:34 p.m., seconded by Steve Arnold and approved on a voice vote.