

# MINUTES

## *Dane County Cities and Villages Association*

November 16, 2022

### ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:  
Black Earth:  
Blue Mounds:  
Brooklyn:  
Cambridge:  
Cottage Grove: Trustee Melissa Ratcliff  
Cross Plains: Administrator Brian Mooney  
Dane:  
Deerfield: Administrator Todd Willis  
DeForest: President Jane Cahill Wolfgram  
Edgerton:  
Fitchburg: Administrator Chad Brecklin  
Madison: Deputy Mayor Reuben Sanon  
Maple Bluff: Trustee Jim Schuler  
Marshall:  
Mazomanie:  
McFarland: President Carolyn Clow  
Middleton: Mayor Gurdip Brar, Finance Director Bill Burns, City  
Planner/Zoning Administrator Mark Opitz  
Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor  
Mount Horeb: Trustee Ryan Czyzewski  
Oregon: Trustee Jenna Jacobson  
Rockdale:  
Shorewood Hills:  
Stoughton: Mayor Tim Swadley  
Sun Prairie: Mayor Paul Esser, Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer  
Verona:  
Waunakee: Deputy Administrator Jared Heyn  
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth, Administrator Tina Butteris  
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh, GPS/DCCVA  
Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA  
Bill Schaefer, Greater Madison MPO  
Steve Steinhoff, Capital Area RPC

Frank Pritzlaff, WisDOT

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. Melissa Ratcliff and Jenna Jacobson were recently elected to the state Assembly, and they each gave a few comments.
3. **Guest Speaker – Frank Pritzlaff, Wisconsin Department of Transportation.** Frank Pritzlaff gave a presentation on the Interstate I-39/90/94 corridor study, for a proposed 67-mile project running between the Beltline and Tomah. The study purpose is to address existing and future traffic demands, safety issues, and aging and outdated infrastructure along this corridor, as well as needs relating to pavement, interchanges, bridges and more. The WisDOT held a public information meeting in September 2022, with additional public meetings planned for mid-May 2023. A formal public hearing on the project will be held in May 2024, and the earliest start time for project construction is 2027.
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of September 21, 2022.** Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jane Cahill Wolfgram (V. of DeForest) and approved on a voice vote.
5. **Treasurer’s Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) reviewed the financial statements and noted that 2023 membership dues notices have gone out. Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as prepared, seconded by Carolyn Clow (V. of McFarland) and approved on a voice vote.
6. **Reports From External Committees/Boards/Commissions.**
  - a. **Lakes & Watershed Commission (Susan West):** No report.
  - b. **Capital Area RPC (Maureen Crombie, Heidi Murphy, Jim Schuler):** Jim Schuler reported that a Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan presentation was given at the last CARPC meeting, and he encouraged everyone to obtain a copy and review it. Steve Steinhoff also noted that CARPC will be bringing the WI Salt Wise program into CARPC starting January 2023 and that CARPC will be mirroring Dane County’s employee pay raises in 2023 – an increase of 9 percent.
  - c. **DaneCom Governing Board (Valerie Zisman, Melissa Ratcliff):** No report.
  - d. **Greater Madison MPO (Mark Opitz, Doug Wood, Phil Caravello):** Mark Opitz reported that at the last Greater Madison MPO Policy Board meeting they heard a presentation on a traffic safety snapshot and asked if that could be shared with DCCVA members.

- e. **Dane County Broadband Task Force (Bob Wipperfurth):** Bob Wipperfurth deferred to task force chairperson Melissa Ratcliff, who said the county board put into the 2023 budget funding for hiring a consultant, to help with grant writing and act as a liaison between Internet providers and communities in Dane County.
7. **Legislative/Election Update.** Forbes McIntosh gave a brief update, noting results of the November General Election and 2023-25 state budget process that has begun. He also noted the state's sizeable budget surplus and rainy-day fund. Mayor Tim Swadley (C. of Stoughton) suggested that shared revenue should be looked at and inquired about DCCVA's strategy to gain bipartisan support for that. Forbes McIntosh noted that LWM is working on this issue.
8. **Old Business**
  - a. **DaneCom Governing Board nominations.** There is one vacancy on the DaneCom Governing Board. Sun Prairie Mayor Paul Esser volunteered to serve on this board. Carolyn Clow (V. of McFarland) made a motion to appoint Paul Esser to the DaneCom Governing Board as one of DCCVA's appointees, seconded by Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) and approved on a voice vote.
9. **Other Items/New Business**
  - a. **Roundtable discussion:** Federal Infrastructure and Inflation Act (Wed., Dec. 7, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.) Carolyn Clow (V. of McFarland) will be hosting this virtual roundtable discussion, with a presentation by Kathy Kuntz, director of the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change.
10. **Membership General Discussion.**
  - a. **Speaker ideas for future meetings or roundtables.** Members are invited to share their ideas for future virtual roundtable discussions. Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) noted that he is working on putting together a virtual roundtable in January on municipal employee recruitment and retention.
  - b. **Other:**
    - i. Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona) said she would like to see the room tax formula revisited.
    - ii. Forbes McIntosh noted that he would like to have a social networking event for DCCVA with Dane County area legislators in early 2023.
11. **2023 DCCVA Meetings:**
  - Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, 12 p.m. – Virtual

- 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.** Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona) made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m., seconded by Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton), and approved on a voice vote.